

May 21, 1997, Wednesday

HEADLINE: MARION COUSIN'S QUIZ HELL;

Court hears how James Campbell's garden was dug up after his cousin Marion Ross's body was found

Police dug up the garden of Marion Ross's cousin after her body was found, a court heard yesterday.

James Campbell, 51, was quizzed for 12 hours when his fingerprints were found in her house.

He went to the house in Irvine Road, Kilmarnock, after Marion, 51, was found with scissors sticking in her throat, it was claimed.

Fiona Davies, prosecuting, told the High Court in Glasgow Campbell had initially been a prime suspect.

She asked him: "How did you feel?"

Mr Campbell of Bellfield, Kilmarnock, said: "I don't know how I felt. My wife took it very badly."

Asked about his fingerprint found on the door next to the body, he said: "I don't remember touching the door."

His brother, William, 47, of Galston, Ayrshire, said he was quizzed when prints were found on a vacuum cleaner he'd fixed.

David Asbury, of Kilbirmie, denies murder and robbery. He has lodged a special defence of alibi. The trial goes on.