

# Disappearance of Madeleine McCANN in Praia da Luz, Portugal, on 03/05/2007 – call for witnesses

## MURDER

### **BKA and Braunschweig Public Prosecutor's Office are conducting investigative proceedings for suspected murder against a German suspect**

On 03/05/2007, then 3-year-old Madeleine (Maddie) Beth McCANN disappeared without a trace from a hotel complex in Praia da Luz, Portugal.

In this connection, on behalf of Braunschweig Public Prosecutor's Office, the Bundeskriminalamt is conducting investigative proceedings for suspected murder against a 43-year-old German national currently in detention in a different matter.

The suspect lived more or less permanently in the Algarve between 1995 and 2007. For several years, he lived in a house between Lagos and Praia da Luz, among other places. He had several occasional jobs, among other things in the gastronomy business, in the Lagos area in this time period. In addition, there is information suggesting that he also earned his living by committing criminal offences, such as burglaries of hotel complexes and holiday flats as well as trafficking in narcotic drugs.

Furthermore, the suspect was sentenced on numerous occasions to prison terms for sexual abuse of children in the past. This fact is probably not known to most of the contact persons.

The investigating authorities know of several vehicles used by him, his points of contact and a Portuguese mobile phone number.

The Bundeskriminalamt and Braunschweig Public Prosecutor's Office ask for your assistance in further clarifying the circumstances of the offence.

**For information that leads to the investigation of the deed, a reward of € 10,000 is awarded. \***

## DETAILS IN CONNECTION WITH THE SEARCHES

### Personal details

- Nationality: German
- Sex: male
- Age: 43 years

## FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE SEARCHES

- Time of offence: 03/05/2007
- Place of offence: Praia da Luz, Portugal

In order to clarify the circumstances of the offence, it is of particular importance to establish the actual whereabouts of the suspect at the presumed time of offence (between 21:10 hrs and 22:00 hrs on the day of the offence).

At the time in question, the suspect used a dark coloured Jaguar XJR 6. We do not hold any information on the specific registration of the vehicle before the offence was committed. The last known registration after the day of the offence was a city of Augsburg registration. He also used a white and yellow VW T3 Westfalia with a Portuguese registration. There is information suggesting that he may have used one of these vehicles to commit the offence.

In addition, he almost certainly used the Portuguese mobile phone number + 351 912 730 680 in the time period in question. On 03/05/2007, there was a phone call with a so far unidentified person in the area of Praia da Luz at the material time. The conversation partner used the Portuguese phone number + 351 916 510 683. The user of this number is considered an important witness, but was not staying in the area at the time of the call.

## THE BUNDESKRIMINALAMT AND BRAUNSCHWEIG PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE ASK FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE:

- Can you provide information on the vehicles used by the suspect and/or have you seen the vehicles in the beginning of May 2007? Do you know where these vehicles were parked in the aforementioned time period?
- Can you provide information on the above-mentioned telephone numbers and/or the persons using these numbers in May 2007?
- Can you provide information on the houses and rooms in the photographs or on other points of contact?

- Did you also stay in the Algarve in the beginning of May 2007 and do you still have image material, such as holiday photographs and videos, from that time?
- Did you have contact with persons who have links to the vehicles, buildings and telephone numbers shown? Can you provide information on their whereabouts in the beginning of May 2007?
- Have you yourself possibly been the victim of an offence committed by this person?
- Furthermore, there is reason to assume that there are other persons, apart from the suspect, who have concrete knowledge of the course of the crime and maybe also of the place where the body was left. We explicitly ask these persons to contact us and provide information.

Upon request, it is also possible to check whether this information can be treated as confidential!

**Photographs and videos can be uploaded to the BKA-Hinweisportal (reporting platform) at [bka.hinweisportal.de](http://bka.hinweisportal.de).**

### Detailed information on the vehicles:

**Vehicle 1:** Jaguar XJR 6

**Colour:** Dark red / yellow

**Registration number** The last know registration after the day of the offence was a city of Augsburg registration

**Whereabouts** The whereabouts of the vehicle are known

**Vehicle 2** VW T3 Westfalia

**Colour:** White / yellow

**Registration number** In May 2007, the vehicle carried Portuguese number plates

**Whereabouts** The whereabouts of the vehicle are known

**Please note:** The suspect was not the vehicle keeper. The vehicle keeper can be ruled out as a suspect.

We kindly ask you to contact the Bundeskriminalamt at phone number + 49 (0) 611 / 55 -18444 or any other police office should you have any information.

*\* The award and distribution of the reward will be decided with the exclusion of legal recourse. The reward is intended only for private individuals not involved in the crime and not for public officials whose professional duties include the prosecution of criminal offences.*

## **YOU HAVE INFORMATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE SEARCHES?**

Please contact us by e-mail. Send [E-Mail](#)

### **Office in charge of the matter:**

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You can also contact any other police office to provide information.