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## BLACK PANTHER TRIAL FILM TO BE SHOWN AT MUSEUM

The six hour documentary study of the Denver trial of a Black Panther will be shown in four installments during the month of January at The Museum of Modern Art. "Trial--The City and County of Denver vs. Lauren R. Watson" is being presented as part of the Museum's "What's Happening?" series. It was filmed by Robert M. Fresco and Denis Sanders for National Educational Television.

The film begins with the selection of the jury and includes the examination of police officer Robert C. Cantwell and defendant Lauren R. Watson. It concludes with the verdict.

The charges against Watson, stemming from an incident on November 6, 1968, are resisting and interfering with a police officer in the discharge of duty. Watson claims to be a victim of police harassment. The trial is actually a microcosm of the larger conflicts between the police and Panthers. The camera has access to the courtroom and the judge's chambers. Interviews with all major participants in the trial are included.

The four part documentary will be shown as follows: Part I on January 4 at 3:30 p.m. and January 5 at noon; Part II on January 11 at 3:30 p.m. and January 12 at noon; Part III on January 18 at 3:30 p.m. and January 19 at noon; and Part IV on January 25 at 3:30 p.m. and January 26 at noon.

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