

Telephone Intercept

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End time: 17:03:19

Speakers: Amanda, Woman

Amanda: Hello?

Speaker: Hello Amanda!

A: Hi! I'm walking out of... out of the precinct. I'm still there. {2}

S: OK.

A: And... today I had another five and a half hours of questioning - they took me right to my place and to one of my neighbors' to see the blood stain that was on one of the beds of one of my neighbors...

S: Are you joking?

A: No, true, but my neighbors have been here all this week. They arrived after Meredith was killed, like one day after Meredith was killed. So they weren't, only (---), and they also found the keys from my neighbors' apartment in our apartment, the keys that we don't have, so... I'm very much confused about it. They said they found the keys from my neighbors' apartment in our apartment and I have no idea what's going on, but there's blood and... I should not talk about it, but... I mean, I've told my neighbors, and they were... they are so agitated now, because they are asking, "What the hell is going on? We were gone for a week to go... to stay with our families and now they are accusing us of murder or stuff like that." Oh shit. And there's more... I mean, no one tells me who the suspect is but they are asking me lots of questions about some people and they are asking lots of questions because I was close to Meredith.

S: Yes. {3}

A: So they ask me, for example: "OK, what did you think about this person? Did she [or he] ever fight with this person? What kind of relationship did she [or he] have with this person? Blah, blah, blah, blah, blah..."

S.: God!

A: And ... I had no lunch and I'm dying of hunger, because I started in the morning and... they didn't let me go until five and a half hours later. So...

S: ... And after that... did they tell you to come back?

A: No. They call me if they need me, but...

S: Did you ask them if you can leave?

A: Yes, I've asked them if I can leave and they said no; they said I could not leave and they did not know when I would be allowed to leave until the magistrate calls them in three days. But I asked them: "What does it mean? Does it mean that I won't be able to leave, say, for a month? Or does it mean I won't be able to leave until all this story ends?" And they went: "We don't know." And I said: "I was planning to go home to the United States for Christmas." But they said, "Ah... We should see if you can do that in three days, when the magistrate calls."

S: I think... you know what? If they start it [again], I think you should call the American embassy.
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A: Yes. Well, I mean, I'm waiting to hear what the magistrate says but if they say I can't leave, they are bullshitting me [sono cazzate]! I haven't seen anything.

S: You know what? In reality, if you go to... Did you tell them you wanted to go to Germany?

A: Yes, I told them I wanted to go to Germany and they told me, "Don't leave Italy. You may not leave Italy."

S: Well, you know what? Because... if they really want to question you, they can also do that in Germany.

A: Yes, but... I don't know that, well, they have said they would have to make [me] come back to Italy, but I don't know how things really are.

S. Well, perhaps we need to find legal aid for you so they don't tell you to stay there for ever.

A: Yes. I'm waiting to see what they say in three days, but if they say something like, "Yes, we don't know when you may leave" and BS like that, you tell me when I can leave and if that's not ridiculous, because I'm doing my best to help you, including the fact that I'm staying [or standing] for fourteen and a half hours per day while you don't do anything but sit there without questioning me, making me waste time.

S: Yes... yes. {5}

A: And you don't let me leave to go eat, no you don't, I don't want to know about it [or "I will have none of it"].

S: No, no, no I want to say... it's a thing you don't have to take care of.

A: I know it and I have no intention of doing that... that is, surely I intend... I want to cooperate as far as I can, it's only two days. Today it lasted for much less and I feel much better today, I mean: I'm not freaked out, just faking it, but it's... how should I say? It's a little frustrating because they're making me: I'm really sorry but I must wait for the magistrate and it's the magistrate who's going to tell me something.

S: OK, OK... and they said in three days.

A: Yes.

S: OK, let's wait until Tuesday, right?

A: Yes. I'll let you know when I know something.

S: Yes, but if they... if they tell you again that they are not in a position to tell you if you may leave or not...

A: No, (---)

S: All right, you know... you tell them right away: OK, you must put me in contact with the American embassy to have...

A: Yes.

S: ... to have legal assistance. {6}

A: Yes, I know, I'll do that. Because there's no way they tell me: "Oh yes, by the way, you must stay around here without a reason." Especially when I'm without a home... to hell! No way!

S: Yes, yes... no, no, no, they cannot do that.

A: Yeah.

S: And also if you go to Germany, because here they have... they can also... I've also said that to Uwe (sic).

A: Yes.

S: I said it's BS because it's also possible to tell German police that they need to question you on this and that and then they'll do it.

A: Yeah, that's BS.

S: Because if you...

A: Yes.

S: ... if you don't leave... you know, the European nations [EU?]...

A: Exactly, exactly, I'm always in Europe. They said I would have to return, but... we'll see. Next time they call me I'll ask them that, but I hope to be able to have a day off to rest.

S: Yes. And if they bother you again, let me know and I'll make sure to put the embassy in motion.

A: Yes. {7}

S: Because they will definitely help you, Amanda.

A: Yes, I understand. I know that people will help me... they are already helping, already offering to help me, even without me asking that of them, without even knowing anything, so... people who find me to try to help me... that's fine, really, I'm happy.

S: Have you... have you spoken to the father?

A: With whom?

S: With Meredith's father.

A: No, we... eh... Filomena talked to a policeman today to ask him for the father's number. He's coming... arriving tonight.

S: Yes.

A: ... and we want to meet him, kind of go eat out with him and talk to him and tell me all that we know, what happened and so on, because obviously he's shocked, struck and so on because of what people are saying, and...

S: They have repeated what happened, that she was raped or things like that, that there was a... it was sexual?

A: They haven't told us anything. All that we know is that she was found in the closet, with a blanket over and... and there was blood everywhere. They told us that her throat had been slashed. Others have said: "Nobody told us that she had been raped." But who knows that? It seems I was shown in the news on TV. {8} I walked in and I tried to explain very quickly/briefly in Italian who I was but they go, "No, no, we've recognized you. Tell us if you like" when I went to the police station. And I said: "That means you saw me on TV" and when I went...

S: Goodness! Are you joking?

A: And then I had to go to the house but when I had to visit the house they covered me with a blanket in the back seat of the car because they did not want journalists to see me.

S: Yes, no talking to journalists please!

A: No, I don't mean to talk to journalists; it's just I was covered with a blanket, I thought it was rather bizarre.

S: Yes, yes, I meant to say, the guy is still out there somewhere.

A: Yeah, for God's sake!

S: And you know... if... if they come to you and they want to talk to you, Amanda, always think of all the BS they write in the papers.

A: Yes.

S: They will distort your words and write completely different stuff.

A: I know it. If someone asks me something I'll tell him I cannot say anything. I have no intention to tell anything.

S: No, no, don't do that, so that later they change everything you said. {9}

A: Yes, I understand. Don't worry about that, I'm not interesting in talking to journalists. ... Oh, your kids!

S: No, that was Ania (sic). Ania want to watch TV.

A: Well... she's always fun. OK...

S: OK...

A: Yes, all right, they are coming to take me right now.

S: OK. I'll talk to you tomorrow morning.

A: OK, agreed.

S: Bye.

A: Bye.

Legend:

(sic) expresses interpretative uncertainty as to the spelling of the previous word as it is unknown or pronounced in a manner not completely comprehensible

... indicates a sentence left unfinished

— indicates one or more incomprehensible words