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Transcript of Interview 17 December 2007: Statement of interview Of Ms Amanda Knox (Part 2)

PM Mignini: Listen when you did you find out that Ms Romanelli and Ms Mezzetti would not have been there? Ms Romanelli, Laura and Filomena...

Knox: I discovered it when I had called Filomena on the morning of the second.

Interpreter: On the morning of the second when Amanda had called Filomena, she had found out that she had not been...

PM Mignini: And about Laura, did you know?

Knox: Filomena had told me that Laura was in Rome

Interpreter: Now then that morning of the 2nd of November Filomena had said to Amanda that Laura was in Rome.

(interruption of recording)

PM Mignini: Now then at this point the recording resumes at 11:50 am and I repeat the question, what did you do on the afternoon of the 1st of November and during that night between the 1st and the 2nd? Oh and the morning of the 2nd obviously.

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Knox: When I had woken up in the morning I was at Raffaele's house, the 1st of November, and I went to my house to have a shower to change myself, I had already spoken to Raffaele and he had said to me that he would have come over to my place, when he would have woken and everything... So what I did was that I studied and then I put away my linens [whites]...

Interpreter: The morning of the 1st of November, so that night she had slept at Raffaele's house

PM Mignini: The night between the 31st and the 1st?

Interpreter: Yes, in the morning she had woken up at Raffaele's, after which she'd gone, gone back to her house to have a shower, change her clothes in expectation that Raffaele would meet up with her. In expectation that Raffaele would meet up with her she set herself to studying, to washing her clothes, and to put the clothes away

PM Mignini: And then?

Knox: While I was there in the kitchen studying and while I was in the kitchen Filomena came back home with her boyfriend, Marco, and they had wrapped a present and they got ready very quickly for a party to which they had to go and I had continued to study and I had helped them to wrap the present with Marco and when they'd left I'd continued to study.

Interpreter: She was studying, they'd only returned for a bit the housemate Filomena with her boyfriend who set themselves to wrapping a present that was going to be for a party. And she had helped them, she was studying in the kitchen and she helped get the present ready and then...

PM Mignini: Was Meredith there?

Knox: Meredith was sleeping

PM Mignini: In that moment...

Interpreter: She was sleeping

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PM Mignini: Ah she was sleeping

Interpreter: Yes

PM Mignini: Ah... then go on

Interpreter: Then after the couple, Filomena and her boyfriend, had gone out, and she continued to study.

Knox: While I was studying, Meredith had woken up and I think she went to the bathroom first and then she came to say hello and she sat down to have breakfast. And we had chatted while I was studying...

Interpreter: Then while she was still at studying in the kitchen Meredith woke up, she went to the bathroom first and then into the kitchen

PM Mignini: At what time? ... at what time?

Knox: I think around midday

Interpreter: I believe around midday and then Meredith had joined her in the kitchen to have breakfast and they had exchanged chitchat about the night before

PM Mignini: Was Sollecito there as well?

Knox: No, not yet

Interpreter: No, not yet

PM Mignini: There wasn't... and then? Go on if...

Knox: We had spoken about Halloween she'd given me some advice about young men and went to have a shower and while she was having a shower I had thought about what to prepare for lunch, because I was starting to feel hungry... I pulled out some things for lunch and that is bread and cheese... then Raffaele arrived and while all this was happening Meredith was under the shower or in her room getting dressed. After Raffaele arrived he got some pasta ready,

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...I believe for lunch while we were eating together Meredith had entered and had either put in, or taken out clothes from, the washing machine, she said hello to him and had gone back into her room...

Interpreter: Now then, Meredith was in the kitchen having breakfast with Amanda they chatted a bit after which Meredith had gone to have a shower and get dressed. In the meantime Amanda who was starting to get hungry had thought about what to prepare for lunch had taken out bread and cheese and Raffaele had also arrived who had set himself to cooking some pasta, it seems to her, for lunch. In the meantime Meredith was still either in the shower or getting dressed. And while Meredith had returned, while they were eating lunch, she'd returned to take her clothes from the washing machine.

PM Mignini: She'd eaten with them?

Knox: No, she had just had breakfast

Interpreter: No, she had just had breakfast

PM Mignini: Please go on

Knox: After Raffaele had eaten, I felt like playing the guitar for a while and Raffaele sat himself down to listen to me... and in all this time Meredith had returned, she had dressed and everything she had gone to the door and she had said "Buona giornata" [have a good day] to us. I remained at home with Raffaele playing the guitar and singing a bit and around five I hadn't looked at the clock but I believe it might have been five we'd decided to return to his house.

Interpreter: Now then, after lunch Amanda and Raffaele set about playing the guitar and in the meantime Meredith had left the house with a greeting to them. It seems to her that they stayed home playing the guitar until around five in the afternoon when they'd gone instead to Raffaele's house.

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PM Mignini: Just a moment, before going on. When you both had saluted Meredith, did Meredith tell you where she was going? And at what time would she be back?

Knox: No

Interpreter: No

PM Mignini: Go on

Knox: At Raffaele's house we made ourselves comfortable and I sat at the computer to find songs that I wanted to learn to play on the guitar and in the meantime I know that Raffaele had gone to the bathroom, I was at the computer transcribing songs from the Internet it's difficult to say what happened first, but what happened was that while I was using the computer a friend of Raffaele's arrived to ask if she could use his car. She was speaking Italian very quickly and so I don't know what they said to each other. When Raffaele was in the bathroom the doorbell rang and I let this girl in, and Raffaele came out of the bathroom to meet her.

Interpreter: At Raffaele's house Amanda searched for songs, music on the computer to play on the guitar in the meantime Raffaele had gone to the bathroom. While Raffaele was in the bathroom a friend of Raffaele's rang the doorbell to whom Amanda had opened the door and afterwards this friend of Raffaele's had spoken with Raffaele and it seems to her that this friend had asked him if she could borrow his car.

PM Mignini: Yes, before going further. At Raffaele Sollecito's house in the bathroom, right? In Raffaele Sollecito's bathroom is there a shower?

Knox: Yes

Interpreter: Yes

PM Mignini: Have you had showers at Sollecito's house?

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Knox: Yes

Interpreter: Yes

PM Mignini: Oh, go on yes

Knox: After having used the computer I grabbed, I read Harry Potter in German, I gave him the Harry Potter book while he was in the bathroom, but he didn't understand it, so after we sat ourselves down and I was reading from it to him and I was translating for him and then let's think about what else did we do... We watched the film Amelie a message from Patrick arrived and in response to the message I said to him, I wished him a good evening and that I would see him again later when he would be... Patrick told me that I didn't need to go to work because... he told me that in Italian but I believe the message was "there aren't many people, there's no need that you come to work"...

Interpreter: Afterwards since Amanda is studying German and Raffaele also wants to learn Amanda has a Harry Potter book in German that they were reading together, trying to translate it together. Afterwards they had watched the film Amelie.

PM Mignini: At what time?

Knox: I don't remember the time exactly... sorry.

Interpreter: She doesn't remember

PM Mignini: Doesn't she remember, the film?

Interpreter: Amelie it's called yes, so Patrick had sent a message in Italian but...

PM Mignini: And what did this message say?

Interpreter: That there weren't many people that there was no need that she come to work

PM Mignini: That is he said exactly this. At what time did you receive it?

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Knox: I hadn't looked at the clock

Interpreter: She hadn't looked at the clock

PM Mignini: After the film or before?

Knox: I don't remember

Interpreter: I don't know

PM Mignini: Did Sollecito see this... did he know about it, or else... did he become aware of this message?

Knox: He hadn't seen it but when I read it I said, "Wow! I don't have to go to work!"

Interpreter: He hadn't seen it although she informed him that she didn't need to go to work and that she was happy so...

PM Mignini: And then?

Interpreter: And then she had responded to Patrick saying "ci vediamo più tardi" [we'll meet up later]

PM Mignini: Meaning? How did you answer in text precisely?

Knox: My message in English but I wrote it in Italian, what I was trying to say was "ci rivediamo e buona serata" [see you later and have a good evening]... that is "ci rivediamo e buona serata"...

Interpreter: Now then two things. One thing is that she wrote in Italian and another thing what she wanted to say in English. In English what she was thinking of wanting to say was "ci vediamo dopo buona serata intanto" [see you later have a good evening in the meantime] and instead she had written in Italian "ci vediamo buona serata" [let's meet up have a good evening]

Lawyer: She had written the same thing that it also means in English. She had translated the same thing, I don't know if she had said the same thing..

Knox: I'm saying to you in English what I wanted to say but I've told you I wrote it in Italian

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PM Mignini: Make me understand then, excuse me a moment, he sends a message, an SMS, this message says "there's only a few people don't come. Don't come tonight"

Interpreter: Don't come to work.

PP Mignini: Don't come to work. This had never happened before we've seen.

Knox: No

Interpreter: No the first time

PM Mignini: So that time, for the first time he calls and says "don't come"

Knox: Yes it was the first time

Interpreter: Yes it was the first time

PM Mignini: How long after did you reply to him with an SMS? Do you remember?

Knox: I think I replied immediately after I received it

Interpreter: It seems to me I replied immediately, straight after having received it.

PM Mignini: But how did you reply? Try to remember the exact words.

Knox: Okay, I said "ci vediamo" or "ci vediamo più tardi buona serata"

PM Mignini: Più tardi buona serata

Interpreter: It seems to me I'd replied something in the affirmative to his message, saying "Okay, ci vediamo più tardi"

PM Mignini: Ci vediamo più tardi

Lawyer: In Italian, but in English what she said something that she... let her say it clearly in Italian, if you would

Knox: Saying "See you later" is like saying ciao

Interpreter: What she wanted to say was only a salutation ciao

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PM Mignini: But in Italian you wrote let's meet up later. In Italian you wrote it like this, do you remember this?

Knox: In Italian I had written let's meet up later have a good evening but it means in my language, see you later have a good evening

PM Mignini: Oh, does Lumumba know English?

Knox: No, he's never spoken to me in it, we speak in Italian

Interpreter: She has never spoken in English to him only in Italian

PM Mignini: Go on

Knox: We had fish for dinner, I remember this, because it was very good and afterwards, we had eaten in the kitchen and then afterwards he started to wash the dishes, and while he was washing some water dripped on the floor. From under the sink, because the pipes had come unscrewed and the water had fallen on the floor.

Interpreter: They had dinner, they ate fish and after the meal Raffaele washed the plates and while he was washing the plates the water had gone onto the ground because the sink was broken, the sink pipes were broken, they had leaked.

PM Mignini: But did it break suddenly?

Knox: It wasn't exactly broken, it was rather that the pipes had come unscrewed

Interpreter: Yes it was the first time that the pipes had become detached and afterwards Raffaele had readjusted them

PM Mignini: Therefore it happened unexpectedly, this breakage?

Interpreter: Yes

PM Mignini: They had become loose? What happened? What breakage was it? What type of breakage was it?

Knox: Yes it was the first time that it had happened

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Interpreter: Yes it was the first time that it had happened

PM Mignini: But what happened? I mean was there a pipe breakage or else the screw let's say, how do you call it, had come unfastened... is it? ... we would need to see it...

Knox: I hadn't examined them myself but what happened is that it had become detached... it had come loose and I don't believe that...

Interpreter: The pipe had become detached, it had come loose yes

PM Mignini: The pipe came loose right go on

Knox: So to remove the water we grabbed the rags [canovacci= rags or floor rags] ... there was too much water and I went into the storeroom to see if there was a mop [in English in the transcript], but there wasn't then I came back to the kitchen and I said to him "Don't worry I have a mop at our house" and so tomorrow morning we can go and get it and we can clean...

Interpreter: So to get rid of the water from the ground they used the towels from the kitchen they weren't enough, they were looking for a rag [sic 'straccio' in Italian in the transcript, but obviously the interpreter means 'mop'] in Raffaele's house, in the bathroom there wasn't any so had said "don't worry tomorrow morning I'll bring you one, I'll bring you a rag from my house"

PM Mignini: But in the meantime he'd turned the tap off, no? ... So the water wasn't running out any more

Interpreter: Yes

PM Mignini: Right go on, continue...

Knox: After this Raffaele was a bit upset that the pipes had got broken, he asked me what I wanted to do and we had thought about going, to go back in the bedroom I was laid out on his bed and he was at the desk preparing the joint.

Interpreter: Now then Raffaele was unhappy about this incident because he was saying that the pipes were new and then to cheer her up he thought about what they could do...

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...together and they were thinking about smoking a joint together. They went back to bed and Raffaele manufactured a joint.

PM Mignini: Before going on I wanted a clarification. So you had put down towels right?

Knox: They were tiny and so they had done nothing and in the end I'd thrown them into the sink... yes we had put them on the ground, they had taken up a bit of the water but nothing to speak of... so I had put them in the sink and we'd gone to his bedroom.

Interpreter: They were tiny kitchen towels that had no great effect and which afterwards she had thrown into the sink, these towels

PM Mignini: had Raffaele any newspapers at home?

Knox: I think so

Interpreter: Yes

PM Mignini: Dailies?

Knox: Yes

Interpreter: Yes

PM Mignini: Why didn't you use the newspaper paper since it absorbs a lot? It's a question that I put to you

Knox: I didn't think about it...

Interpreter: They didn't think about it

PM Mignini: Oh, OK, go on continue to recount this... go on, yes

Knox: While we were smoking we started chatting about what we had done, and after we had chatted we had sex... and after that I believe I had fallen asleep...

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Interpreter: Now then after they had smoked the joint they had made love and afterwards she believes she fell asleep.

PM Mignini: So Sollecito what did he do? Had he fallen asleep with you, he hadn't gone, he didn't stay awake?

Knox: I fell asleep in his arms

Interpreter: Yes she had fallen asleep in his arms

PM Mignini: Then? Go on. He received... one last thing, were there phone calls that night?

Knox: No, I switched off my mobile phone

Interpreter: No she had switched off her phone. Amanda had switched off her phone.

PM Mignini: You switched off yours and Raffaele also switched off his?

Knox: I don't know because I don't check him so... I don't know if he switched off his or not

Interpreter: Now then she doesn't know if Raffaele had switched his off but she doesn't seem to remember him receiving any phone calls

PM Mignini: But why did you switch off your phone?

Knox: To save the battery, usually I keep it on at night if the following morning I have things to do, but the morning after was the day that everyone was going to skip school and we were going to go to Gubbio the day after with Raffaele. So I switched off my phone because I didn't want that maybe Patrick might call to tell me to go to work. That's why I switched it off and saved the battery.

Interpreter: To not have the battery discharge

PM Mignini: But you could recharge it

Interpreter: Since she was out of the house she wanted to save the battery because the next day she would have gone to Gubbio with Raffaele and since the day... she leaves it...

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on during the night when the following day she has to go to school, but the following day there was no school and so she switched it off also to not run the risk that Patrick would change his mind and would call her to go to work

PM Mignini: Because there was the risk, that is you weren't sure that...

Knox: He had told me that I didn't need to go to work but it was still early and I didn't know if he might have called back to tell me "Yes, now I need you"...

Interpreter: No, when Patrick had called saying that she didn't need to work it was still early enough and the situation could still change in the sense that more people could turn up and he couldn't...

PM Mignini: One thing I wanted to know, the phone in the house rang? In Sollecito's house?

Knox: I don't remember I can't be sure about it...

Interpreter: She doesn't remember, she doesn't know

PM Mignini: What's the cell phone that you have? Which one was the cell phone that you switched off? What's the brand?

Interpreter: the brand, or the [telephone] company...?

PM Mignini: No the brand, I meant the brand

Knox: It's a Nokia phone

Interpreter: Nokia

PM Mignini: Nokia, but what's the battery duration, I mean how long normally does the charge of your cell phone [last]..?

Knox: Let's see... I think a day but I don't know... because what I do is that I switch it off if I don't use it during the night. But if I need it for example as an alarm clock, I let it stay on, then I go home and I charge it again, I put it on charge...

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... I never use it to the point of battery exhaustion. Sometimes I put it on charge, sometimes I don't.

Interpreter: It seems it lasts 24 hours, and she never lets it run out of battery to the limit

PM Mignini: So there was no risk that it would run out of battery while going to Gubbio?

Interpreter: It normally lasts 24 hours

PM Mignini: What?

Interpreter: The battery lasts 24 hours

PM Mignini: No, I'm asking, what the risk that it would run out of battery be like? I don't understand

Knox: But why should I waste the battery leaving it on?

Interpreter: She only wanted to feel safe since she didn't need to keep it on in order to...

PM Mignini: But she usually keeps it on at night

Interpreter: Only when she uses it as an alarm. In the morning

PM Mignini: Well but you'd use the alarm every morning, I use it every morning

Interpreter: But she was not going to school on the next day

PM Mignini: Ah...

Attorney: She said it previously, it was a holiday and I did not put the alarm on

PM Mignini: When you were going to school you said previously. Go on with the description.

Knox: You want to know more about that morning? ... When I woke up in the morning, I got up and Raffaele was still in bed, I dressed up and I went to my home, to take care about my things... when I arrived at my home the door was wide open which was strange, so I went in my room, I undressed, I took a shower and...

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...when I got out of the shower, I noticed the blood in the bathroom... There was not much of it but even that I found it strange... but at the same time it's not that I immediately thought "Oh my God, there was a murder!"

Interpreter: She fell asleep at night and the following day she woke up at Raffaele's home, while Raffaele remained in bed she went back home

PM Mignini: Let's stop here for a moment. I just wanted to know this: On November 2 was it holiday at the ... [University?]... because the 2nd is not a holiday here

Knox: The teachers said it was not a problem if I stayed home, because it seems like everyone was going to skip that Friday

Interpreter: Yes there was the sequence. Also the teacher said...

PM Mignini: Go on, so she said...

Interpreter: She said students were not expected to go, they were not coming...

PM Mignini: [the teacher] told her so, on the previous day?

Knox: Yes, on Wednesday I think

Interpreter: Yes on Wednesday at school

PM Mignini: Who was the teacher who told you that?

Knox: I don't know her name but she is the Professor of Culture, I don't know the day when she said that to me... but it was during that week... while we were talking during the week, one day she said it was a tradition to make a holiday bridge on Friday if Thursday was a holiday, so they can do [holiday] the whole weekend

Interpreter: So the teacher said it's a classic for the students to make a holiday bridge when there is a holiday Thursday and have a prolonged weekend

PM Mignini: What's the name of this teacher?

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Knox: I'm not good at remembering names..

Interpreter: She doesn't remember the name

PM Mignini: A woman?

Knox: Yes a woman

Interpreter: A woman

PM Mignini: Ok, go forward. You wake up at what time, at Sollecito's place?

Knox: More or less at ten

Interpreter: Around ten

PM Mignini: And then?

Knox: Then I went back home, the door was open

Interpreter: Then she went back to her home where she found...

PM Mignini: Why did you go back home?

Interpreter: To take a shower and change her clothes

PM Mignini: Why didn't you take a shower at Sollecito's?

Knox: Did you see his shower? ... It leaks [drops?] everywhere... It's a dreadful shower... I hate to use it... and moreover all what I need to have a shower like shampoo is at my home...

Interpreter: Because it's an ugly place, small, there is little space

PM Mignini: But you took the shower other times, but also during the afternoon you had one...

Knox: I prefer to take a shower at my home

Interpreter: She prefers to take a shower at her home, she also has clothes at home...

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Knox: And also all my clothes are at my home...

PM Mignini: So she needed to go home, to take a shower and, let me understand, take a shower and to what?

Interpreter: To change her clothes

PM Mignini: To change your clothes... well and so what [did you]... did you bring anything with you?

Knox: I think I brought some clothes... dirty underwear...

Interpreter: Yes she thinks she brought dirty clothes from Raffaele's home

PM Mignini: Dirty clothes that is... dirty clothes from previous times? Or since which... since what day were they lasting from?

Knox: I had spent two weeks living a bit at my home and a bit at his home

Interpreter: Because for two weeks she had been living half the time at her home and half the time at his home, and thus she had a bit of...

PM Mignini: What clothes were those ones?

Knox: Maybe underwear

Interpreter: Probably...

Knox: But I don't remember, maybe it was a t-shirt

PM Mignini: You don't remember

Interpreter: Dirty clothes...

PM Mignini: Well dirty clothes, I mean a skirt, a pullover...

Interpreter: No rather...

PM Mignini: Underwear garments

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Interpreter: Underwear garments

PM Mignini: She doesn't remember?

Interpreter: She thinks rather pants and vests /undershirts... and t-shirts

PM Mignini: Well, how were you dressed when you went at your house?

Interpreter: From Raffaele's house to her house?

Knox: I was wearing trousers I remember that and let's see... so much time has passed... I know it was trousers

PM Mignini: Yes

Interpreter: She put on some trousers, she remembers it was trousers

PM Mignini: What colour?

Knox: A t-shirt and a sweater

Interpreter: And a sweater

PM Mignini: A jumper?

Interpreter: No, sweater normally means felpa [cotton sweater]

PM Mignini: A sweater [felpa]? Ask her

Attorney: Was it made of cotton or wool?

Knox: I don't know

Interpreter: She doesn't know

PM Mignini: What colour?

Knox: I don't remember... a long time has passed, I remember what I put on but I don't remember exactly... I'm sorry...

Interpreter: She doesn't remember

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PM Mignini: You don't remember

Interpreter: She remembers she put on but not what...

PM Mignini: And the trousers, what colour were they?

Knox: I don't remember, I only remember I was wearing trousers... I think they were jeans...

Interpreter: She does not remember even this one... maybe they were jeans

PM Mignini: So around blue? Light blue?

Interpreter: Yes

PM Mignini: What route did you follow to walk...

Knox: The same route I do every day, I walk down Corso Garibaldi I follow the lane close to the basketball court, and next there's my house

Interpreter: Down Corso Garibaldi then along aside of the basketball court to the house, the route she did every day

PM Mignini: You walked down the stairs?

Knox: No

Interpreter: No

PM Mignini: On the side of the basketball court...

Knox: This road here that...

PM Mignini: Oh, so you walked down the lane not the... the basketball court was on your right?

Knox: Yes

PM Mignini: So, excuse me, did you carry a bag, a [plastic] bag with the dirty clothes, or an empty [plastic] bag?

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Knox: The clothes in a plastic bag

Interpreter: Yes a plastic bag with the dirty clothes

PM Mignini: With the dirty clothes. Well, please go on with the description... then...

Knox: When I arrived home the door was wide open and I thought it was strange, I thought that maybe somebody.. but nobody ever leaves the door open, however there was the possibility that someone went out without locking, maybe for a moment. I saw it I thought it was strange, I closed the door without locking it, because I didn't know if someone was out, I went into my room, I undressed and I went into the bathroom, I took a shower, first I took off my earrings, I took a shower and I used the bath mat on which

there was some blood because I left my towels in my room. I saw the blood on the mat and I dragged it to my room to grab the towels. And then I took it back into the bathroom.

PM Mignini: Maybe you should stop

Interpreter: So when she arrived home she found the house door open, that was strange, she thought it was one of the girls who went out for a moment, she pulled it ajar [sic], she did not lock it because she thought maybe someone left it open on purpose and she went in her room to remove her clothes to take a shower. When she took a shower...

Knox: When I went to take a shower I forgot the towel in my room, I took off my earrings, I took a shower I had to use the bath mat and drag it to my room and then I dragged it back into the bathroom I put on my earrings

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.. again, I saw the blood on the bath mat and in the bathroom but I did not think something terrible happened.

Interpreter: when she had gone [sic] into the bathroom to take a shower she forgot the towel and so there was this, how's the word in Italian, bath mat which she used to go back and walk in her room to take the towel... she had taken away her earrings in the bathroom and from there she noticed there was some blood on the mat and on the basin, but she noticed it was strange but she didn't think about something...

PM Mignini: I'm sorry I didn't understand, but you took the bath mat to walk, to go in her bedroom?

Interpreter: Yes in order not to slip.. so to avoid walking barefoot

PM Mignini: When did you realize?

Knox: After the shower

Interpreter: After the shower

PM Mignini: When did you realize there was blood?

Interpreter: After the shower

Knox: I saw the blood when I entered the bathroom, I saw a little of blood just as I entered the bathroom, before taking the shower I took off my earrings, I took the shower and then I noticed blood on the bath mat

Interpreter: She noticed the blood while entering the bathroom, on the basin when she took off her earrings, then she had a shower and after the shower she was without the towel, so she used the mat to shuffle into her room

PM Mignini: Yes, so you saw blood before you took a shower?

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Interpreter: Yes, in the basin

PM Mignini: In the basin

Interpreter: But on the bathmat, there she saw it when she was about to use the bathmat

PM Mignini: On the basin, where did you see it... where was the blood?

Knox: It was inside the basin, that was after... and it was also on the faucets

Interpreter: Inside the basin and on the taps

PM Mignini: So the blood was in the basin in the [inside] part... and on the tap... well, then... this was before taking a shower... then after taking the shower..

Interpreter: The towel was missing and she used

PM Mignini: She walked and realized that there was blood on the bathmat as well

Interpreter: Yes, yes

PM Mignini: And what did you do then?

Knox: I used the bathmat to walk to my room to get the towel and I went back into the bathroom, I think I washed my teeth, something I usually do, and when I dried myself I went back to my room and I put my clothes on.

Interpreter: So after she dried herself up in the bathroom and...

PM Mignini: Just a moment, before going on. The dirty clothes you had with you, where did you put them?

Knox: Between my bed and the wardrobe there is a heap of dirty clothes... there is a little space between the two and I usually put the dirty clothes there, behind the guitar... the guitar is not mine... the guitar is Laura's..

Interpreter: So she put the [plastic] bag between the bed and the wardrobe, there is a space where she placed the guitar her friend has lent her

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Knox: Not the bag, just the clothes

Interpreter: And she placed the clothes, without the [plastic] bag, behind the guitar

PM Mignini: Why didn't you put them into the washing machine?

Knox: Because I put all the dirty clothes in the same place, and when I'm ready to do a washing I put all the clothes in the washing machine

Interpreter: Because she was waiting to have some more to do a whole washing

PM Mignini: The bathmat, where did you... where did you take it after?

Knox: Once I finished using it to go and to come back from my room, I put it in the bathroom again

Interpreter: She put it back into the bathroom

PM Mignini: Were the bedroom doors open or closed?

Knox: No they were all closed... Filomena's door was closed, Meredith's was closed and Laura's I think it was slightly ajar

Interpreter: Only that one, the door of Laura was only a little bit open, so it seems to her, the other two were closed.

PM Mignini: The other two were closed, you tried to open ... to knock?

Knox: No

Interpreter: No

PM Mignini: Why didn't you try? With blood ... with the front door open I mean....

Knox: I didn't see a reason to do it...

Interpreter: She did not see a reason for knocking

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PM Mignini: So, excuse me, you find the door open, the front door open and itself this is something... then you find the blood in the bathroom and you have a shower despite this and this is something, allow me to say that, for... a bit strange this one, I mean you could imagine that there could be some, there could be some ill-intentioned person in the house or around, you find the front door open and the blood in the

bathroom and in spite of everything you took a shower. The rooms were closed. You didn't attempt to knock. Did you enter the rooms? This is strange.

Knox: In my whole life nothing that was ever remotely similar to this has ever occurred to me... I do not expect to come back home and find there is something wrong

Interpreter: She did not expect to find something wrong because she never experienced something...

PM Mignini: But there was blood, there was the front door open

Knox: There was not so much blood.. it could have been anything... when I saw the open door I thought it was strange, it's that the thing I found most strange, I did not think it was so strange to find blood in the bathroom...

PM Mignini: But did you enter the rooms? I asked if you entered the room

Knox: No

Interpreter: No

PM Mignini: You didn't even knock?

Knox: No because when I came in I called to hear whether there was somebody at home

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Interpreter: As she entered the house she called to know if there was somebody

Knox: But there was no answer

Interpreter: But there was no answer

PM Mignini: Listen, where did you dry up yourself?

Knox: In the bathroom

Interpreter: In the bathroom

PM Mignini: The bathroom, the small one, the one nearby... yours?

Knox: Yes I took the towel from the room, I dragged myself into the bathroom [sic], I dried myself up a little more...

Interpreter: Yes she dried herself up in the bathroom more or less, then she finished drying herself up in her bedroom

PM Mignini: Listen, were there broken glasses?

Knox: When I came out of from the shower I used the bathmat to go to my room, I took the towel I obviously wrapped it around myself and then I went back to the bathroom and I dried myself up

Interpreter: Before, since after taking the shower she had no towel cause she had forgotten it she went back into her room with the bathmat, there she took the towel which she wrapped around herself and then she finished to dry up herself in the bathroom. She went back in her room when she had finished drying herself

PM Mignini: Still stepping on the bathmat? Still bringing the bathmat?

Knox: I dragged the bathmat, I made more or less a heap to enter my room, I jumped back on the bathmat again and meanwhile my feet had got dry... and since my feet were dry I brought the bathmat back into the bathroom... I did not drag it back with my feet

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Interpreter: To go back she picked it with her hands because her feet were dry, she was dry

PM Mignini: Listen, but what did you do after?

Knox: I put my earrings on again

Interpreter: She put on her earrings again

PM Mignini: Oh just one thing, I wanted to know, did you see the pieces of broken glass?

Knox: No, I didn't see them. I saw them the second time I entered the house

Interpreter: No she didn't see the broken glasses

PM Mignini: Another thing I wanted to know: did you enter the other bathroom? The one with the washing machine?

Knox: Yes after I dressed up I went to dry my hair, and I used the hairdryer that Laura and Filomena use so I went into the other bathroom which is a large bathroom, there is a part, an area where they store all the make-ups... and there is another part with the bathroom fixtures. I passed through the anteroom where they have the make ups, the hairdryer and...

Interpreter: Yes after she dressed up, then...

PM Mignini: Try to interrupt her, or it gets [difficult]

Interpreter: She dressed up she went in the other bathroom of Laura and Filomena because they have the hairdryer to dry her hair, the bathroom has two areas, let's say the toilet area and the hairdryer area.. she saw the toilet from a distance, she did not see well because she was not in front of it she was far, and she say some shit, yes

PM Mignini: The toilet paper was there too?

Knox: I did not look into the toilet. From a corner

Interpreter: She only looked from far distance, not at close distance

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PM Mignini: Excuse me, excuse me, I wanted to know this: when you saw this thing, what did you think? I mean did you think that a foreign person entered the house or... ?

Knox: It's then when I thought something could have happened because the open door and that little amount of blood did not worry me

Interpreter: The fact that the front door was open and the blood seemed strange to her but not so much to feel alarmed...

PM Mignini: I was talking about the faeces

Knox: It's there that I thought there was something strange, I felt scared... It's when I decided to go back to Raffaele's house, because I got scared...

Interpreter: On that circumstance when she sat the [big] bathroom she started to become afraid

PM Mignini: Have you seen that other times? Did you see un-flushed faeces in the toilet other times?

Knox: No that's why it was strange, because nobody in our house would do that

Interpreter: No she never saw that before and exactly for this reason it seemed strange to her and she started to worry

PM Mignini: At this point there were many elements, the blood, the open front door...

Knox: Yes I was worried, after when I saw this, I saw the open front door and also the blood and I thought okay, maybe, I don't know, but when I saw the blood...