

DEPOSITION - HELEN MARY ELISABETH POWELL – Feb 13, 2009

Key to abbreviations

GCM	Giancarlo Massei	Judge	President
GM	Giuliano Mignini	Prosecutor	Public minister
HP	Helen Powell	Witness being questioned	Meredith Kercher's friend
CP	Carlo Pacelli	Lumumba civil lawyer	Lawyer
DR	Daniela Rocchi	Defense Counsel for Raffaele Sollecito	Lawyer
MB	Marco Brusco	Raffaele Sollecito's defense lawyer	Lawyer
CDV	Carlo Dalla Vedova	Knox defense lawyer	Lawyer

THE HEAD, AMMONIUS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ART. 4 97 CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE, REQUESTS THE RIGHT FORM.

GCM:

The interpreter is present so she can listen to the questions in English and make the answers in English, answers that will be translated into Italian.

General: Helen Powell, born November 17, 1986 in Redhill, Great Britain.

GCM:

The Public Prosecutor may proceed to the examination.

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GM:

A small premise. Did you know Meredith Kercher?

HP:

Yup.

GM:

Do you remember when he last saw him?

HP:

October 31, 2007.

GM:

Where were you?

HP:

Merlin pub in Perugia, for a Halloween party.

GM:

How long have you stayed?

HP:

About four hours, we went to the two.

GM:

Have you gone with Meredith and your other friends?

HP:

No, I went with my three friends in Manchester.

GM:

When he knew that Meredith was dead, who told you?

HP:

On the evening of November 2, my mother had called me to tell me that a student had been killed in Perugia.

GM:

At what time?

HP:

About seven o'clock in the evening.

GM:

Do you remember then went to the Questura?

HP:

Yes, my friend Samantha had already been called and called me to tell me that the student who had been killed was Meredith. So I went to the Questura with my American roommates.

GM:

Did you know how Meredith was dead?

HP:

Only from what we had read on the internet in a newspaper site that my American roommate had brought home and found.

GM:

So did you see that night of 2? Did you see this news?

HP:

Yes, but on the internet.

GM:

And what was he saying, how was he dead?

HP:

He did not say if he was a male or female student but that his throat had been cut off.

GM:

Did not she say if she was a boy or a girl?

HP:

No.

GM:

When he came to the Questura, who was waiting?

HP:

My English friends, Sophie, Amy, Robin, Samantha, Jade and Nathalie and also my roommate were with me and Amanda and Raffaele and the two Meredith Italian coinquilines with the two boys.

GM:

He remembers how the present were, were troubled, weeping, or impatient.

HP:

It was a bit of a mix of things, my English friends were very upset, they cried a lot, and the Italian girls looked very upset, disagreeable, and Amanda seemed to try to make the brave and Raffaele was very quiet.

GM:

Amanda what did she say? Someone asked her what she had seen in the morning, what had she done? Or did she say it to herself? Remember?

HP:

While on the phone with someone he said he had come home, the front door was open and he went in and decided to take a shower. But when she went to the bathroom she had some blood but thought she was menstrual blood so she showered. Then he noticed that there was shit, he said the word "shit" in the water and then he noticed the broken window and so called Raffaele and his two Italian parishioners.

GM:

A moment. Did you say other details of what he saw that morning at home besides those he said?

HP:

Even Meredith's bedroom door seemed to be locked up and this was a bit unusual but she thought she was asleep.

GM:

A moment. Amanda said it was a little commonplace that the door to Meredith's room was closed? Was she you?

HP:

Yup.

GM:

In the story he did. So then? He called Raffaele ...?

HP:

Yup.

GM:

And then what did he say?

HP:

That he had called the two Italian parishioners and then said that the police arrived. But I do not remember if she said she had called the police or not.

GM:

Amanda told her if she tried to call Meredith and even the Italian roommates?

HP:

I remember the Italian roommates but I'm not sure if he said he also called Meredith.

GM:

Are not you sure or exclude it?

HP:

I'm not sure.

GM:

Because in her statement on January 28, 2008, she did not mention the fact she called ... she called Meredith.

HP:

I do not remember.

GM:

Then did Amanda talk about how the corpse was? Did he say anything about the corpse?

HP:

He said that when the police broke through the door there was blood everywhere, and there was Meredith's body wrapped in a duvet in the wardrobe, the closet.

GM:

Did he just say in the wardrobe?

HP:

Yup.

GM:

She repeated that she saw her, so she said she saw the corpse Amanda?

HP:

She did not say exactly whether she saw it or not, but the way she described it seemed to have seen her herself.

GM:

With Raffaele, the behavior they had with them, Amanda and Raffaele, what did they do during the waiting?

HP:

Raffaele did not say much, but after all my English friends had gone, I was waiting with the roommates of their boys and they had restored the chairs to relax better. Amanda had her head on Raffaele's legs and he began to try to comfort her by caressing her throat.

GM:

Were they holding hands too?

HP:

Yes, even before.

GM:

Do you remember if they dangled?

HP:

She's a bit, but he does not.

GM:

When did this happen? In the end or.

HP:

What? The fact that she caressed her?

GM:

To swing, they would hold their hands. She described it. If you do not remember, on page 10 of the verbal in front. Should be the same.

GCM:

The date?

GM:

January 28, 2008. "They were standing and holding their hands swinging as if dancing."

HP:

Yup.

GM:

Do you remember or?

HP:

Yup.

GM:

I have no other questions.

Defense Counsel Pacelli

CP:

Good evening, I am the lawyer Pacelli, I am Patrick Civilian lawyer. I mean when she was in the Questura on the evening of November 2nd. On that occasion did you hear from some of the attendees, and possibly Miss Amanda, that poor Meredith before being killed had sexual intercourse or had sex?

HP:

No.

CP:

Always on that occasion in the Questura offices on November 2, did you always hear from any of those present that Meredith before he died had shouted, had yelled?

HP:

No.

CP:

Thanks, I have no other questions.

Rocchi Defense Attorney

DR:

Just a clarification about when he learned of Meredith's death. Do you remember that it was now?

HP:

Around eight in the evening.

DR:

And did some of his friends do something? Any research?

HP:

My roommate did it.

DR:

What kind of research did he do?

HP:

He told me he would go to an Internet cafe and wanted to check through the information to see what happened.

DR:

And what was it?

HP:

It was rumored that a student had been killed in Perugia and who had died or died as a result of his throat being cut off.

DR:

Only in this report of January 28, 2008, in the various parts where he reported that he learned of the news of death, it was always the case that he was a girl.

HP:

Perhaps then my memory was cooler than it is now.

DR:

No other question.

Defense Brusco Lawyer

MB:

Very few questions about this. In particular, on page 6 of the January 28 report, she said this: "My roommate, Allison, went to an Internet cafe, looked at the news, in the instant the verifiable news on the media was that an English girl was Dead with his throat cut ". Do you remember it?

HP:

Yup.

MB:

And this was more or less now, if you remember it?

HP:

Around seven and a half.

MB:

Amanda knew her before November 2?

HP:

No.

MB:

Anyway, how are the relationships between Meredith and Amanda? Have you ever heard Meredith complain of something?

HP:

No.

MB:

That night, on November 2, always in the Questura, remembers the behavior of Italian roommates? In particular, do you remember if they were crying?

HP:

I remember they were very upset, I do not remember if they were crying.

MB:

After that night she got to meet Amanda and Raffaele again? Was it contacted by them?

HP:

No.

MB:

Remember they had scratches, wounds, Amanda and Raffaele?

HP:

No.

MB:

I finished.

Defense Counsel From Widow

CDV:

I only wanted a series of confirmations on what was actually said but that has not been repeated today. Do you remember what time it came to the Questura?

HP:

At eight and a half, at nine o'clock, I'm not sure.

CDV:

And his mother warned her at eight o'clock with the phone call that there had been a murder in Perugia?

HP:

Around seven or eight o'clock, seven, I would say.

CDV:

Do you remember that in the Questura Amanda at some point did you refer to the possibility that anyone could be the victim? And "could I be the victim" too?

HP:

Yup.

CDV:

And what reaction did Amanda and the other girls have in the news like that?

HP:

The news of death?

CDV:

No, that Amanda had said "I could be the victim" because he had showered.

HP:

It was something that disturbed a lot, shocked a lot.

CDV:

And do you remember that Amanda said she did the shower, did she say it before?

HP:

Yup.

CDV:

And that there was also the closed door so ...

HP:

Meredith's door?

CDV:

Yup

HP:

Yup.

CDV:

And what were the feces in the bathroom?

HP:

Yup.

GCM:

Excuse me, was it in the same shower bath or in another bath? If you know it.

HP:

I can not be sure.

CDV:

So she remembers that Amanda said this sentence because while she was in the shower, could you think that there was a homicide in the house as she was in the bathroom?

HP:

I'm not sure, no.

CDV:

Instead, the night before, always at the disco, she also stated that she had seen color people in the two discos. (Inc.) Confirms it?

HP:

Yup.

CDV:

Were there so many? Because she said she had seen so many.

HP:

No, it was just an international atmosphere in general.

CDV:

So you remember in particular whether some international, Asian, African foreigners have talked to a girl, especially with Meredith?

HP:

No.

CDV:

Did you leave Perugia in the days following the discovery?

HP:

Yup.

CDV:

Because?

HP:

Because I was shocked and wanted to stay home with my family.

CDV:

And did he even have contacts with the mass media?

HP:

They called me but I did not want to talk to them.

CDV:

You with the other girls, Frost, Purton, Butterworth, Hayward and Rodenburst, have you talked about this issue recently?

HP:

Which issues, the media?

CDV:

No, on today's testimony and facts you have reported today?

HP:

Yup.

CDV:

That is, you exchanged opinions on.

FM:

President, there is opposition, the head is in defense for Knox defense.

GCM:

The opposition is accepted, as it has not formed. If there are other circumstances related to the subject of the exam.

CDV:

No, thank you.

President

GCM:

Was she on October 31, only in a disco or even at Domus later?

HP:

Also at Domus later.

GCM:

This also with Meredith?

HP:

No.

GCM:

So you missed sight?

HP:

No, I was with my friends but I did not see it at Domus.

GCM:

There are no other questions. The head is discharged. The Court of Assise, who is believed to be in charge of the request formulated, gives the appointment to the interpreter appointed today. Yes, we wanted to give the job to translate this document. He is responsible for translating this document to which reference has been made, which was produced by the civil defense, Maresca lawyer, as well as by Knox defense in its entirety.