

DNA does not match kidnap suspect

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LISBON, Portugal - Investigators in Portugal say DNA found in the bedroom of a missing British girl does not match that of the only identified suspect in the case.

The Instituto Nacional de Medicina Legal compared samples from Madeleine McCann and her parents, brother and sister with one from Robert Murat, who lives with his mother near the McCanns' apartment, The Times of London reported. Portugal has no DNA database, but investigators plan to give British police a sample for checking there.

"In other words, we can not make any connection between the material collected and the suspects we actually have," a source in the institute said. "The evidence is very vague and doesn't serve to sustain the accusations against the only arquido (official suspect) which exists in the case."

Madeleine McCann vanished a month ago while her parents ate dinner at a restaurant within sight of the apartment. They left the 4-year-old girl and her twin 2-year-old siblings asleep in the same room.

Kate and Gerry McCann, both doctors who live in Leicestershire, have asked investigators to consider possible links between their daughter's disappearance and similar child abductions in Spain and Portugal.

They traveled to Madrid Friday to publicize the possibility, The Liverpool Daily Post reported.

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