

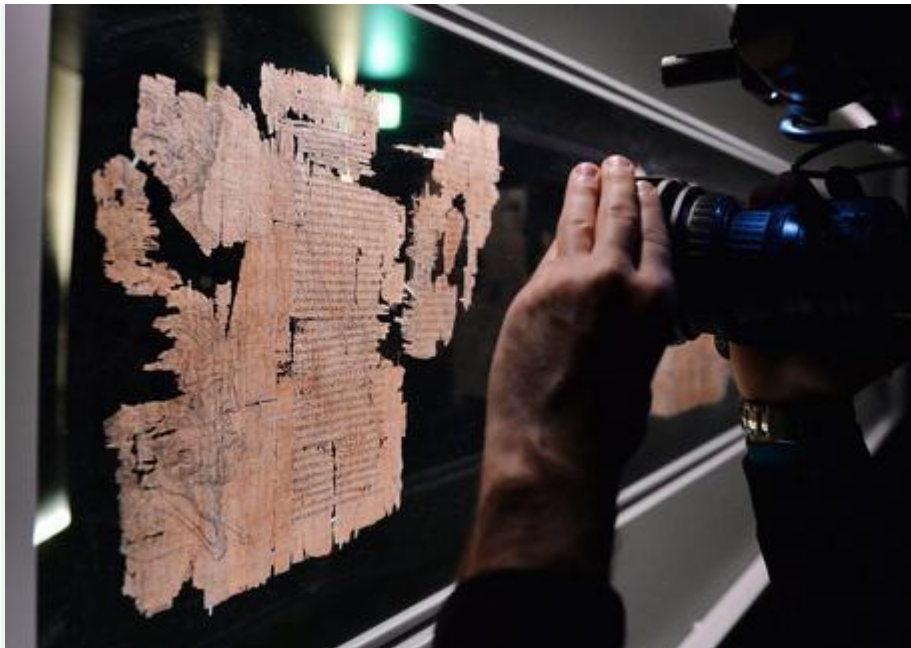
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Artemidorus papyrus is a fake - probe

But case against man who sold papers for millions has timed out



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(ANSA) - Turin, December 10 - The Artemidorus papyrus, papers that were considered of huge value after being attributed to ancient Greek geographer Artemidorus of Ephesus, is a forgery, according to studies compiled in an investigation by Turin prosecutors, sources said Monday. The probe was into alleged fraud by Serop Simonian, who in 2004 managed to sell the piece to the 2.75 million euros to the Compagnia San Paolo Art Foundation.

The fraud, however, is set to go unpunished.

The prosecutors have requested the case be shelved as the statute of limitations has expired.