

'Forget me' urges innocent detainee

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For 24 hours he was held by Scottish police after being mistaken for France's most wanted fugitive at Glasgow Airport.

Now he just wants to get on with his life. "I have nothing to say, ***forget*** me," he told Le Parisien newspaper after his ordeal.

The man, a pensioner, does not want any publicity over his detention when his easyJet flight from Paris landed in Scotland but a blame-game has already begun over how he came to be on the radar of officers looking for Xavier Dupont de Ligonnes, who is wanted over the killing of five family members in 2011.

A French police spokesman said that French and Scottish investigators have determined the fingerprints of the detained man did not match those of missing suspect Xavier Dupont de Ligonnes.

The de Ligonnes family disappeared in April 2011. Police later discovered five bodies with gunshot wounds buried outside their home in the western city of Nantes.

Xavier Dupont de Ligonnes was the only family member never found, and became the chief suspect and French police have been searching for him ever since.

Police Scotland said the arrest was made at Glasgow Airport on Friday "following information provided to police" and that the man has since been released.

A spokesperson said: "He was held in police custody in connection with a European arrest warrant issued by the French authorities. He has been released."

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