

## The Case for Ayla

On January 3rd of 2013, investigators from the [Maine State Police met with Trista](#), Alex (Trista's boyfriend), and Melissa (Alex's mother), for the purpose of disclosing a



slideshow of select blood evidence collected from the DiPietros' property in Ayla's case.

Given the evidence shown, we believe there is more than enough for successful prosecution. We believe that a Grand Jury presented with this evidence would issue an indictment, enabling police to make arrests.

The Case for Ayla is about bringing justice to Ayla and her family, but there's also a public interest at stake. When someone is killed, the justice system acts not only for the victim and the victim's family but for the community at large. The presence of a killer in our midst is a condition we deserve to have remedied in the name of public safety by the public authorities who work for us, the citizens of Maine. The Attorney General's office has the exclusive authority and responsibility to prosecute this homicide on our behalf. By releasing this evidence to the public, we are asking you to tell the prosecutor you want justice for Ayla, her family, and for all citizens

It has been over twenty-one months and no one present at 29 Violette Avenue, where Ayla was reported missing, has been held accountable despite repeated police assertions that:

- Ayla met with foul play inside the DiPietro house.
- Ayla was not kidnapped.
- [Ayla is not expected to be recovered alive](#).
- Despite publicly stating that Justin DiPietro, his sister Elisha DiPietro, and his girlfriend Courtney Roberts, [have not been truthful](#) about what happened to Ayla the police have not arrested them for their deliberate deceit about what happened to Ayla.

We respect the dedication of the police agencies and the prosecutor's office in pursuing this case. However, we disagree with delaying arrest and prosecution. Trista now feels that her quest to ["bring Ayla home"](#) requires a public appeal for pressure on the Attorney General's office to file criminal charges.

The following summarizes the collective recollection of Trista, Alex, and Melissa of the slideshow contents:

**Ayla's Blood Found** (The blood evidence described here was visible to the naked eye and not luminol enhanced).

- Several drops of Ayla's blood were found on the left shoulder strap of Ayla's car seat in Justin's vehicle. Ayla's dried vomit was found on the backseat.
- Droplets of Ayla's blood were found on the pompoms of her pink princess slippers.

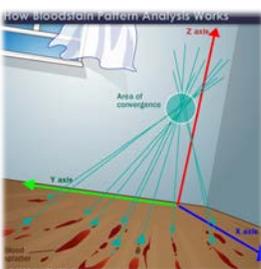
- A "silver dollar sized stain" of Ayla's blood was found on the sofa in the DiPietro family's living room (upstairs).



- Ayla's blood was found smeared on her baby doll's face and arms in the bedroom she shared with Elisha DiPietro's daughter (upstairs). It appeared that Ayla tried to wipe blood from her mouth with her doll.

- Drops of Ayla's blood were found on a fan cord in Justin's basement bedroom.
- Ayla's blood splatter was found on a plastic blue tote in the basement and a sheet that was found inside had Ayla's blood stains on it. MSP said that it had been used to cleanup Ayla's blood.
- Several drops of Ayla's blood were found on the tongue and inside Justin's sneakers in the basement beside his bed.
- A "fist size stain" of Ayla's blood was found on Justin's mattress and sheets. This sample contained saliva, possibly vomit, and "a toy hair like" pink fiber which, at the time, MSP had not identified.

- Several splatters of Ayla's blood were found on sections of the cement floor and wall beside Justin's bed. These blood splatters were consistent with Ayla's standing height, and were up to a dime in size. MSP's blood analysts determined that the blood splatters were created by intense projectile vomiting and/or blunt force trauma.



- Several splatters of Ayla's blood were found on a wood pallet leaning against a wall in the basement.

## Justin DiPietro: *"It's No Big Deal"*

Three Maine State Police Detectives and a grief counselor from the Attorney General's office oversaw this slideshow. They provided comparison photos (normal and enlarged sizes of Ayla's blood) displayed from a laptop to an external display screen.

After the photos of blood visible to the naked eye were displayed, MSP began to show the luminol-enhanced photos, depicting additional blood of Ayla's upstairs and downstairs in the DiPietro's house. Trista was unable to view any more of the horrific display after only two luminol-enhanced photos, and the slideshow was stopped.



Trista, Alex, and Melissa's collective impression from the photos shown of Ayla's blood, in and around Justin's basement bedroom, was that his bedroom looked like a *"murder scene"*.

The MSP determined that the samples of Ayla's blood exhibiting a spray pattern could not have been the result of any cut.

Some samples of Ayla's blood contained saliva, indicating to MSP that Ayla had been coughing up blood from internal injuries.

MSP concluded that Ayla's injuries were both *"internal and external."*

When asked, Trista and Alex could not confirm if this was all of the physical evidence that MSP had found in and around the DiPietros' residence.

MSP told Trista that they reviewed this evidence with the [DiPietro family in November 2012](#). MSP stated that *"Justin had no reaction"*. In a subsequent conversation between Justin and Trista, Justin said about this evidence: *"It's no big deal"*.

## Tudelas, Roberts Refuse to Review Evidence

Justin has been friends with the [Tudela family](#) since childhood, and the Tudelas housed him and the rest of the DiPietros for two weeks after the [DiPietro house was declared a crime](#) scene. MSP told Trista that the Tudelas refused to look at the blood photos. The investigators did not explain why they sought to review the photos with the Tudelas.

Courtney Roberts, Justin's girlfriend who was at Justin's house the night of December 16, also refused to see the photos, according to investigators.

## The Time is Right

MSP told Trista that they do not want to arrest Justin without Ayla's remains for an airtight case. Therefore, the [MSP has worked diligently](#) to find her body to confirm



their findings with an autopsy, but the undeniable truth is that unless Justin, Elisha, and/or Courtney come forward, Ayla may never be found.

The emotional impact of this evidence is overwhelming. We are overcome by shock and disbelief that there has not been an arrest. Ayla was in

Justin's care when she was reported missing. Ayla's blood is on Justin DiPietro's bed, on the wall and floor of Justin's bedroom, in Justin's shoes, and in Justin's car. Justin claimed that he and Courtney slept that night in his basement, a claim we find preposterous since his bed and basement were splattered with Ayla's blood. Justin has not given police a credible explanation for any of this, and he has not been held accountable for Ayla's demise.

*"When the time is right," [Justin told the Kennebec Journal last year](#), "everything is going to come out."*

*When Ayla's blood is in your shoes Justin, the time is right to speak of what happened to your daughter.*

## Bolstered by Silence

For twenty-one months, Courtney and Elisha have kept Justin's secrets. Every day while Trista grieves the loss of her daughter, Courtney and Elisha cradle their own toddlers in arms, play, laugh, cuddle and celebrate the milestones that Ayla has been forever denied, their consciences apparently deadened to the horror of their deceit. They have robbed Ayla of who she was and who she could ever be.

*"If Elisha and Courtney do not speak for Ayla, the shadow of their silence will cast itself upon their children". Primary Teacher – U4A Blogger*

## Justice for Ayla

Make no mistake, justice for Ayla affects everyone. The failure to act on this damning blood evidence offers a perverse incentive to the next volatile adult inclined to lash out at a helpless baby and the next caretaker tempted to forego emergency care for a baby in distress to shield themselves from the consequences of their conduct.



The evidence that Ayla died from trauma at 29 Violette Avenue is abundant. Justin DiPietro, Elisha DiPietro, and Courtney Roberts are legally entitled to remain silent so as not to incriminate themselves. Their silence does not require the rest of us to follow suit. We can speak up for Ayla and demand justice for this baby whose life ended abruptly and violently. Their refusal to tell police what happened to Ayla in the DiPietro's house is not a barrier to their arrest and prosecution based on the evidence found by police that refutes their claim that Ayla disappeared during the night.

Knowing who is responsible for Ayla's death and watching him enjoy his freedom as years pass, with no prosecution initiated, is unendurable. Seeing those who covered up Ayla's death, and kept us from bringing her home, go unpunished, intensifies our pain.

It's uncivilized and unconscionable. It is something no homicide survivor, least of all the grieving mother of a deceased baby whose blood is all over her father's house should experience at the hands of [authorities charged with prosecuting homicide](#).

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