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Injustice, Italian-style

By Edward Jay Epstein

Yesterday, The Court of Cassation, Italy's highest court of appeal, =verturned the acquittal of Amanda Knox. The comely Knox was a =0-year-old American exchange student in Perugia when her British =lat-mate Meredith Kercher was murdered in 2007. Initially, she was =convicted on the basis of demonstrably flawed DNA evidence but then =cquitted after the appeal court found that the charges against her =ere "not corroborated by any objective element of evidence." As I show in *The Annals of Unsolved Crime* <<http://amzn.to/ZrM5SP>>, =here was not a scintilla of evidence that placed her at the murder =cene. Nor was there a witness. The case proceeded from a wild theory =f prosecutor Giuliano Mignini that she was a "she devil." The same =rosecutor had previously made a fool of himself in the so-called =Monster of Florence" case by blaming a non-existent satanic cult for =he suicide of a Perugian doctor, and was now trying to redeem himself =y spinning another Satanic cult crime.

To be sure, Amanda Knox, under unrelenting interrogation without a =awyer, had given a false statement, which she later fully repudiated. =aking a false statement is not a rare phenomena. Especially when the =ccused are denied lawyers. Brandon Garrett, a distinguished professor =t the University of Virginia Law School, examined 250 cases of people =convicted of crimes that DNA later proved they did not commit. No fewer =han forty of these exonerated individuals had given a false confession =o crimes they did not commit.

The lesson Italy needs to learn is that interrogation without *Miranda* =ights and adequate legal representation leads to false admissions. The =bsurdity in the Amanda Knox case is that the Italian prosecutors are =ow getting another chance to perpetuate their original miscarriage of =ustice.

(If interested, I will on request send you a pdf of my chapter from =Annals of Unsolved Crime"

Case#34--The Knox Ordeal)

Best regards

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