

**RESTRICTED (when complete)****WITNESS STATEMENT**

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Statement of: Robyn Carmel BUTTERWORTH

Age if under 18: over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: Student

This statement (consisting of \_\_\_\_\_ page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated anything in it, which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I am the above named person and live at the address overleaf and have done so for the past 20 years. I am a student at Leeds University and have been studying there for the past 3 years. For the past five weeks I have been studying in PERUGIA, Italy.

This is a further statement I have made in relation to MEREDITH KERCHER and our friendship. I made my first statement on Friday 2 November 2007 to Italian police officers.

Since returning to the United Kingdom I have had time to think of events and I would like to bring these to the Police's attention.

I recall a conversation that I had with MEREDITH, I think it was on at about 6<sup>th</sup> October 2007. We were sitting in MERLINS pub in PERUGIA also with us was AMY FROST, SOPHIE PURTON and NATALIE HAYWARD. We were eating pizza we had just watched England play Australia at the rugby. I think it was about 2100 hours at night. At this time MEREDITH drew my attention to a male who had entered the pub. She told me he was a male who had come to her flat with AMANDA, AMANDA being MEREDITHS flat mate. We had recently discussed how Amanda had brought men back to their flat on numerous occasions. This male she had met in an internet café so we called him "INTERNET MAN".

I would describe this male as aged 25-30 years, he was about 6ft tall, he was of average build. He had brown short hair in a messy style. He had a pale complexion, I am unsure of his nationality. He had a shadow of a beard on his face. He wore smart clothes, he wore trousers and shoes with a brown suit style jacket but it was made of a more casual cloth.

I recall seeing this male a week later at approximately 0400 hours in the morning on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2007. We were leaving a disco called GARDISCO which is 25 minutes drive from PERUGIA. My friend SOPHIE PURTON had been ill and had been sick in the toilets at the club. MEREDITH and I were taking SOPHIE out of the club to get the bus home to PERUGIA. The male we know as "INTERNET MAN" tried to speak with MEREDITH. I said to the male we know as "INTERNET MAN" "no sorry we need to get our friend home."

Once outside of the club we found out we had missed the bus home. We then saw a male I know as "shakey". I have since found out his name might be ISHAM. He offered us a lift home, it was a family car. He didn't drive a friend of his drove. I can only describe the driver as dark skinned, dark hair with glasses. During the conversation on the drive home MEREDITH asked "SHAKEY" why he was at the club" this was in Italian. He replied I have three jobs and work at the club. He stated he was a chef,

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worked at the club and also we knew he worked in a clothing shop called "STREET DREAMZ" in PERUGIA. We hadn't seen "SHAKEY" all night in the club.

I recall another incident where we were in a club called "DOMUS" in PERUGIA. I cannot recall a time or date but I know I was with SOPHIE PURTON, MEREDITH KERCHER, and 3 girls from Manchester University I know only as Samantha, Charlotte (unclear) and there was an incident where MEREDITH asked "shakey" to dance. At this point I turned away and MEREDITH said "Shakey" pulled his trousers down and showed his "Y FRONTS" to MEREDITH. I didn't see this. Also with us this night was "PISCO" I know as the manager of MERLINS pub.

After the HALLOWEEN party at our flat we went to the club "Darius". It was approximately 0200 hours on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2007. I was in company with SOPHIE PURTON, MEREDITH KERCHER and AMY FROST. During this evening at the club I saw a male we know as "DJ NAF" working behind the bar. This male we know from MERLINS pub where he also worked. AMY FROST told me she had seen this male flirting with MEREDITH. He had been throwing ice cubes at MEREDITH. In my company AMY FROST said to MEREDITH KERCHER "DJ NAF FANCY YOU I THINK."

The next time I saw this male was at approximately 1730 hours on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2007 while waiting for the Italian Police to collect me from outside the language UNIVERSITY in PERUGIA. At this time "PISCO" the owner manager of MERLINS joined us because he had spoken to SOPHIE PURTON who he was close friends with after hearing of a death of an English girl. In company with him was "DJ NAF". I found "DJ NAF" behaviour strange. He was speaking to "PISCO" in Italian saying "It is MEREDITH" "IT IS HER." He then went onto to detail in Italian of how a body had been found. As I was very upset and still unaware it was MEREDITH KERCHER I told "PISCO" to tell "DJ NAF" to be quiet.

I would describe "DJ NAF" as a Mediterranean male aged about 23 to 28 years old. He is under 6ft tall he has dark hair and eyes and wears glasses. He normally dresses casually in jeans and a jumper. On Friday he was wearing a big blue coat.

I know that "DJ NAF" knew us a group but not that he knew MEREDITH well. On my flight home to the UK on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2007 I was in company with AMY FROST. At this time I read an article in "CORRIERE DELLA SERA" there was a quote from a male named PIETRO CAMPOLONGO. I did not know this name so asked Amy if she knew who the male was. She replied "NO." On returning home I spoke to my friend SOPHIE PURTON who was in Italy. She told she knows "DJ NAF" first name as PIETRO, I read her the surname and she thinks that is also his surname. I then went onto to read a quote on the internet from a male with the same name detailing information about MEREDITH and her movements. This concerned me. I think it is important to mention that on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2007 when MEREDITH KERCHER left our flat she never mentioned she was going to meet anybody and she never stated she would be staying alone in her flat for the night. When she left our flat it was not an arranged time or as if for a pre-arranged meeting.

I would also like to mention that after my interview/statement at the Italian police station I went into the waiting room, it was approximately 2230 hours on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2007.

In the waiting room was AMANDA - MEREDITH flat mate. I do not know her surname. As I walked into the room she was talking in a loud voice to all the people in the room, the English girls. She was speaking in English. She was saying that she had returned to the flat at about 1100 in the morning. She went on to say that the front door was open, she went into the bathroom that her and MEREDITH shared. She said she saw blood on the floor. I recall her mentioning she thought it was menstrual blood. She then stated she went onto have a shower. I then recall her mentioning going into the other bathroom that LAURA and FILOMENA (other flat mates I share. She said that here was "SHIT" in the toilet. She kept mentioning the word "SHIT". This seemed an odd comment to make as MEREDITH had had an issue with Amanda over not flushing the toilet after using it even for her period. MEREDITH told me she had discussed this with her dad. Amanda continued to talk about how she had found MEREDITH, she seemed

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proud that she was the first to find her. She also said she had seen MEREDITH body in the closet with a blanket/sheet over her. Later FILOMENA took me to one side where we could speak privately and she told me she had seen MEREDITH foot on the bed when she and a policeman had opened the bathroom door to MEREDITH room.

I felt AMANDA'S behaviour was very strange in the police station she didn't seem to be behaving as if she was upset. She seemed to be laughing and staring at us. Her behaviour had upset my group of friends.

AMANDA'S behaviour had always seemed strange to me before Friday 2nd November 2007. She seemed a little odd I remember on my first occasion meeting her while eating in a restaurant she burst into song loudly during the meal. It was out of place and very odd.

I also want to mention that I feel that if MEREDITH was going to have a sexual relationship with somebody she would have told me.

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