

APPENDIX 7 - Plastic Sample Boxes & Details of Testing

Photographs of the three plastic boxes are on the Spreadsheets page of the website.

Box 1: (large polystyrene box with various seals – 4 visible) Dated 31/08/1997

There is no name on this box. A large label shows a list of nine samples, including one cardiac blood, plus a list of eight evaluation numbers and is stamped as resealed on **March 2nd 2001** by Pepin. Presumed openings of the box against the printed numbers.

19971026	Ricordel's evaluation on	01/09/1997
19971037	Pepin's 1st evaluation on	01/09/1997
19971042	Pepin's 2nd evaluation on	05/09/1997 (This was the HP2 sample)
19971043	Hair testing	31/08/1997 See Box 2.
19971044	Opened for possible blood test	04/09/1997 poss.
19971076	Hair & blood tests	09/09/1997 (Hair & Carbon monoxide)
19971077	Presumably on the first visit by gendarmes	10/02/2005 (Pepin split 2147)
19971078	Presumably on the second visit	09/03/2005 (2 sub-samples)

Box 2: (white plastic box with 2 seals visible on lid) Dated 31/08/1997

There is no name on this box, though some text is illegible. Another label is completely illegible. The box apparently contains *residue from analyses*. It is stamped to say it was resealed and the date appears to be March. Another label shows two evaluation numbers.

971043	Hair testing	31/08/1997 Must be when first labelled.
971076	Hair & blood tests	09/09/1997 (Hair & Carbon monoxide)

No photo of contents or list of original samples.

Box 3: (like an ice cream box with no seals) Dated 31/08/1997

This was inside the large polystyrene box above. No seals visible. '2147' Paul Henry' handwritten on box lid. Contained nine samples, including the one with '2147' on its cap. Opened on March 2nd 2001, to split the blood sample with '2147' on its cap into three for DNA testing. This was the genuine Henri Paul blood from the first autopsy. The '2147' was handwritten on its lid for future identification.

Box 1 was resealed at least four times. This polystyrene box is large enough to accommodate two smaller plastic boxes – Box 3, containing Henri Paul's genuine samples and Box 2 containing the XM samples from an unknown male, plus others.

Box 2 is apparently residue from analyses, but there was no analysis of Henri Paul's blood on August 31st 1997. The first tests were on September 1st. This is, therefore, the X M samples, which were destroyed in 1998.

Box 3 contained Henri Paul's tissue samples, plus the one blood sample with '2147' on its cap. These were kept separate and NOT tested, hence the only box with a name on its lid. The bottle with '2147' on its cap was photographed, still sealed, on September 8th. This was HP3.

Gendarmes seized four samples on 10/02/2005. On their second visit on 09/03/2005, they seized two sub-samples (split by Pépin on 02/03/2001) and on their third visit on 09/12/2005, they seized the remainder. Why did they wait nine months?

The three samples boxes were all dated 31/08/1997, before any testing was done. Although I call them evaluation numbers, the numbers must refer to opening, unsealing and labelling of the boxes and samples.

There is no photograph of the bottle with '2' on its cap from the alleged second autopsy, or the one with '1' on its cap, which was allegedly given to Operation Paget for DNA tests. This provides a further indication that those samples did not exist and genuine Henri Paul samples were used instead.

The boxes should also have been opened on September 8, 16, 17 & 18 1997 for CDT, spinal cord, urine and vitreous humor tests, but there is no record of these dates on the boxes.

Hair tests were apparently carried out on 31/08/97 and 09/09/97. These samples were kept in a separate cardboard box, labelled '971043 and 971076 HP do not open, do not destroy before 02/03/01'.

STATED DETAILS OF SAMPLE TESTING

Professor Ricordel

01/09/97 Blood 1.87 Ethanol (alcohol)

Dr Pépin

01/09/97	Blood	1.74 Ethanol	19971026
			Charts in Report dates 09/09.97
04/09/97	Blood	Qualitative only	19971044
		20.7 carbon monoxide	
04/09/97	Urine, vitreous humor, stomach contents		
05/09/97	Blood	results copied from earlier testing	
05/09/97	Hair	Insufficient to test	
08/09/97	Urine, vitreous humor, stomach contents		19971044
09/09/97	Blood	21.4 carbon monoxide	19971076
09/09/97	Blood	12.8 carbon monoxide	
16/09/97	Blood	CDT test 32 HI/I	
	Spinal Cord	Drugs found	
17/09/97	Hair	Insufficient to test	
18/09/97	Hair	Albendazole (Zentel), Prozac	