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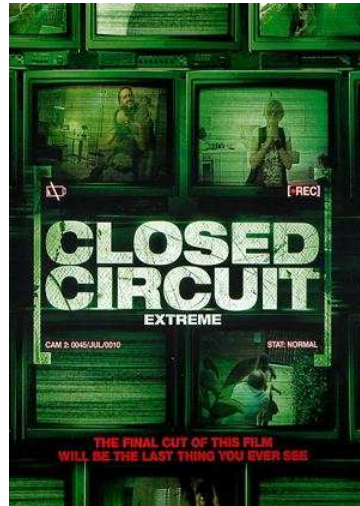
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How Do You Say Boring In Italian? "Closed Circuit Extreme" Review

by John Keith



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The amateur camera trend in horror films has now extended to Italy for "Circuito chiuso," or *Closed Circuit Extreme* as its English name. While not actually in spoken Italian, the characters speak English with such heavy Italian accents that the film still requires subtitles. But, surprisingly, that's the least egregious aspect of *Closed Circuit Extreme*.

As films continue to strive for authenticity, *Closed Circuit* purports to tell the closed file case of two vigilante friends trying to find the suspected serial killer who killed their friend. Lots of expositional information is delivered as case information that serves as the easy way to reveal each of the limited characters in the film. But with such a limited scope, the film almost could not make sense without it.

Determined to find the killer, Daniele (Guglielmo Favilla) and Claudia (Francesca Cuttica) break into the home of David De Santis (Stefano Fregni) and plant cameras throughout to capture David in the act of the crime. The film limits its scope to only showing us action through those planted cameras, resulting in static, repetitive shots of the man's fairly small home.

This setup is instantly boring, but the promise of horrific acts make one hopeful as to the escalation of the drama. With a tagline like "The final cut of this film will be the last thing you ever see," how can you not expect something at least attempting to be terrifying? Unfortunately, beyond the grotesque crime that David commits, there is nothing frightening or disturbing about this film except that it has been made at all. *Closed Circuit Extreme* is not a horror/thriller film but, simply, a horrific film.

Bonus Features

The DVD also has a trailer for the film.

"Closed Circuit Extreme" is on sale July 22, 2014 and is not rated. Horror. Written by Giorgio Amato. Starring Francesca Cuttica, Guglielmo Favilla, Stefano Fregni.

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