

Expert testimony regarding case B 1402-05 R 12 given by Olof Flodmark on July 6, 2005

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I, the undersigned have been appointed by the Court of Appeal for Western Sweden as an expert witness in the above case.

Qualifications

I am an authorized Swedish medical practitioner. I received my basic training as a physician at the University of Lund, where I received my licentiate and qualified in 1972. I did my specialist training at Linköping Regional Hospital and became a specialist in diagnostic radiology in 1977. After that I studied for an additional three years in Toronto, Canada, after which the National Swedish Board of Health and Welfare [Socialstyrelsen] granted me a specialist degree in both neuro-radiology and in paediatric and juvenile radiology. I received my doctorate in medicine in 1981 from the Karolinska Institute. I served as a paediatric neuro-radiologist at a level corresponding to that of a consultant during the years 1981-89 at British Columbia Children's Hospital. This post was combined with that of a professorship in radiology at the University of British Columbia. I returned to Sweden and Stockholm in 1989 accepting the post of consultant paediatric neuro-radiologist at Karolinska Hospital. Since 1991 I have been head of the Neuro-radiological clinic, Karolinska University Hospital in Solna. I am an associate professor in paediatric neuro-radiology at Karolinska Institute. I have published more than 110 scientific articles and book chapters, and have given about 300 scientific lectures at various international meetings.

Background material

My expert testimony is based on the written information as well as autopsy pictures that have been supplied to me. The documentation consists of the following:

- The District Court verdict including the description of the criminal act
- The appeal to the Court of Appeal
- The autopsy report dated 2004-12-08
- Copies of the medical records from Queen Silvia's Children's hospital.
- Photographs of the brain taken during the autopsy
- The task of an expert witness

In a ruling dated 2005-03-15, the Court of Appeal for West Sweden asked me to give my expert opinion on the following points:

- The chronology of the violent event and the death that occurred
- The cause of the symptoms displayed by the baby on the 1st and 2nd September 2004
- Possible causal relationship between the older and newer injuries.