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### Ian Bailey passed away on 21 January 2024

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On January 21, 2024, Ian Bailey passed away, 27 years after the horrific murder committed in Ireland against Sophie Toscan du Plantier, born Bouniol.

The Paris Criminal Court sentenced him in absentia on May 31, 2019, to 25 years in prison for murder. Despite this trial and France's repeated requests for his extradition, Ian Bailey remained free, never facing charges from the Irish justice system.

Throughout these years, Ian Bailey refused to answer the questions of French investigators, entangling himself in lies and contradictions. Provoking and taunting the police, the judiciary, and the media, Ian Bailey always avoided telling the truth about this murder, of which, beyond any reasonable doubt, he knew every detail.

Irish judicial authorities never wanted to charge him or extradite him to France, in disregard of European commitments based on the principle of mutual trust between States, which Ireland signed and ratified.

With Bailey's death, Sophie's family and our association will never be able to obtain a confession from Ian Bailey.

**We continue our efforts for truth and justice. An investigation is underway in Ireland, and we are confident that the discovery of new elements, the hearing of new witnesses, and the revelation of possible complicity will enable Irish police to close the case, 27 years after the murder...**

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