

**PRESS CONFERENCE**  
***SEPARATE THE WHEAT FROM THE CHAFF***

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1. WHAT OURSELVES, FAMILY, FRIENDS, INVOLVED PERSONS, ARE FEELING

1.1. **The primary and inescapable reality:** Sophie has been murdered, 17 and a half years ago, the killer is still at large, the murderer can kill again

1.2. **17 and a half years after** it is clearly a judicial fiasco and denial of Justice

1.3. **We are passive spectators** to the current turmoil relating to political concerns about the Gardai in Ireland

1.4. **Our demand:** in no way should this confusion, whether it is deliberately instigated or otherwise, ever hide the substance of the case, namely that Sophie was murdered and the fact that her killer remains free

2. WE ARE DISAPPOINTED BY THE IRISH JUDICIAL SYSTEM

2.1. **Since December 96**, so many obstructions in the search for truth: State pathologist (December 24, 1996), DPP's questionable arguments against Garda (2000), DPP's denial of the conclusion of the libel trial (2004), Ireland refusal of complying with European Arrest Warrant (EAW) (March 2012), Irish State refusal of a Serious Crime Review on the case (2013), **and the next one ...**

2.2. **With our Irish friends**, we denounce an opaque system which ignores the rights of the victims

2.3. **The current political controversy** and judicial actions should never pollute or impact on a determined and sincere search for the truth

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### 3. LET THE FRENCH JUDICIAL PROCEDURE GO ON

3.1. **A necessary reminder.** *In France an examining magistrate (“juge d’instruction”) is a judge whose duty is to carry out “any action liable to bring the truth to light”. They “investigate the evidence for and against (a suspect)”. At the end of this investigation they deliver an order sending the person to trial. If not, they deliver a nolle prosequi order, stating that there are no grounds for prosecution.*

3.2. **In 2008 Judge Gachon** initiated his investigation by landmark actions: exhumation (June 2008), interviews in France of many witnesses (summer 2008 →), travel to Cork with Judge Dutartre (June 2009), EAW (February 2010), first “commission rogatoire” (October 2011) for interviewing in Ireland witnesses in presence of Irish Police representative, second “commission rogatoire” in Ireland (as soon as possible!), ...

3.3. **On a legal level,** Judge Gachon has to build a proper investigation file independently of the Garda file. It is what he is doing

3.4. **Judge Gachon’s decision** to deliver an order in one way or an other is based on convictions/conclusions drawn from his own investigations: no interference with Garda’s investigation

### 4. OUR ACTIONS ON THE PAST MONTHS AND THE NEXT FUTURE

4.1. **Black book,** French version, *L’affaire Sophie Toscan du Plantier, un déni de justice*, published on January 2014, Max Milo Publisher

4.2. **Appeal to EU** deputies, Brussels Commission, French Deputies, Senators, Ministers, President ... (February 2014)

4.3. **Black book,** English version, *Justice denied, Sophie Toscan du Plantier 23 December 1996*, to be published

4.4. **DPP’s Analysis of Evidence in the STP case (2000): an opposing point of view**, to be published

4.5. **Petition**, in due time, at the EU level to request Ireland to respect its commitments

4.6. **And further actions of increasing strength**