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## RAFFAELE SOLLECITO: "THOSE ILLUSIONS THEY BUILT AGAINST US"

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### As the Main and Only Piece of Evidence Against Him and Amanda Knox Collapses in Court

By Frank Sfarzo  
Florence, November 6 2013



Raffaele Sollecito

"One moment... and my life was overwhelmed", an intense Raffaele Sollecito has vented in court today. It was interesting studying this case and, within the case, the DNA issue, but that was in 2008.

In 2009 it became already boring, let alone in 2010, 11 and 12, let alone now, when this story should be confined in the annals, two years after that a full absolution occurred.

For the nth time, instead, a new judge arrived, and we had to start reasoning again from square one on the same subjects. Life has to go ahead, but a little defect on the Italian judicial system –the possibility to overturn a verdict of acquittal on mere reasoning– keeps life on hold for Amanda and Raffaele, and for those like us, who are on the case since day one. Even the biologist of the scientific police Stefanoni told us already in 2010, "I can't stand this knife anymore". But nothing to do, life is stopped for her too.

We can't stand talking about this knife anymore, exercising ourselves in the contemplation of a piece of cutlery that can't have anything to do with the crime and that has been plenty proved that never left Raffaele's kitchen. Even the knife itself, if he had a soul, would beg today to be left alone.

If we are so tired of all this (and observe with a half-smile the excitement of the newcomers in the new venue) let alone Amanda and Raffaele.

Nevertheless, with an act of courage, Raffaele threw himself again in the arena of the lions.

The newcomers may have thought that he would have screamed his innocence. Instead no, he whispered. We are not at the beginning of the story, we are at the nth stage of a never ending story, and he looked like having realized that being vocal is useless, thinking probably that those who don't want to hear wouldn't hear anyway. That's probably why he almost whispered to the judges the reasons of his innocence, showing dejection, maybe, but in a very effective way.

Besides describing the devastating effects of this whole story on his life, Raffaele spoke about what he called the building of the image of criminal that "those who accused me threw on me with great contempt". He remembered that he is a person completely different from that image. "I wasn't drinking, I wasn't going to parties. I did smoke some joints" –Raffaele stressed– "but that couldn't change my personality". Indeed, we all know that smoking a joint doesn't change people's personality and turns them into murderers (otherwise universities would produce millions of murderers a year...). But yes, it was a good idea to explain it (again), because that's what the case built against Amanda and Raffaele is: old people who judge the costumes of young people that they read through the lenses of their imagination.

Raffaele then outlined what he called the "illusion" of evidence that those who accused him proposed. He

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could have gone at length, but he stayed only on the main details. That after he was arrested, for instance, "those who accused me" said that there was "a shoe-print that had a perfect correspondence with my shoes". And that came out to be not true. Same for the footprint on the bathmat, same for the DNA on the bra clasp, same for the witnesses — "all mythomaniacs"— same, last but not least, for the DNA on the knife.

The knife died today, hopefully forever. It should never have been a piece of evidence, since only a doubtful DNA test produced a doubtful Meredith profile, not confirmed by the second electrophoretic run and contradicted by the blood test, which was negative.

The Rome scientists Stefano Conti and Carla Vecchiotti had already explained that that test was not reliable, and meant nothing. But no, a Supreme Court judge, from the heights of an improvised scientific competence, wanted to doubt the word of two scientists.

They wanted to test the trace "I". They wanted the bike, and they had to ride. And the ride said that it was not Meredith's DNA, therefore the knife is not the murder weapon. The RIS biologists explained it in a highly technical and perfectly documented report (how different from the mere assertions produced at the time by the scientific police, in truth consultant for the prosecution...), and repeated it today in court with simple words.

So, the last piece of evidence against Amanda and Raffaele is buried forever. Can they still be convicted?

Believe it or not, the lawyers think that yes, a new miscarriage of justice may happen and Amanda and Raffaele may be convicted even with no proof (probably joint smokers deserve it...).

They have seen any of those things happening after all. How to forget, for instance, Amanda's statements in the police station, that the Supreme Court in April 2008 declared inadmissible? The Supreme Court said they couldn't be used, but they used them anyway. That's the law baby, they can do anything they want.

Hopefully, though, this time common sense will prevail since all evidence, as Raffaele reminded today, has been disproved.

Judges are not versed in science, but the concept to understand is very simple: errors can occur. Therefore that multi-disproved test that, back in the obscure pre-history of this case, found "Meredith's DNA" on the blade, should just be recognized as a normal, frequent, usual, natural, WRONG TEST. That can't convict anyone.

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Noel Dalberth • 4 hours ago

"The knife died today..." spot on!

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Brian Harding • 4 hours ago

Dr. Tesla has also been banned at JREF for flooding the board with spam comments. So what he wishes to do is refute Mr. Sfarzo's piece with spam here. Fortunately the RIS Carabinieri has spoken because Mr. Sfarzo is reporting what happened in court today... it takes two tests to identify DNA, and Stefanoni only did one on the alleged Meredith sample. This is even by her own admission, given that she thought only one test was possible anyway given the small trace-size of what was there - what Stefanoni alleged was in a groove on the knife no one else can see. What Mr. Sfarzo is saying here, despite

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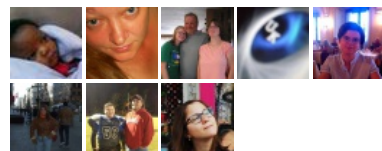
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Dr. Tesla's spam, is that this science was known and knowable in 2009 when the pair were unjustly convicted. What happened in 2009 was the the then-judge allowed Stefanoni's testimony, taking her word for it. Each subsequent trial, including this one, has commissioned an independent report, and each time an expert has looked at that knife, they've concluded it had nothing to do with the murder. What Dr. Tesla has in rebuttal is disruptive spam. Good for him.

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**Bruce Fischer** Mod → Brian Harding • 3 hours ago

Dr\_Tesla, will no longer be posting here.

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**Noel Dalberth** • 5 hours ago

Bravo Frank! Raffaele was confident in court today. His statement was outstanding.

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**Dr\_Tesla** → Noel Dalberth • 5 hours ago

why didn't he make a specific case for his innocence? Explain his inconsistent statements, etc

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**Bruce Fischer** Mod → Dr\_Tesla • 4 hours ago

Raffaele's statements today were very strong and clear. I would suggest listening to him again.

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**Dr\_Tesla** → Bruce Fischer • 4 hours ago

Sounding like complaining about being inconvenienced.

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**Michelle Moore** → Dr\_Tesla • 3 hours ago

Wow, well if this were to happen to you, just remember those words. Stop spamming here, you're not doing yourself any favors.

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**Alex K.** → Dr\_Tesla • 4 hours ago

"Explain his inconsistent statements," which he never made in court.

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**Brian Harding** → Dr\_Tesla • 4 hours ago

You mean when he said, "I am innocent", that is not specific? Isn't it up to the prosecution to be making "specific cases" here....? And with the knife now gone as evidence... what specific case is left?

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**Noel Dalberth** → Dr\_Tesla • 4 hours ago

In fact he did. When you are biased & have your head in the sand, the truth is a lie.

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**Dr\_Tesla** • 5 hours ago

Amanda Knox's unsolicited written statement can be used against her. That is all you need for a conviction.

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**Alex K.** → Dr\_Tesla • 4 hours ago

Amanda Knox's written statement is clear evidence of her innocence and - no less importantly - of the enormous psychological trauma inflicted upon the naive, honest American girl by a pack of unscrupulous and thoroughly corrupt Italian cops.

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**Dr\_Tesla** → Alex K. • 4 hours ago

Looks like she mashed up her original alibi that Romeo broke with her second statement that she was at the house and Patrick did it. Trying to

have it both ways.

If you are confused as she claims, do you proceed to accuse somebody of murder or do you hold off until you have clarity?

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**Alex K.** → Dr\_Tesla • 38 minutes ago

Let's quote from Amanda's note written immediately after the signed some absurd statements composed by the police, which she did not understand.

"I want to make clear that I'm very doubtful of the verity of my statements because they were made under the pressures of stress, shock and extreme exhaustion. Not only was I told I would be arrested and put in jail for 30 years, but I was also hit in the head when I didn't remember a fact correctly. I understand that the police are under a lot of stress, so I understand the treatment I received."

Very naive and way too respectful of authority. Tortured. She developed something of a Stockholm syndrome over the five days of interrogation.

"However, it was under this pressure and after many hours of confusion that my mind came up with these answers. In my mind I saw Patrik in flashes of blurred images... But I've said this many times so as to make myself clear: these things seem unreal to me."

see more

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**Brian Harding** → Dr\_Tesla • 4 hours ago

This may be all YOU need to vilify her, but the ISC has already ruled on those statements... they are inadmissible. You'll also need to explain lack of motive, and lack of ANY forensics pointing to her. Indeed, the police bragged they'd solved this case before the forensics were returned.... not sure why you are committed to lying about this...

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**Noel Dalberth** → Dr\_Tesla • 4 hours ago

Wrong...keep trying

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**Dr\_Tesla** • 5 hours ago

How can an exact match for Meredith's DNA profile be wrong?

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**Alex K.** → Dr\_Tesla • 4 hours ago

Not that an exact match for Meredith's DNA was ever there.

But if it were there, it would easily be "wrong," i.e. meaningless and worthless, if derived through improper, scientifically worthless testing, or through contamination. Not only the Conti-Vecchiotti report, but also yesterday's statements from the Carabinieri experts indicate that Ms. Stefanoni's methods were generally unscientific.

Tell me how a DNA profile should look, and I'll generate it for you using nothing but MS Excel. Will that prove the DNA was there? The same with Stefanoni's "results," AKA rubbish.

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**Dr\_Tesla** → Alex K. • 4 hours ago

I'd say an exact match is scientific enough and if not then her magic trick is even more impressive. lol

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**Alex K.** → Dr\_Tesla • 33 minutes ago

No, you do not understand science.

A scientific experiment should be repeatable. If it's impossible to repeat, the scientist should publish all the data and document every step leading to the conclusion so that independent observers will be able to verify it.

Stefanoni did none of that. She just showed nice pictures to the crowd hoping no one would call out her bluff. She did not find a complete profile anywhere either, but that's of secondary importance.

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**Brian Harding** → Dr\_Tesla • 4 hours ago

He's also been banned from JREF - not so much for spreading falsehoods, but for flooding comments sections. Since it takes two tests to determine an "exact match", and Stefanoni by her own admission did only one, I'm curious... on what basis does Dr. Tesla say this? Has he not read today's RIS Carabinieri report? It's in all the papers! It's been leaked now for about a week! Instead, Dr. Tesla just plain lies about the facts - and we're now supposed to distrust him for his dislike of Mr. Sfarzo. Like Mr. Fischer says below, nice try guy.

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**Bruce Fischer** Mod → Dr\_Tesla • 4 hours ago

Don't spam the comment section. You have already been banned from our discussion forum for the same reason.

The test was not done properly. It's simple. The knife is not the murder weapon.

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**Dr\_Tesla** → Bruce Fischer • 4 hours ago

Ok, it is just in good fun.

How can the test be improperly done if it got a result?

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**Alex K.** → Dr\_Tesla • 33 minutes ago

Are you an idiot or just pretending to be one?

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**Bruce Fischer** Mod → Dr\_Tesla • 3 hours ago

Really? I think I have had enough of you here. Your questions are pointless.

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**Noel Dalberth** → Dr\_Tesla • 4 hours ago

Maybe because no DNA from Meredith Kercher was found. It's not the murder weapon.

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**Michelle Moore** • 4 hours ago

Excellent! Great article. I can't believe there would even be a chance of them being convicted again, but, like you said, in 2008 they said the so called "confession" wasn't even admissible yet they used it. It is a matter of an honest court. We shall see, I still remain hopeful. :) Glad you are writing again.

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**Dr\_Tesla** • 4 hours ago

I didnt realize this was associated with Bruce's other website.

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**Mickey** • 4 hours ago

Great article. Raffaele and Amanda are so clearly innocent that this whole case just infuriates me. This case is a sickening display of a dysfunctional judicial system.

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**Dr\_Tesla** → Mickey • 4 hours ago

I think the problem with Italians is they are always second guessing themselves as

they are not confident like Americans. There was nothing wrong with the first conviction, why go to appeal?

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**Dr\_Tesla** • 4 hours ago

Isn't this Frank guy on trial for assault and other crimes? I wouldn't want him testifying to my innocence. lol

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**Bruce Fischer** Mod → Dr\_Tesla • 4 hours ago

Frank is currently under fire in Italy for posting his opinion on a blog. Are you in favor of silencing people? Do you feel a person should face jail time for posting their opinion on a blog?

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**Michelle Moore** → Bruce Fischer • 4 hours ago

I definitely know of a few blogs where everyone in them would be imprisoned by that standard. Go Frank!

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**Dr\_Tesla** → Bruce Fischer • 4 hours ago

No, I was banned at your website and JREF, mostly for my sense of humor. :)

I don't know anything about Frank to be honest. I wish him the best.

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**Alex K.** → Dr\_Tesla • 32 minutes ago

Try to put together something coherent next time, and don't profane the name of a great scientist.

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**Noel Dalberth** → Dr\_Tesla • 4 hours ago

No relevance. Your desperate attempt at projecting speaks volumes.

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