

Perugia Police Station

Police Anti-Crime Division

Flying Squad

5th Section Anti-drugs unit

Subject: Summary of witness information made by:-
SOLLECITO Raffaele, born in Bari 26-March-1984, resident of Giovinazzo (Bari) on via Solferino 4, currently residing in Perugia on Corso Garibaldi 110, identified with identity card number AJ1946390, issued by the Comune of Giovinazzo (Bari) on 22-July-2004. Tel: 340/3574303.

In the year 2007, the month of November, the 2nd day at 15:45, in the offices of the Flying Squad of the Perugia Police Station.

Before we undersigned officials and agents of the General Prosecutor Substitute Commissioner ROSCIOLI Roberto and Assistant ROSSI Romano, of the Office indicated in the header, the person indicated in the subject is present regarding the discovery of a dead English girl in the apartment located in Perugia on via della Pergola 7, who states the following:

I start by stating I'm a university student, enrolled in my first year in the course of the Science of Mathematics and Natural Physics Department, in the course of Computer Science at the University of Perugia. I've been enrolled in the aforementioned university since 2003, for approximately one year and to be precise between 2005 and 2006 I frequented the same course in Germany, through the Erasmus program. In October 2006 I returned to Perugia and for the periods of study I live alone in a studio flat located in Perugia on Corso Garibaldi 110. About one and a half weeks ago I met my current American girlfriend, KNOX Amanda who is also a student enrolled at the local University for Foreigners. My girlfriend lives together with three other female students in an apartment located in Perugia on via della Pergola 7. In frequenting her, I met the other three flat mates, Filomena an Italian, Laura also Italian with residence in Viterbo, and Meredith of British nationality with residence in London.

Since I've known Amanda, she usually spends the nights at my residence as occurred also last night and the one previous to that.

Yesterday morning, my girlfriend and I woke up around 10:30; I stayed in bed while Amanda returned home on the understanding that we'd see each other at her house later.

In the early afternoon of the same day, around 14:00 I went to Amanda's house to lunch with her and once I arrived there, I found Meredith was also there who had already eaten.

After eating lunch, I stayed at her house talking with both my girlfriend and Meredith who in the meantime was getting ready to go out. Around 16:00 Meredith went out without saying where she was going, while we stayed at the house until about 17:30. After that time, Amanda

and I went for a quick walk in the centre and then went to my house where we stayed until this morning.

This morning around 10:00 we woke up and like on other occasions Amanda returned home to take a shower and get changed, with the intention of returning afterwards to my house.

Afterwards at around 11:30 Amanda returned to my house and while we were having breakfast she told me worriedly that in the house where she lives she had found the front door open and in the bathroom used by her and Meredith she had noticed traces of blood both on the basin and the bathmat below. In addition Meredith's door was locked. Worried by this situation, in that she couldn't explain why the front door was open, and before returning to me, Amanda went down to the apartment below and knocked on the door of the Italian students who live below her to ask for help, but without getting an answer. I should clarify that among the students in the apartment below there lives a certain Giacomo, who I don't personally know, who according to Amanda was apparently going out with Meredith. After not receiving a reply, before returning to my house Amanda locked the door and once she arrived at my apartment after telling me what had happened she asked me to accompany her to her house to work out what had happened.

Once we arrived there, Amanda opened the door, which has a defect on the lock, indeed from both inside and outside it only opens with the key in that the handle doesn't work, and in addition without the key you can't close it even if you pull it shut.

Once inside, we walked around the house and immediately Amanda noticed that in the other bathroom, the one used by the Italian girls, when she had left the house, in the w.c. there were feces while when we entered now the w.c. appeared empty. In addition the door of Filomena's bedroom was wide open, and was in a mess and the window was completely open with the glass of the left ante broken towards the bottom. Seeing this, Amanda told me that previously she hadn't noticed this because the door of the room was pulled to and so it wasn't possible to see inside.

At this point, I went into the bathroom used by Amanda and Meredith and here I also noticed the blood traces both on the basin and the bathmat. Presuming that something had happened, I asked Amanda to call her flat mates by phone, but after various attempts she only managed to get in touch with Filomena, who said she was at her boyfriend's house and that she would return afterwards.

At this point Amanda called Meredith several times as well as knocking on her door but without getting any response. Given the situation, I looked out of the various windows of the house with the aim of seeing where Meredith's window was, but with it being at the extremity of the house, and of difficult access from outside, I decided to try to force open the door with some kicks and barges at the height of the lock but without succeeding, in that I only managed to cause some cracks in the wall and the door.

Failing in this attempt, I tried to look through the keyhole which was not blocked in that there was no key inserted and from there I could only see a lady's brown handbag on the bed and probably what was an open wardrobe door on the left side.

At this point I asked my sister for advice by telephone who serves as a lieutenant in the Carabinieri in Rome, who advised me to call directly 112. The 112 officer who I consulted with said he would send a patrol. During our wait for the Carabinieri, I saw some plain-clothed officers arrive who informed they were of the Postal Police, who were looking for Filomena and Meredith because they had found two cell phones of the latter. Amanda and I both informed them of what I've said above, and for this the officers, given the situation, broke down the door of Meredith's bedroom discovering the tragic event. On seeing their faces I stayed to the side and I didn't look to see what was inside. Also present at the moment the door was knocked down, other than the Police, were Filomena and her boyfriend who had arrived in the meantime and they had reported not knowing where Meredith was.

Afterwards a patrol of the Carabinieri arrived.

I should clarify that Amanda, when she told me of having gone to ask for help of the guys who live below her apartment, had found the doors closed but the iron gates in front of them open, which I also observed afterwards.

I have nothing else to add.

Written, read, confirmed and undersigned.