

10) Question 130: *In relation to the femoral blood, was any taken away by the gendarmes during their first or second visit?*

No. The femoral blood, which was sealed exhibit no. 2 of 1997 and sampled by Dr Campana, was completely used up during the tests completed in 1997.

Supplementary questions:

Question i: *Using your documents, can you now say whether the samples you gave to the gendarmes were taken from the vial which had been subject to alcohol testing or the vial which was subject to toxicology testing?*

I cannot answer, as I had not been instructed to record the exact nature of the samples that the gendarmes took away and placed under seal. However, I can confirm that the vial of sampled blood (exhibit 03, 04 and 08) comes from the autopsy of Henri PAUL conducted by Professor LECOMTE on 31/08/1997.

Information on the exact nature of the samples taken away would have to be sought from the gendarmes, who produced a precise statement in relation to all their actions; and in the normal course of events, I would not receive such a statement from the gendarmerie, as it is sent to the Judge, Mr BELLANCOURT, who had instructed them.

Question ii: *In order to shed some light on the answers to questions 3 and 9, can you confirm that, from the three samples that you took from the vial, the gendarmes took away two of these samples during their first visit, leaving with you, as an exhibit, the third sample in reserve, and the small amount of blood that remained in the vial?*

During the course of their second visit, on 09/03/2005, the gendarmes took with them, *inter alia*, the two sub-samples of blood from the original vial which had been placed under seal during their first visit on 10/02/2005.

However, the third reserve sample, and the small amount of blood that remained in the vial **are in fact one and the same sample**; in other words, the third sub-sample remained in the original vial that had been placed under seal by the gendarmes during their first visit on 10/02/2005. This third sealed sample was taken away by the gendarmes during their third visit on 09/12/2005.

Question iii: *Did the gendarmes also take away all the empty vials?*

On 10/02/2005, the gendarmes placed under seal all the remaining samples at Toxlab. These sealed exhibits were taken away by the gendarmes on two separate occasions, on 09/03/2005 and on 09/12/2005.

Question iv: *In the "empty" vials, there was not enough blood to carry out a toxicology test. Was there however sufficient blood in the "empty" vials for DNA testing?*

As a toxicology expert, and not being a DNA specialist, I am not in a position to answer this question.