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The Tree Workers Case (director: Daniela Agostini, 2011)

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“The tree workers case” is one the biggest human trafficking incidents that came to light in Europe in recent years. More than 2000 workers, mainly from Vietnam, but also from Romania and Slovakia, were methodically exploited in the Czech Republic between 2009 and 2010.

Some of them got into debt to come to Europe. When they arrive, they usually have to pay off their persecutors. The police and the government cannot or are unwilling to do anything about it. Despite the extensive documentation prepared by lawyers and human rights activists in Prague, none of the cases was brought to court. In this moving doc, the Vietnamese woodsmen that were lured to Europe only to be enslaved tell their stories for the first time. These are the stories of forged documents, inhuman working conditions, bad equipment, no pay, poor food and housing, and violent threats. Many foreigners could share a similar story – also those working in Poland. They often don't enjoy any happy ending. Rarely do we have a chance to hear them out, although these events take place just next door.

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Director:	Daniela Agostini
Screenplay:	Daniela Agostini
Production company:	Inter/Aktion
Distribution company:	Inter/Aktion
Country:	Germany
Language:	English/Czech/Vietnamese
Year:	2011
Running time:	52 min

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