

**TRUE CRIME**

**INSIDE JORAN'S**

**Chilling photos will seal cruel killer's fate**

**G**RUESOME video images of the blood-splattered hotel room where pretty Stephany Flores was fatally beaten to a pulp and strangled guarantee evil Joran van der Sloot will "rot in prison," declares a top legal expert.

Former L.A. County Deputy D.A. Robin Sax has analyzed these graphic pictures of Joran's den of death and is certain they'll seal the 22-year-old Dutchman's fate at his trial before three Peruvian judges.

Sax tells GLOBE the grisly images – including spine-chilling close-ups of 21-year-old Stephany's fractured skull and other horrific injuries – "are graphic proof of Joran's unbridled violence." Says the author of the sex crime book, *It Happens Every Day*, "Just look at all that blood and her bruises. She was beaten from head to toe, with his fists and by kicking her, like she was a punching bag.

"The cuts on her finger could be from her trying to fight back, or they could even be from him biting her.

"Her bloody hand, folded and limp, is a startling image of how Stephany finally gave in to the pain and fatal abuse. When you see the blood on the sheet, throughout the room, and on her shoes and clothing, you have to wonder if there was any left in her small body when the coroner did her autopsy."

Receptionist Adeli Matchena used a spare key to enter Joran's room 309 in Lima's Hotel Tac after he fell behind in his payments and didn't answer the door.



The murder took place in room 309 of the cut-rate hotel

She was horrified to discover the young woman's bloody corpse covered with a sheet and lying on the floor.

"As I got closer, I realized it was a dead woman – and her nose was bleeding," says Matchena. "She was dressed in a dark T-shirt and red underwear."

Peruvian CSI experts filmed everything in the room exactly as van der Sloot, the prime suspect in Natalee Holloway's 2005 Aruba disappearance, had left it before fleeing to Chile where he was later captured.

Sax believes the images present such a detailed portrayal of the heinous crime that the outraged judges will give him the maximum 35-year sentence.

"The three judges are used to seeing the worst crimes of humanity, so they'll be ready for him," says Sax. "They won't be swayed by his so-called emotional problems, as can happen with juries.

"They will just factor in the depravity of his criminal behavior and I believe they'll throw the book at him. They'll be saying, 'If you come to our country and hurt our people, prepare to rot in jail.'

"The evidence will speak loudest. Since pictures don't lie, they and the scientific evidence will finally cook his goose."

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The hotel receptionist found Joran's room trashed with sheets (arrow) ripped off the bed



Stephany's hand was covered with bruises from trying to shield herself from her killer's blows. A cut on her index finger (arrow) could be from the monster's bite



A CSI investigator's gloved hands hold Stephany's blue Converse sneaker which was splattered with blood