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L.A. pathologist to get Wienckowski case evidence

The West Coast forensic pathologist hired by the family of Amanda L. Wienckowski will be getting crime scene and autopsy material on which to base a conclusion about what killed the young woman, the family's lawyer said Wednesday.

As a result, the family is "one step closer to justice for Amanda and one step closer to catching the killer," Steven M. Cohen said after the hourlong session that he and attorneys for the city and the county had with State Supreme Court Justice Gerald J. Whalen.

DNA documents, photos of the crime scene and the autopsy and related documents will be sent to Los Angeles forensic pathologist Silvia O. Comparini later this week, Cohen said. However, her conclusion on what killed Wienckowski remains weeks away.

Meanwhile, Cohen said, he remains "absolutely" confident someone will be prosecuted in the death.

The frozen and naked body of Wienckowski, 20, was found in a garbage tote outside a church on Buffalo's East Side on Jan. 9, 2009.
