

Fault Tree Regarding Murder of Meredith Kercher (illustrating the critical importance of the break-in investigation and findings) by Ron Hendry

Break-in through Filomena Romanellis window

An actual break-in

All evidence points to a small time burglar, Rudy Guede, who had been very active of late, who had always acted alone, who had been known to throw a rock into a window, and to have climbed a wall to gain entry to burglarize a place, and whose fingerprints and DNA were found in several places in the upstairs flat.



A staged break-in to throw the police off track

Leads to two persons of interest - Flatmates Filomena Romanelli and Amanda Knox, both of whom were in Perugia the night of the murder

Amanda Knox - who came to the upstairs flat the next morning and whose growing suspicions led to the police being called, she was rebuked by Filomena before the body was discovered, her comforting actions with Raffaele Sollecito were criticized she did not get an attorney early on she became a prime suspect along with Raffaele because Detective Giobbi discerned she exhibited criminal behavior



Filomena Romanelli, a native Italian, one of her cell phones was stolen, her room window was broken, she was away the morning after the murder and came to the flat after being called by Amanda, she cast early doubts on the break-in being real, she strongly contradicted Amanda right before the discovery of the body, she got an attorney early on, and the Prosecution would rely on her testimony as support for a staged break-in



During an unlawful all night interrogation on the night of November 5/6, 2007, Amanda had a "vision" that placed her in the kitchen at the murder scene with her employer, Patrick Lumumba, in Meredith's room. On the basis of the unlawfully obtained "vision" statement, the police arrest three innocent persons - Amanda Knox, Raffaele Sollecito, and Patrick Lumumba.



Patrick Lumumba



Amanda Knox



Raffaele Sollecito

Over the next three weeks, the police determine that Lumumba has a solid alibi and none of the fingerprint and DNA samples place him at the murder scene. They also identify a small time burglar suspect, Rudy Guede, whose fingerprints and DNA are found all over the flat. On November 20, 2007 Lumumba is released and as the police and prosecution are unable to admit they had arrested three innocent persons, they insert Rudy Guede as the third suspect in the conspiracy to harm and murder Meredith Kercher.



Rudy Guede



Amanda Knox



Raffaele Sollecito