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'Conviction,' a Fox Searchlight feature starring Hilary Swank, and telling the true story of RWU Law alumna Betty Anne Waters '98, opens in the UK this weekend.

From London's Telegraph: "Conviction: An interview with Hilary Swank" by Rachel Curley:

LONDON, 11 Jan 2011: Based on the true story, Conviction tells the story of Betty Anne Waters [RWU Law '98] seemingly endless battle for justice following the wrongful conviction of her brother Kenny for murdering Katharina Brow in Massachusetts.

Waters, an unemployed single mother and waitress, put herself through law school in order to represent her brother in court.

With a degree that took a decade to earn from Roger Williams University in Rhode Island, she then set about trying to win the case of her one and only client for the next eight years.

Kenny Waters was finally exonerated on June 19, 2001.

Ms Waters admitted that watching Swank's accurate depiction proved to be an emotional ordeal: "I've seen it 3 times and always in tears."

Conviction, which stars Hilary Swank and Sam Rockwell, is out in cinemas across the UK on Friday 14 January.

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For a video interview with Hilary Swank, click here.