

Libel Trial McCann v Gonçalo Amaral - Day 3 Witness No 3

The testimony as it happened...

(19.09.2013, 14:45pm) **Alípio Ribeiro** via video-conference. In 2007 he was the National Director of the Polícia Judiciária (PJ). He left the PJ in May 2008, i.e. before the end of the investigation and obtained the status of Deputy AG (*Procurador Geral Adjunto*). He now works as a Ministry Inspector.

– The Judge, Maria Emília de Melo e Castro, asks him if he is aware of what the court is judging?
– AR says he knows through the media.

– The judge asks about his knowledge of the case?

AR says that he was aware of it, but had no part in it since that responsibility fell to the Faro PJ Director, Guilhermino da Encarnação. He says he is aware of the content of the AG Report only through the media.

– The judge asks whether he has met the McCanns?

AR says "never".

– The judge asks if he knows Gonçalo Amaral?

AR says he knows Doctor Amaral (sic), but had rare contacts with him and exclusively on a professional basis.

1) McCann family lawyer, Isabel Duarte, is the only lawyer to question the witness.

ID asks whether AR read the Amaral book?

AR answers "no".

ID asks whether AR watched the documentary?

AR answers he did not watch it.

Nobody has anything further to add.

Evidence ends.