

Press Release

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The Association for Sophie, having, with confidence, awaited the outcome of the civil action brought by I. BAILEY against the Irish State and the Gardai, welcomed the decision of the Irish High Court to dismiss the case. The Association considers that the verdict renders particularly obsolete the allegations of the suspect but also the contents of the document of the Director Public Prosecutions developed in 2000 on the case, curiously made public in 2012.

The Association for Sophie expects the case to be reviewed by the current Director of Public Prosecutions in the light of the Irish High Court's judgment and all the evidence gathered since. The Association is calling for a criminal trial in Ireland, with the self-evident purpose of removing all doubt as to the guilt or innocence of the prime suspect.

Sophie's family was outraged that the status of victim is no longer primarily Sophie's, but has been usurped by the main suspect. The latter holds a considerable advantage, over a murdered woman, he is still alive and can call for the compassion of the Irish people, for himself, by seeking to prove and make an example of a dysfunction of the system.

This is Sophie, who lost her life, and her family, who suffer a double penalty for the past 18 years. Her son lost his mother, her parents lost their daughter. They are still waiting to see her killer brought to justice.

This is Sophie and her family who are the victims of serious shortcomings in the handling of the case.