

# British Police

Involved are [Leicestershire Police](#) and the [Metropolitan Police](#), where [Operation Grange](#) is situated.

Both Police organisations were criticised because of some unusual behaviour in and around the McCann-Case. See links for further informations.

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→[Daily Mail \(28-Oct.-2007\)](#) [McCanns 'are hiding a big secret', former police chief claims](#): “Kate and Gerry McCann are hiding a “big secret” about the disappearance of their daughter [Madeleine](#), according a former police chief claims. **John Stalker**, who headed a famous inquiry into whether suspected IRA men were killed by RUC officers, is suspicious of their silence. The former **Deputy Chief Constable of Greater Manchester Police** told the Sunday Express: “*My gut instinct is that **some big secret is probably being covered up**. I have watched the investigation into the Madeleine McCann case drag out for six months. One thing above all worries me: Why have the McCanns and the seven other members of their group – the Tapas Nine – remained so silent? Unlike other high-profile cases I have worked on, not one of them has been prepared to break ranks or really come out and support each other. After all this time and pressure, I cannot believe that nobody wants to speak. I have a real suspicion that we are not being told the whole truth. **There is something else there**, some issue that members of the party are embarrassed about” ”*

→[Daily Star \(01-July.-2012\)](#), [Madeleine McCann: Key files into probe kept top secret to avoid Portugal row](#): “CRUCIAL files relating to Madeleine McCann’s disappearance are being kept secret by the Government to avoid a diplomatic war with Portugal - They contain discussions between [Home Office](#) - officials and the [Met](#) over vital information on the case. But **Home Secretary Theresa May** and her staff have spent the past nine months **preventing the Daily Star Sunday from obtaining the papers**. They said there would be “*specific detriment to the UK’s relationship with Portugal*” if the four files were released. Ms May also claimed disclosure of three of the documents would “*stifle discussion*” between officials. But we understand the papers may show a **difference of opinion between the Home Office and Met officers**, who are [reviewing the files](#) on Madeleine’s 2007 disappearance in Praia da Luz. The Met review was ordered last year after pressure from the Home Office and [David Cameron](#). ...Our first **request for the documents [FOIA] was made last September but the Home Office turned us down**. We appealed but again the Home Office decided **secrecy was more important**. Last week, after more than five months’ deliberation, the Information Commissioner ruled in the Home Office’s favour but informed us we can now appeal to an Information Tribunal. Its response said: “*The documents contained information provided to the UK in - confidence by Portuguese officials and internal discussions between the Home Office and the - Metropolitan Police Service of such information.*”...”

→[Irish Mirror \(03-July-2014\)](#), [Madeleine McCann UK cops slammed by Portuguese politician for “using and abusing” his officers](#): “Former **Portuguese Home Secretary Rui Pereira** claimed Portuguese authorities have been ‘subservient’ to the UK...The article in Portuguese daily newspaper Correio da Manhã by the former minister, who is now a university lecturer, followed claims by a source close to the investigation that this week’s four day operation in Faro had failed to produce a new lead. The source said: “*We’re back where we were seven years ago.*” All four men who were interviewed this

week are being treated as "*persons of special interest*" or arguidos. They were invited to be interviewed but there have been no arrests...."

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