

represented the family at the inquest, asked Rodrigues how Timol, 1.6m tall, could have "dived" – as Rodrigues claimed – through a window of which the sill was one metre high? The magistrate admonished Maisels for asking "unfair questions".

On April 30 1996, Hava, Timol's mother, appealed to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission to "find" her son's killers.

None of the policemen responsible for arresting Timol or interrogating him – Captain Johannes Hendrik Gloy, Captain Richard Bean, who is dead, Captain Johannes Z van Niekerk, or Rodrigues – applied to the TRC for amnesty, nor did they ever testify before the TRC.

In 2001, Cajee met Piers Pigou, the TRC investigator of the Timol case. He also made contact with Gloy, Timol's chief interrogator, now 68, who lives in Pretoria. Gloy ultimately refused to meet him on grounds of "ill health".

Cajee also established that in the TRC file there was a note that Rodrigues should be subpoenaed. But at about that time Pigou resigned from the TRC, and the subpoena was never served.

Cajee told the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) that Gloy and the rest had never applied for amnesty and that none of the policemen had been subpoenaed. He said last year in his book: "The NPA has registered the case and are waiting for me to provide them with more evidence.."

And he said this week: "All of us in the Timol family are waiting for closure and we appeal to the NPA to help us."

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