

Seated: the cumbersome suitcases of the sisters-in-law killer

The bodies of Djaouida and Fatma were discovered in suitcases at the bottom of a van belonging to their brother-in-law. Tamer Zaky is on trial in Nanterre, also prosecuted for raping his ex-wife, the third sister.

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For three years, this 53-year-old man has denied it, accusing Djaouida's in-laws for the first crime, and one of his employees hired on construction sites for the second. A clever strategist -- the accused is a chess player --, he may have difficulty convincing the jurors of his innocence. It was in his van that the body suitcases were discovered. It was indeed him that the CCTV filmed using the bank card of one of his victims at the ATM. He was also the last to have seen the two sisters, who disappeared in the same conditions.

On November 20, 2012, alongside his ex-wife Mimouna, Tamer Zaky was apparently worried about Fatma's disappearance. Mimouna is

consumed with anguish and faces the resurgence of the past: on February 12, 1999, her other sister, Djaouida, disappeared. Between Clichy and the 16th arrondissement of Paris, where she was supposed to move into a maid's room, while she had an appointment with her brother-in-law to buy furniture. At the time, Tamer Zaky spared no effort to feed investigators with false leads, while multiplying wanted posters, going so far as to participate in a television program for a new call for witnesses. The investigation had stalled and Djaouida had not reappeared.

Nearly fourteen years later, history is repeating itself. Fatma, then 57 years old, did not return to her small apartment near the Porte de Clichy. Her daughter and sister Mimouna do not believe in voluntary disappearance: handicapped by multiple sclerosis, Fatma rarely goes out. For this second disappearance, suspicions fell on Tamer Zaky when a trace of the victim's blood was found on one of the shoes he was wearing on November 20, the last to have seen it. They are reinforced when his face appears in front of the ATM from which he tries to withdraw €1,000 with his sister-in-law's card, three hours after her disappearance. At the time of his arrest on November 23, the suspect had about twenty keys to the box and cars. Two weeks later, one of the keys opened a van belonging to Tamer Zaky parked near the building in Clichy. Inside, two suitcases placed on top of each other. One is the one that disappeared from Fatma's room the day the unfortunate woman evaporated. His body is enclosed in a fetal position. The autopsy confirmed that it was indeed Fatma, who had been strangled to death. The second piece of luggage contained bones, the expert reports showed that they were the remains of Djaouida, whose causes of death remained undetermined. Two sisters reunited

in the horror of a death probably inflicted by the husband of the third.
The alleged murderer faces life imprisonment.