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## The autopsy revealed that Denise Pikka Thiem was beaten to death

### Family complains about the lack of news

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**USPA NEWS** - The death of American Denise Pikka Thiem, 40, in the Camino de Santiago in the north of Spain, is still shrouded in some mystery. So far declaration by the only one arrested for his alleged involvement in the death of the pilgrim was known, but the autopsy belies its version.

Denise's family is still waiting the Spanish authorities will hand over the body of the pilgrim, who disappeared on April 5 in the Camino de Santiago in the province of Leon, in northwestern Spain, and whose body was found in advanced state of decomposition, September 12. On several occasions they have approached the Spanish Minister of Justice, Rafael Catala, asking them to hand over the body in order to repatriate to the United States and bury it as a necessary step for the match. But the Spanish Government has only responded that continue the body forensic tests and delivery to the family may take several weeks.

Meanwhile, the investigation into the circumstances in which it occurred the death of American pilgrim remains open. So far, the only version of events was offered by the only detainee by the facts, Miguel Angel Munoz, who he blamed himself for the crime but told Police and the judge that Denise Pikka Thiem died accidentally hit in the head, after fall after being hit. However, the autopsy, which has transcended now, denies that version.

Forensic experts say the US pilgrim died following a brutal beating. In his report, they said that "the body was found at 00.40 am on 12 September. He was completely naked and hid in some bushes. In prone position, his head turned to the left, legs bent and folded upper extremities under the body. The absence of both hands is appreciated. Can not be ruled out by the action of scavengers or traumatic amputation postmortem."

They add that the body "has broken jaw with tooth loss" and said the hair was tangled, had traces of blood, sticks and mud, and was in the process of putrefaction. Forensic observed injuries consistent "with no bone fracture fragments to flake temporal level radiating to the skull base affecting temporary rock, right orbit and maxilla. Fracture of right ramus, mandibular body fracture left medial level and right occipital fracture." Besides, she had several broken ribs and "a fracture of the laryngeal cartilage."

The autopsy report will be submitted to the Court, which will incorporate the instruction of the case. At the moment, according to legal sources, no date for the family to recover the body of Denise. Meanwhile, the family criticizes the lack of response from the Spanish Minister of Justice and the way research is being carried. They ask to be delivered to the body Pikka Denise Thiem can rest in peace ... and family too.

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