

Timetable Skripals at the bench

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1 - The Skripals at Zizzi and Mill Pub

March 6, 2018

Sunday 2.30pm: A seafood lunch that ended with a bust-up over the bill

Sergei Skripal and his daughter Yulia, 33, left his neat, red brick £350,000 semi detached in Salisbury and made their way to **Zizzi** in the city centre, less than two miles away.

The restaurant, in Castle Street, was busy when they arrived, but **they declined the seats offered to them at the front, instead selecting ones at the back, close to the kitchen.**

They began with a **starter of garlic bread to share followed by two glasses of white wine.**

They ordered from the menu, choosing the 600 calorie **risotto pesce with king prawns, mussels and squid rings in a tomato, chilli and white wine sauce.**

But within minutes Mr Skripal had become angry, **a witness** said. *‘I think he was swearing in Russian,’* said the man, who did not want to be named.

‘She was just sitting there quietly, and didn’t really say anything. They were both smartly dressed, she was in a black coat. They were speaking to each other in Russian.’

He said Mr Skripal appeared annoyed that their main course had taken 20 minutes to arrive – and appeared in a hurry to leave.

„He was going absolutely crazy, I didn’t understand it and I couldn’t understand him.

They had not been seen for a little while by the front of house staff, but I think it was more than that. He just wanted his food and to go. He was just shouting and losing his temper. I would have asked him to leave. He just said “I want my food and my bill”.

The waiter took him the bill at the same time as the main course, which was unusual.

I don’t think they paid all of the bill. I think they were given a discount because he was so angry and agitated. He had to wait about 20 minutes for his main course.

I think it was easier for the staff just to give him money to leave as he was so angry.

They were sitting by themselves at the back of the restaurant but I think people were pleased when they left.

They were only there for about 45 minutes. It was a quick lunch. He just wanted to get out of there. She was silent, perhaps embarrassed.”

He added: *‘He didn’t seem to have to wait long for his food. I noticed him first because they were*

sitting by themselves, and because he was an older man with a younger woman, and because he was losing his temper. He didn't seem ill physically, but perhaps mentally ill with the way he was shouting."

The witness said other than appearing angry, there was no sign that either of them were ill.

'They weren't poisoned at Zizzi. I saw the chef prepare the food,' he said.

'No one could have sneaked in and added anything to his food there, the kitchen is open. The drinks are made at the bar which is by the door, but I think it is unlikely. No one could get to him.'

Their total food bill – for the risotto, garlic bread and wine, would have been £39.25, or £31.40 with a 20 per cent discount.

After **paying by card** Mr Skripal and his daughter left Zizzi.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-5470455/How-poisoned-spy-plot-unfolded-Salisbury.html>

March 8 2018

Kris Smith, 28, a regular, said the pub [Mill Pub] was quiet on Sunday afternoon but he had not noticed Mr Skripal, who he had seen there a couple of time before, as he was watching football on television.

"He would have been there the same time as me, there were about three people at the pool table, four downstairs and there were five upstairs," Mr Smith said. "I've seen him before on his own two to three times normally on his own at the bar."

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/russian-spy-sergei-skripal-was-easy-to-find-at-pub-restaurant-or-railway-club-t80jfbjxm>

March 9, 2018

The poisoned Russian spy was **unsteady on his feet** in a pub less than an hour before he was found collapsed, a witness has revealed.

Sergei Skripal went for a drink with his daughter at 3pm at The Mill in Salisbury after eating at a Zizzi Italian restaurant.

In the pub, they ordered two glasses of wine before Mr Skripal went to use the toilet. **The witness**, who did not want to be named, said that when he returned he appeared as if he was drunk.

He said Mr Skripal and his daughter Yulia then left immediately without finishing their drinks.

'I didn't really notice them when they came in,' he said. 'They got their drinks from the bar and sat down. After a short time the man went to use the toilet. They are upstairs. I noticed him when he came back down as he wasn't walking properly.'

'He looked like he was drunk. I thought the staff might have to ask him to leave.'

'He came back to the table and didn't sit down, he and the woman just left straight away.'

'It was strange, but it makes you wonder now if the poison was starting to take effect then.'

Mr Skripal and Yulia were found in a 'catatonic' state on a bench around the corner from the pub just after 4pm, and rushed to hospital.

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-5483879/Sleepy-cul-sac-house-Britains-biggest-crime-scene.html>

March 13

As further details of Col Skripal's movements emerged, a source close to **Greg Townsend**, **manager of The Mill**, revealed that he served the Russians last **Sunday afternoon** and had since been treated like a "terror suspect", interviewed by police up to eight times last week.

He said **The Mill had 12 CCTV cameras**, covering the large open-plan bar area as well as the upstairs balcony and lavatories overlooking it.

„The pub has obviously remained closed for more than a week and the cordon widened, but Greg feels like he has been kept completely in the dark, they're not telling him anything.

He actually served them. He's had a bit of a time of it all and is a pending terror suspect.

He certainly said he's being treated like one. He's had around eight police interviews."

The source said the CCTV cameras covered the whole bar and had been seized by police.

“Skripal and his daughter sat just to the right of the front door. One of the young bar staff who was on a break sat really near them and has also been interviewed.”

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2018/03/13/salisbury-car-park-ticket-machine-cordoned-expert-warns-dusty/>

At a certain time the Skripals left the Mill Pub (Zizzi = official narrativ) and were found collapsed on the bench in The Maltings. We are not told what happend in the meantime. No CCTV was released. No description of the Skripals was given. But some suspicious events took place in the meantime :

15:00 GMT

The masked man

The Mail on Sunday has learned that officers are investigating claims that an **'aggressive' masked man** was seen acting suspiciously in the area shortly before Mr Skripal and his daughter collapsed. **A witness told detectives** he saw a man with a black mask covering his nose and mouth acting suspiciously around 3pm.

The man, who asked not to be named, told The Mail on Sunday he saw the man after he had been out for Sunday lunch with his partner and his parents across the street.

He said: *'We all left together at 3pm and we were walking back into the Maltings to go back to our car when we all saw this man looking very strange and suspicious walking towards us. He had on black skinny jeans, a black hoodie pulled up over his head and he had this strange looking mask over his face. It had black with a white pattern on it. You could only see his dark eyes and forehead. He had a dark complexion. He looked threatening and aggressive and he was walking towards us with purpose. He gave me a stern look as he passed us by the Works which is about 100 yards from the bench where they found the Russians.'*

The witness, who works as a pest controller, contacted police on Wednesday.

He added: *'I rang the police because it was niggling away at me that we had seen this suspicious man less than an hour before this man and his daughter were found on the bench. There was something not right about him. It wasn't cold, I was out without a coat, so it didn't make sense that he had his hood up and face covered.'*

Police contacted the man yesterday and said they would be back in touch to take a formal statement but declined to comment publicly.

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-5487305/Health-bosses-tell-500-people-wash-possession.html>

15:40 GMT

The masked woman

'Odd' woman wearing black surgical mask spotted in Salisbury at time of Russian spy poisoning

By Martin Fricker, Adam Aspinall, Steve Robson

A woman wearing a black surgical mask was spotted in Salisbury metres from where poisoned Russian spy Sergei Skripal and his daughter collapsed.

Witness Mark Francis says he reported the strange sighting to Wiltshire Police as the hunt for clues continues.

Now car dealer Mr Francis has come forward to report seeing an "odd" woman near to the scene at the time of the attack.

He told the Daily Mail: *"We were in the town centre in Pret a Manger. We were in there at 3.35pm and I was sitting by the door and this lady walked out at 3.40pm.*

She was wearing a Sars mask, a black Sars mask tucked around her chin and a bag in her hand. It was really odd as you don't often see someone wearing a Sars mask in Salisbury. We don't get

smog or pollution. When it became a chemical attack it sounded more likely that it could be significant."

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/odd-woman-wearing-black-surgical-12176198>

15:47 GMT

CCTV Snap Fitness of an unidentified couple with a red bag

It is not clear when the Skripals were confronted, **having left a branch of Italian restaurant chain Zizzi between 2pm and 3pm.**

After leaving the restaurant, they are thought to have gone to a nearby pub called The Mill.

They were then seen walking through a shopping precinct and found on a bench overlooking the Avon shortly after 4pm.

3.47PM Spotted on CCTV holding hands before being found 'looking homeless' on bench

After paying by card the couple left and were later spotted on CCTV walking hurriedly down an alleyway connecting Zizzi and The Maltings and the bench where they were later found.

In the footage, from cameras at a gym, the pair appear to be walking briskly along the street holding hands, and show no signs of any illness. Not the Skripals !

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-5470361/Detectives-fear-Russian-spy-sprayed-poison-street.html>

An unidentified man and a woman spotted strolling in the alleyway close to the bench where Skripal was poisoned are likely to be of intense police interest. The woman has blond hair and was holding a large scarlet bag. CCTV captured them around the time Skripal collapsed.

The man appears much thinner than Skripal, who was recorded on CCTV on 27 February, buying milk and lottery scratchcards from a local shop, Bargain Stop.

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2018/mar/07/russian-spy-police-appeal-for-witnesses-as-cobra-meeting-takes-place>

As they passed Snap Fitness, a gym at the end of the precinct at 3.47pm, they were captured briefly on CCTV. Both glanced over towards the camera, **Colonel Skripal wearing a green jacket and his daughter in blue jeans and carrying a large red bag.**

As they emerged into the drizzle the pair crossed a small bridge into The Maltings shopping precinct before sitting down almost immediately on a nearby bench. Ten minutes later, at 4.03pm, **Freya Church**, 27, who works at Snap Fitness, was caught on CCTV leaving the gym, following in their footsteps over the bridge.

Cain Prince, the manager of Snap Fitness, said police examined the CCTV footage on Monday, paying particular interest to the couple with the red bag. *"These people were the only ones police were interested in,"* he told The Telegraph. *"They said he was wearing a green coat and took a picture of them and they asked for details of all staff who were in between 3pm and 4pm on Sunday."*

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2018/03/06/did-treacherous-past-russian-colonel-finally-catch-salisbury/>

<https://firenewsfeed.com/news/1246366>

Why was the police not interested in the Skripals ?

Because they knew the Skripals reached the bench not through Market Walk ?

CCTV has emerged today believing to show the pair behind a restaurant yards from where they were found in a "catatonic state".

The clip shows a man and woman walking in an alleyway which connects the Zizzi and the bench where the Sergei and Yulia were discovered "poisoned".

Police took away an image, shot at about 3.45pm on Sunday from a camera at Snap Fitness 24/7, according to the gym's manager.

Cain Prince, 28, said: *"Police had a good look at the footage and were interested in these two people. It was the only image they took away. They wanted a list of everyone in the gym between 3pm and 4pm as well."*

Mr Prince added **police said Skripal was "wearing a green coat"**.

<https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/5735015/russian-spy-sergei-skripal-zizzi-poison-trail-salisbury/>

Which couple saw Freya Church on the bench ?

There were endless discussions in Blogmire which couple Freya Church saw at the bench : The couple of Market Walk CCTV or indeed the Skripals.

It's simply impossible that she recognized Sergei from photos in the news and at the same time claim it were 100% the couple on CCTV. Only one variante can be true !

Freya gave interviews on March 5 and 6, 2018 and never appeared again in public.

She simply refused to be interviewed again – a fact that is quite strange.

So it's everyones own guess what variante to believe :

But just 16 minutes later, personal trainer **Freya Church**, 27, came across them slumped on a bench. She said they seemed 'out of it' and assumed they were on drugs.

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<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-5470361/Detectives-fear-Russian-spy-sprayed-poison-street.html>

Freya Church said:

I just finished training and I walked out of the gym and there were a couple outside on a bench. It was a young, blonde and pretty girl and it was definitely the man that's been pictured in the news – the guy that's a spy.

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/live/2018/mar/06/russian-spy-incident-counter-terrorist-police-investigate-live-updates?page=with:block-5a9e6ca4e4b091caf4df7d15#liveblog-navigation>

Witness **Freya Church**, 27, who later spotted the pair 'slumped' and 'passed out' on the bench, said the couple pictured in the **CCTV images** released today were *„100%' the people she saw slumped on the bench on Sunday.“*

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-5467051/Was-Russian-spy-poisoned-Zizzi.html>

Shown the **CCTV footage** of a couple walking past the gym towards the bench just 15 minutes earlier, **Ms Church** said it was *“definitely them, 100per cent.”*

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2018/03/06/did-treacherous-past-russian-colonel-finally-catch-salisbury/>

Freya Church, 27, who spotted the pair "slumped" and "passed out", **said the couple in the CCTV image were "100%" the people she saw on Sunday.**

<http://www.salisburyjournal.co.uk/news/16067474.live-russian-former-spy-fights-for-life-after-he-was-deliberately-poisoned-with-nerve-agent-in-attempted-murder-in-salisbury>

My colleague Steve Morris has sent some further details on the timeline of events on Sunday.

3.47pm

A CCTV camera at Snap Fitness captures two people believed to be Skripal and his daughter.

They are apparently walking normally.

4.03pm

The same camera catches Freya Church, a personal trainer. She turns left out of the gym and sees in front of her Skripal and the woman on the bench. She said the woman had passed out and the man was behaving strangely.

Approx 4.15pm

Emergency services are called. **The woman is airlifted to hospital; Skripal is taken by road.** That means there was a gap of 16 minutes between when the couple walked past the gym CCTV camera and when Church saw them in great distress.

Police will want to know what prompted them to stop at the bench. Were they feeling ill or did they just stop to enjoy the mild afternoon? According to the Met Office, most of last week's snow had cleared by then and it was becoming milder – around 10C. The bench, next to the river Avon, would have been a good place to pause. **Hello MET – you have it all on CCTV !**

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/live/2018/mar/06/russian-spy-incident-counter-terrorist-police-investigate-live-updates?page=with:block-5a9e6ca4e4b091caf4df7d15#liveblog-navigation>

2 - Summary of witness reports at the bench (different media)

I have assigned each witness the approximate time of arrival.

My criteria is how they describe the state of the Skripals.

There was a certain development of the symptoms :

- **Both conscious (Sergei making strange movements)**
- **Yulia unconscious, slumped on Sergei's shoulder**
- **Yulia eyes wide open, foaming**
- **Yulia put in the recovery position**
- **Sergei in catatonic state**
- **Sergei fitting, throwing up**

Other criteria : Nobody near the Skripals, a lot of people with umbrellas, police arrive, ambulance arrive, cordon in place.

16:00 GMT

G&T's card shop closes

Gary Newman, owner of G&T's : *"It has been weird seeing the shop featured on the news, but we have not been allowed to go anywhere near it."*

Gary, who has owned the business for 20 years, has been pursued by national press, with journalists turning up at his home in hope of gleaning some extra information. *"I have told them that we know less than them. All I want is for the investigations to be over so we can get trading again."*

The staff of G&T's greeting card shop closed up last Sunday afternoon at 4pm and left the store by the back door.

<https://www.pgbuzz.net/salisbury-card-shop-gts-finds-itself-in-the-middle-of-former-russian-spy-and-his-daughter-poisoning/>

16:00 GMT

Olly Field

Russian spy Sergei Skripal and his daughter were looking "strung out" and dazed moments before they passed out, a witness said today.

Bathroom fitter **Olly Field**, 30, had been exercising in **Snap Fitness 24/7**, a gym overlooking the scene in Salisbury, at about **4pm** on Sunday.

He said he saw Mr Skripal and a blonde woman, believed to be his daughter Yulia, 33, sitting on a bench *"staring into space"*, with the woman stroking the man's arm.

Mr Field said: *"I walked past them and saw them on the bench. I thought they were strung out on*

heroin. They were whacked out. *The girl had blonde hair and was stroking the older man's arm, like she was stroking a cat. They were both sat there staring into space. It looked like they were hallucinating. There was no one going to help them, everyone thought they were chilling out. They were out of it. I didn't think twice really, he looked too old to be with her."*

<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/uk/russian-spy-sergei-skripal-and-daughter-poisoned-by-very-rare-toxic-substance-a3783861.html>

16:02 GMT

Dan Holmes

Dan Holmes, who walked past them just after 4pm, said: *"The man was holding the woman with his head up and eyes closed. He was talking to himself as if he was praying."*

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2018/mar/08/russian-spy-new-photo-police-sergei-skripal>

16:03 GMT

Georgia Pridham

Georgia Pridham, 25, had been for a hen do lunch and was walking back to her friend's car when she saw the couple slumped on a bench.

She told the Telegraph: *"He was quite smartly dressed, which caught my eye. He had his palms up to the sky as if he was shrugging and was staring at the building in front of him.*

*He had a woman sat next to him on the bench who was slumped on his shoulder. She looked grey and **had her hood up**. I thought 'that is quite odd, they must be on something'. I remember looking back at him thinking he would catch my eye but he was staring dead straight. He was conscious but it was like he was frozen and he was slightly rocking back and forward.*

She was just slumped onto his shoulder. She had a Parka jacket on with her hood up. I thought maybe she was asleep or passed out. He had a jacket and some smart trousers on. He didn't look like the type to get high."

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2018/03/05/alleged-former-russian-spy-critically-exposure-unknown-substance/>

Georgia Pridham, 25, also saw the couple slumped on the bench. She said: *'He was quite smartly dressed. He had his palms up to the sky as if he was shrugging and was staring at the building in front of him. He had a woman sat next to him on the bench who was slumped on his shoulder.'*

She added: *'He was staring dead straight. He was conscious but it was like he was frozen and slightly rocking back and forward.'*

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-5470455/How-poisoned-spy-plot-unfolded-Salisbury.html>

Georgia Pridham was walking to her friend's car when she spotted the pair on the bench. She said: *"[Yulia] was kind of slumped into his shoulder. It just looked like she was asleep or passed out.*

[Sergei] was sat bolt upright and rocking back and forth."

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2018/mar/08/russian-spy-new-photo-police-sergei-skripal>

16:04 GMT

Freya Church

At 16:03:32 **Freya Church** leaves Snap Fitness, looking at her mobile.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KKRd40pQ0IU>

It was about 4:03 that **Freya Church** saw the pair, and there is no suggestion that she was acquainted with the Skripals. From what she says—*"I just left them"*—**it also seems certain that it was not she that phoned the emergency services.** There will be a record of who it was that did

phone them.

<http://bd8.com/russia/skripal/>

A video interview with Freya Church appears in a BBC article published at 6:27pm the following day, 5th March. Freya says :

"I just finished training at my job. I walked up this park here. On the right side on a bench there was a couple, an older guy and a younger girl. She was so flat (?) and intimidated, like she passed out, maybe. He was doing some strange hand movements, looking up to the sky. I felt anxious, I thought I should step in. But, be honest, they looked so out of it, I thought even if I would step in, I wasn't sure how I could help. So.. I just left them. But it looked like they had taken something quite strong."

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/uk-43295193/salisbury-russian-spy-incident-eyewitness-describes-couple>

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„She was passed out and he was looking up to the sky and I tried to get eye contact to see if they were okay. They didn't seem with it.“

„To be honest I thought they were just drugged out as they were in a weird state. There are lots of homeless people here so I just thought they were homeless.“

„It was a young, blonde and pretty girl and it was definitely the man that's been pictured in the news – the guy that's a spy.“

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-43295134>

Olga Ivshina BBC Russian Service

"The man looked completely out of his mind. And by the time it was still a day - around 4:10 pm. I thought it was a weird time to be so drunk already," said Salisbury resident **Freya Church**.

The man whom Church saw was a former GRU officer, 66-year-old Sergey Skripal. On his shoulder lay a young girl.

"I looked at them, scared and moved away"

It all started on Sunday evening. After finishing the shift at 4:00 pm and returning from work, Freya Church saw two people on the bench near the shopping center who behaved strangely.

"A man moved his hands erratically, an emptiness in his eyes. The girl buried her face in him, as if she had fallen asleep, apparently fainted," Church says.

The girl came closer, thinking that people might need help.

"There were no one around. People passed by. They turned on them, but walked on.

It looked like these two were very drunk or taking drugs. It's rare for Salisbury to see a person in such inadequate condition. I didn't know what to do.

I tried to catch the man's eye to talk to him. I thought I'd ask how he and the girl were feeling.

But he wasn't himself. I got scared and walked away. Now I'm worried about it," the girl adds.

"Of course, we had to have the courage to try to help them."

<https://www.bbc.com/russian/features-43296846>

Freya Church, 27, who spotted the pair "slumped" and "passed out", **said the couple in the CCTV image were "100%" the people she saw on Sunday.**

The gym worker, from Salisbury, said: ***"She was leaning on him, slumped. She looked passed out and he was looking up doing these hand movements.***

His eyes were glazed. To be honest I thought they were just homeless."

<http://www.salisburyjournal.co.uk/news/16067474.live-russian-former-spy-fights-for-life-after-he-was-deliberately-poisoned-with-nerve-agent-in-attempted-murder-in-salisbury>

But just 16 minutes later, personal trainer **Freya Church**, 27, came across them slumped on a

bench. She said they seemed 'out of it' and assumed they were on drugs.

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'They didn't seem with it. To be honest I thought they were just drugged out as they were in a weird state. There are lots of homeless people here so I just thought they were homeless.'

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-5470361/Detectives-fear-Russian-spy-sprayed-poison-street.html>

Freya Church, who saw the couple on the bench, said they 'looked so out of it', adding the younger woman was leaning on the man. It looked like she had passed out, maybe.

'He was doing some strange hand movements, looking up to the sky,' she said.

'I felt anxious, I felt like I should step in, but to be honest they looked so out of it that I thought even if I did step in, I wasn't sure how I could help. So I just left them. But it looked like they'd been taking something quite strong.'

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-5467051/Was-Russian-spy-poisoned-Zizzi.html>

At some point after the BBC interview, Freya suddenly remembered that she had seen a red bag at Yulia's feet :

Freya Church, 27, a gym worker at Snap Fitness•24•7 in Market Walk, which is where Freya was working that afternoon. **This is a mere sixty yards from the bench.**

Freya Church, 27, who works at Snap Fitness, was caught on CCTV leaving the gym, following in their footsteps over the bridge. Ms Church would see the couple slumped on the bench outside a small parade of shops. Colonel Skripal was gazing up at the sky, eyes glazed, making strange hand gestures. Yulia Skripal was slumped against him apparently unconscious.

Shown the CCTV footage of a couple walking past the gym towards the bench just 15 minutes earlier, Ms Church said it was “definitely them, 100per cent.”

She was particularly worried about the woman. *“She was slumped over on the man’s shoulder,”*

she said. “To be honest, I thought they might be homeless but they were perhaps better dressed. I just thought this is weird, especially as she was clearly quite a bit younger than him. She had a red bag at her feet. He was gesturing at the sky, doing some kind of movements with his hands. He was looking up and his eyes were glazed. There was no one else there near them at this point. No one was helping them.”

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2018/03/06/did-treacherous-past-russian-colonel-finally-catch-salisbury/>

Freya Church said:

I just finished training and I walked out of the gym and there were a couple outside on a bench. It was a young, blonde and pretty girl and it was definitely the man that's been pictured in the news – the guy that's a spy.

She was passed out and he was looking up to the sky and I tried to get eye contact to see if they were OK. They didn't seem with it, to be honest I thought they were just drugged out as they were in a weird state. They were out of it.

There are lots of homeless people here so I just thought they were homeless. Now that I know what I know I'm absolutely shocked, I just thought it was a couple of people sat there taking drugs.

It's quite scary and I'm actually a little nervous – nothing like this happens here in Salisbury. You hear Russian spy being thrown around and it makes me a little worried, it almost doesn't seem real.

Describing the woman, she said: *“She had a red bag with her, she didn't look really raggy or anything. It was weird that she was much younger and he was an older man.”*

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/live/2018/mar/06/russian-spy-incident-counter-terrorist-police->

16:06 GMT

Manager of a shop

Most probably the manager of b&r textiles or superdrug :

The **manager of a shop** a few metres away stopped to put rubbish in a bin next to the pair at about 4.10pm, minutes before the alarm was raised. **Must have been at around 16:06 !**

"[Mr Skripal] was sitting upright, eyes closed, and she was lying with her head in his lap. They were not making a noise," the shop manager, who asked not to be named, said.

<https://www.polfed.org/wilts/news/2018/salisbury-poisoning-gloves-failed-to-shield-sergeant-from-novichok/>

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/gloves-failed-to-shield-sergeant-from-novichok-htdzvs6dt>

Until now the Skripals were described :

First Yulia was striking Sergei's arm, staring into space.

Then she was slumped over his shoulder like sleeping.

Sergei was first speaking to himself and made strange hand movements, empty eyes.

From now on Sergei is described „the man went stiff, his arms stopped moving“. Catatonic state. Then frothing at the mouth, started throwing up.

Yulia's eyes are wide open, frothing at the mouth. Then her legs became stiff.

No one was helping them.

The McCourt family and Jamie Paine with his girlfriend must have arrived at the scene nearly simultaneously.

16:08 GMT

McCourt family – Alison, Hugh, Abigail, Cameron

This December 20, 2014 article describes the McCourt family :

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2882113/Is-selfless-mother-Inspiring-courage-British-Army-Colonel-left-young-children-Christmas-fight-ebola-Sierra-Leone.html>

About Colonel Alison McCourt :

<https://www.qarancassociation.org.uk/association-news/item/293-chief-nursing-officer-colonel-a-l-mccourt-obe-arrc-qhn>

March 8, 2018

TWENTY-ONE people have been treated as a result of the ex-Russian spy poisoning, Wiltshire Police have confirmed.

They include an off-duty doctor and nurse who stopped to help the pair at the scene.

The doctor, who has not been named, was out shopping when she came across the pair.

She found Yulia Skripal, 33, slumped over a bench, unconscious, vomiting and having a fit. Yulia had also stopped breathing. The doctor got Yulia onto the floor and put her in the recovery position, before forcing her airway open so she could breathe.

Paramedics then arrived and took over the treatment.

The doctor who gave first aid was concerned she had been affected, but so far is said to be feeling fine.

The first officer on the scene, Detective Sergeant Nick Bailey, aged 38, of Salisbury CID, remains in a serious condition.

<http://www.salisburyjournal.co.uk/news/16074908.21-people-treated-after-salisbury-nerve-agent-attack/?ref=ar>

March 8, 2018

Meanwhile, a doctor who was one of the first people at the scene has described how she found **Ms Skripal slumped unconscious on a bench, vomiting and fitting. She had also lost control of her bodily functions.**

The woman, who asked not to be named, told the BBC **she moved Ms Skripal into the recovery position and opened her airway, as others tended to her father. (Jamie and girlfriend)**
She said she treated her for almost 30 minutes, saying there was no sign of any chemical agent on Ms Skripal's face or body.

The doctor said she had been worried she would be affected by the nerve agent, but added that she “feels fine”.

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-43326734>

<http://archive.is/6LiXR>

May 3, 2018

Offering new details on the March 4 attack, a source with knowledge of the case revealed that **the first person to respond to the Skripals when they passed out was an off-duty army nurse who had worked on the ebola outbreak in Sierra Leone. The nurse, a commissioned officer who has asked to remain anonymous, treated them before the emergency services arrived, and was vomited on but is not thought to have suffered novichok poisoning.**

<https://www.polfed.org/wilts/news/2018/salisbury-poisoning-gloves-failed-to-shield-sergeant-from-novichok/>

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/gloves-failed-to-shield-sergeant-from-novichok-htdzvs6dt>

According to Freya, speaking of the young woman, *“She was sort of leant in on him it looked like she had passed out, maybe”*; and yet, by the time Dr Nameless saw her very soon afterwards, we are told that she was vomiting and fitting, and had wet herself and soiled herself—which is what is intended by the words, *“She had also lost control of her bodily functions.”*

Exactly what she means by “fitting”, we cannot know, but her recitation of symptoms sounds all too like a partly-remembered list of the symptoms of organophosphate poisoning, although at this stage in the drama no such cause had yet been enunciated by the powers-that-be.

<http://bd8.com/russia/skripal/>

The McCourt “bombshell”

January 19, 2019

EXCLUSIVE: Teenage girl describes moment she found collapsed Skripals

Published by Henrietta Creasey

Abigail McCourt has spoken about the Salisbury Novichok incident for the very first time.

The 16 year old, from Larkhill, was the first to spot two people collapsed on a bench in the Maltings on March 4th and didn't hesitate to help.

Abigail quickly alerted her mum, a qualified nurse, who was nearby and together they gave first aid to the victims until paramedics arrived.

It soon became clear this was no ordinary medical incident, but the poisoning of a former Russian spy Sergei Skripal, and his daughter Yulia, with Novichok.

Abby and her mum had to undergo hospital tests to make sure they weren't contaminated with the nerve agent. How can Henrietta Creasey dare to say this ? It's contradicted by the McCourt's own statements.

It was an anxious time for the teen but Abby says she has "no hesitation" that she would do the

same thing again despite the risk to herself.

Immediately following the incident and with the world's media focused on Salisbury, the pair didn't want any want press attention and kept their involvement quiet.

But Abby's mum now feels the time is right for her daughter to be recognised for the "incredible" way she dealt with the scenario.

Alison nominated her for the Lifesaver Award at Spire FM's Local Hero Awards, and the judges were unanimous in their decision that Abigail was a very worthy winner.

Alison says she's incredibly proud of Abby:

"As a qualified nurse it was a fairly routine situation for me but my daughter was amazing. Her prompt actions, spotting them in difficulty, and the way she assisted me to put Yulia Skripal in the recovery position had a significant impact on the outcome of the two victims."

Last night (19th January) Abby collected her award in front of 150 guests including the Chief Constable of Wiltshire Police.

LISTEN:

Afterwards Abby gave her first ever interview to Martin and Hen from Spire FM breakfast about the incident.

This is what Abigail says in the audio :

„It was the 4th of March and it was my brother's birthday and so we were out celebrating. We were coming home and we, äh, I saw them on the bench. And I saw people were still walking past and I don't think anyone had really noticed them. And I was telling my mum like I think it's looking like anyone is having a heart attack. And so we went over and obviously it developed from there. Then we went home and the next day I was talking to some of my friends about it, and then at break someone Snapchatted me and said „Is this the thing you were talking about“. And I was just „okay, wow.“

Question : So, what goes through your mind then when you realized in what you were involved in ?

„I was a bit shocked, to be honest, because I don't think I was expecting anything like that to happen. I needed to phone my mum. And she says she was okay and yeah, it was a bit surreal really. It was just like learning the basic stuff of ABC of what we think we will not have to use it. And recovery position it just all helps like because it makes a massiv difference I think, because the woman wasn't breathing at the time when we found her. If someone is in trouble you have got to do something, and I don't think you really question it at all."

Abigail didn't mention being treated on hospital and obviously her mum was at work the next day ! So, WHEN were they checked ???

Her mum Alison McCourt in the video :

„Abigail and the rest of our familiy were the first people who arrived at the Novichok poisoning in Salisbury back in March. Abigal was the person who spotted the people who were unwell and came and got the rest of us and then we commenced first aid treatment. I think she just has been incredibly brave at the time to rush in. She's trained in first aid and is in the cadet force at school, and she would never walk on by even if it was obvious it was dangerous. I know she'd do it all again if required to do so, which makes me immensely proud to be her mother.“

(Cut) To Abigal : *„Abigail, all of us be incredibly proud of your actions on that day that got us all involved in the Novichok incident. I think you made a significant impact in the outcome for the two unfortunate individuals who were unwell. And how you have coped with everything afterwards, after the event,“*

<https://www.spirefm.co.uk/news/local-news/2782928/exclusive-teenage-girl-describes-moment-she-found-collapsed-skripals/>

Update January 21, 2019 - the Alison McCourt video has been taken down !

Isn't it strange that neighter Abigail nor Alison mention to have made a 999 call ?

You would expect that the first thing to do....

January 19, 2019

There is a discrepancy between the *Spire FM* report and Alison McCourt's narrative of the event in [the video](#) posted with the *Spire* report. The written report only mentions Abigail McCourt and her mother. But in the video the mother speaks of "Abigail and the rest of our family" who were the first to arrive at the Skripal poisoning scene. She continues to contrast "Abigail" and "we" and later again "Abigail" and "the rest of us" meaning that there were more persons on the scene than just the mother and the daughter.

In a recorded interview at the bottom of the *Spire FM* [page](#) Abigail says that it was her brother's birthday and that "we" were out celebrating it. (She also mentions that "the woman [Yulia Skripal] was not breathing at the time we found her." How then could she [vomit](#)?)

Neither Colonel McCourt nor her daughter were affected by the extremely dangerous Novichok with which the Skripals were allegedly poisoned. **But what about the other persons, her son and her husband, who were also at the scene? What were they doing?**

No additional information about the McCourts has so far come to light.

In 2014 the *Daily Mail* [reported](#) ([video](#)) on Colonel Alison McCourt's deployment as British mission leader to Sierra Leone where she helped to fight the highly infectious Ebola disease. According to that report **McCourt is married and has two children.** Her son must by now be fourteen. There is no further information available about her husband.

Alison McCourt is not just one random 'military nurse'. She is [the Chief Nursing Officer for the British Army](#) in the rank of Colonel:

[Colonel A L McCourt OBE ARRC QHN - Assistant Head Health Strategy / Chief Nursing Officer \(Army\) - Senior Health Advisor \(Army\) Department.](#)

Colonel McCourt was appointed Chief Nursing Officer on February 1 2018, just one month before the Skripal incident happened. Colonel McCourt lives in Larkhill, a garrison town some 11 miles from Salisbury. She is known to visit elsewhere.

Isn't it an extremely unlikely coincidence that the first person who 'by chance' attends to the Skripals is the top nurse of the British army? An experienced officer, highly connected, who is also known for handling highly infectious patients? Who wrote the script for this drama?

<https://www.moonofalabama.org/2019/01/coincidence-chief-nurse-of-the-british-army-was-the-first-person-to-arrive-at-the-novichoked-skripal.html>

No award for Hero Nick Bailey... !

January 21, 2019

The case of poisoned double-agent Sergei Skripal just got weirder after it was revealed that **the first responder to the scene was the Chief Nursing Officer for the British Army** after his daughter spotted Skripal and his daughter collapsed on a bench at the Maltings shopping center in Salisbury on March 5 of last year.

According to *Spire FM*, 16-year-old Abigail McCourt spotted the poisoned Russians while "out celebrating her brother's birthday," and then quickly alerted her mother - Alison McCourt. The two McCourts gave first aid to the Skripals until paramedics arrived.

Colonel McCourt - who was decorated for her efforts to fight Ebola in Sierra Leone, proposed her daughter as a candidate for the Lifesaver Award at *Spire FM*'s Local Hero Awards.

"As a qualified nurse it was a fairly routine situation for me but my daughter was amazing. Her prompt actions, spotting them in difficulty, and the way she assisted me to put Yulia Skripal in the recovery position had a significant impact on the outcome of the two victims," said Alison of her daughter.

The coincidence - **kept under wraps for nearly a year**, is sure to give skeptics plenty of new ammunition to refute the official narrative that Russia attempted to kill Skripal 10 years after he voluntarily gave him up in a spy exchange with the UK.

For the Skripals to collapse on a bench from novichok just as the Chief Nursing Officer of the British Army walks past, is as probable as my vacuum cleaner breaking down just as James

Dyson knocks on my door looking for directions.

— Craig Murray (@CraigMurrayOrg) January 20, 2019

Initial reports in [British media](https://www.bbc.com/news/health-48888888) were that the first person to provide medical assistance during the Skripal incident was *"an off-duty nurse who had worked on the Ebola outbreak in Sierra Leone."*
<https://www.zerohedge.com/news/2019-01-21/skipal-story-just-got-weirder-first-responder-revealed-chief-army-nurse>

January 24, 2019

Ten months of enquiries as to who this nurse was have yielded nothing, as following the possibly life-saving care Alison McCourt and her daughter Abigail afforded the poor Skripals, they slipped out of sight and mind, like the poisoning victims themselves.

There was a very good reason for this. Had the credentials and position of Nurse McCourt emerged at the time, questions may have been asked; not the right questions of course, but obvious questions such as **why someone with Colonel McCourt's experience had failed to diagnose the symptoms of nerve-agent poisoning so as to warn emergency and hospital staff of the contamination dangers from contact with the patients.**

Colonel Alison McCourt was appointed Chief Nursing Officer of the British Army on 1st February 2018. This followed a CBE for her work in charge of the field hospital set up in Kerry Town in Sierra Leone in October 2014 to fight the Ebola outbreak. She would have been acutely aware of the dangers of infection and contamination, and necessity for great care in approaching people displaying unusual symptoms and incapacitation. **While the symptoms and treatment for Ebola and other "biological agents" may be different from those of nerve agents and related chemicals, the similarity in the precautions necessary is similar.**

Reflecting this relationship it is no surprise to discover that Porton Down was closely involved in dealing with the Ebola outbreak and in "Operation GRITROCK" as the UK's campaign in Sierra Leone was called. **As commanding officer of this deployment and operation of the "22 Field Hospital", Lieutenant Colonel McCourt would certainly have worked in close coordination with Porton Down,** whose experience in dealing with Ebola dates back more than 40 years, at which time its function was research into Chemical and Biological Weapons, their development and countermeasures.

Given her home base is at Larkhill, one of a number of military-dominated towns in the "Salisbury Plains" area, that include Tidworth - home of the 4th Royal Tank Regiment, Warminster and Porton, one can assume that **one of McCourt's roles would be as liason between military health facilities at Porton Down and Salisbury District Hospital.** In fact one can hardly imagine otherwise. **SDH has had a covert relationship with Porton Down since the fifties, and specifically over Porton Down's Sarin testing program.**

Before her deployment in Operation GRITROCK, Alison McCourt had twenty years' experience running field hospitals with QARANC, including two stints in Southern Iraq, in Bosnia and Kosovo. **Interestingly in 2001 she helped set up a joint US-UK hospital in Camp Bondsteel in Kosovo, at the same time as James Le Mesurier of White Helmets notoriety was there setting up a local "security force".**

So what happened? How is it possible that a dedicated nurse as competent and as experienced as Colonel McCourt, awarded the highest distinctions and made Chief Nursing Officer for the British Army, could be engaged in such egregious malpractice?

The treatment of patients thought to have been subject to nerve agents like Sarin and VX is comprehensively described in this document from the Royal Army Medical Corps. The first and most important action of the responder is decontamination of the victim, before making any contact, both to prevent further absorption of the agent by the victim and to prevent any effects on the responder.

Without sufficient protective gear, or self pre-treatment with antidote, the danger to any first responder is enormous. Abigail McCourt's description of "putting the (victims) in the recovery position", leave alone giving mouth to mouth, can mean only one thing, as her mother would never

have allowed her daughter to be so endangered; **she clearly knew there was no danger – at least from exposure to a highly toxic nerve agent.** **Lieutenant Colonel McCourt first deployed to Iraq at the very beginning of the US invasion,** at a time when there was much talk of Saddam's chemical and biological weapons, even though they appeared to have largely been destroyed by 2003. Whether she encountered any cases of chemical poisoning at that time is unknown, but as the RAMC journal shows this was an essential aspect of training for soldiers in general. **The use of a Combo Pen of antidotes developed at Porton Down for emergency treatment of nerve agent victims also remains an essential part of that training, and of a soldiers' equipment – even when off-duty.**
<https://ahtribune.com/world/europe/uk/skirpal/2822-nurse-tale-alison-mccourt.html>

16:08 GMT

Jamie Paine and girlfriend
Now 6 persons are at the bench

VIDEO - **Jamie Paine** in his first interview to the BBC on March 8, 2018 :
"So I was walking down the pathway just with a friend. And we noticed in the distance - she noticed first, just over on the bench, the lady just sort of passed out. Her eyes were completely white, they were wide open but just white, and she was frothing at the mouth. And then the man went stiff, his arms stopped moving. He was still looking dead straight. I started wiping his mouth, because he was frothing quite a lot. I got a little bit on my skin and my jacket, but wasn't too much, I just brushed it off. And I put some [wipes] under the lady's mouth on the floor. But she was completely unconscious. Someone managed to get through to the [emergency] services. Police came about five minutes, 10 minutes later. And then the man started throwing up."
<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-43326734>
<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-43295134>

Another witness, **Jamie Paine**, told BBC News: *'Both her legs came together. Her eyes were just completely wide, they were wide open and frothing at the mouth, and then the man went stiff and his arms stopped moving and still looking dead straight. Then the man started throwing up, but it was weird, it wasn't like normally when someone throws up. You couldn't see that he was visually throwing up. His throat wasn't moving, vomit was just pouring out of his mouth.'*
<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-5467051/Was-Russian-spy-poisoned-Zizzi.html>

Interview March 22

Jamie Paine walked past the pair, just before the emergency services arrived:
"His arms [Sergei's] were just up - vertical - you can see he was just trying to speak but nothing was coming out. At first his hands were shaking and then he went stiff and just started frothing, spit and saliva coming out of his mouth."

– Jamie Paine, eyewitness

<https://www.itv.com/news/2018-03-22/britain-v-russia-a-new-cold-war-tonight/>

@ITV Britain v Russia tv programme spoke to **Jamie Paine** who was one of the first people to find #SergeiSkripal and his daughter, he even placed some tissue on Yulia Skripals cheek ..nothing wrong with Jamie.
<https://twitter.com/OneTenTwelve/status/976909395228585985>

Eyewitness **Jamie Paine** raised the alarm in the southern English city.

"It was like her body was dead," he said, of the woman, who police says was known to Skripal. "Her legs were really stiff... you know when animals die, they have rigor mortis. Both her legs came together when people pulled (her), and when she was on the floor her eyes were just completely white. They were wide open but just white and frothing at the mouth. Then the man went stiff: his arms stopped moving, but he's still looking dead straight."

<http://www.euronews.com/2018/03/06/uk-was-critically-ill-former-russian-spy-poisoned->

When Jamie Paine says "people pulled her" he obviously speaks about Alison and Abigail McCourt. Maybe Hugh and Camereon helped too.

So, the McCourt family took care of Yulia and Jamie Paine looked after Sergei.

16:08 GMT - but most probably the timecode is 8 minutes too early

CCTV Jenny's Restaurant : A man and two woman walk down Market Walk.

The man in a dark jacket and black trousers. Woman 1 in a white coat, black trousers and white trainers clutching a pink handbag. Woman 2 dressed in black with a white bag comes fast from behind and passes woman 1 and man. Woman 2 has a small dog on a leash (could be a pug).

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-5483489/Mystery-woman-spotted-CCTV-moments-Russian-spy-attack.html>

New CCTV footage has emerged showing what is believed to be a former Russian spy and his daughter minutes before they were found poisoned on a bench.

Video from a nearby restaurant shows a man matching Sergei Skripal's description walking with two women through an alleyway in Salisbury, Wiltshire.

The former double agent, 66, appears to be alongside a **mystery woman** while his daughter Yulia, 33, is strolling a few feet ahead of them.

The alleyway goes from alongside the Zizzi restaurant where the Skripals dined to the city park where they were found unconscious on a bench.

The footage was captured by a camera inside a nearby restaurant.

Timings on the video match with eyewitness accounts given to police, and **Scotland Yard counter-terror detectives have seized a copy of the CCTV to look for possible clues.**

The stocky, grey-haired man believed to be Mr Skripal is wearing a dark jacket and does not appear to be in any distress.

He walks past the camera with the two women at 4.08pm.

The brunette woman believed to be Ms Skripal is wearing a white jacket and holding a pink handbag.

The second woman appears to be blonde and is alongside Mr Skripal walking a small dog.

At 4.15pm, a police car speeds down the pedestrian alleyway after receiving a 999 call.

A minute later a hero male paramedic can be seen running past the camera to go to the aid of the stricken pair.

It is then followed at 4.18pm by a first-responder ambulance car after emergency crews asked for back-up.

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/poisoned-russian-spy-daughter-seen-12156418>

The Mirror describes the sequence of the CCTV correctly :

Three people walking, then the police car, followed by the ambulance.

It was the police car no. 219, license plate : KJ15 AAX. Later destroyed !

Inside the car were Sgt Tracey Holloway and PC Alex Collins.

But if we believe the Wiltshire Police answer to Duncan Carmichael's complain, the police car arrived at the bench at 16:24.

Only one thing can be right. Either the CCTV timecode is about 8 minutes too early or Wiltshire Police is wrong. I think the time code is wrong. Because we know from the BBC

Panorama that oaramedic Ian Parson received the emergency call at 16:20. So he could not drive through Market Walk already at 16:18 !

This would mean :

16:16 GMT = tree people walking

16:23 GMT = police car

16:24 GMT = paramedic running

16:26 GMT = first-responder ambulance car

16:09 GMT

Destiny Reynolds

Destiny Reynolds, 20, who works at Ganesha handicrafts in The Maltings, witnessed the commotion on Sunday afternoon.

"I saw them both on the bench," she said. "They were rigid but then she was having some kind of episode. There was a big crowd around them. It was raining and people were covering them with umbrellas. Then they put the woman on the floor in the recovery position."

Yulia Skripal was slumped against him apparently unconscious. **A crowd soon gathered, shielding them from the rain with umbrellas, and put the woman in the recovery position.**

Someone called 999 and she was airlifted to hospital while he was taken by ambulance.

By 4.15pm, the area had been cordoned off.

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2018/03/06/did-treacherous-past-russian-colonel-finally-catch-salisbury/>

Destiny Reynolds, 20, who works in Ganesha Handicrafts in the centre, said: *'I saw quite a lot of commotion – there were two people sat on the bench and there was a security guard there. They put her on the ground in the recovery position, and she was shaking like she was having a seizure. It was a bit manic. There were a lot of people crowded round them. It was raining, people had umbrellas and were putting them over them.'*

An air ambulance landed on a nearby shopping centre car park and Miss Skripal was taken to hospital while her father was taken by road.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-5470455/How-poisoned-spy-plot-unfolded-Salisbury.html>

So, Destiny Reynolds attended the scene when the Skripals were sitting on the bench and then put in the recovery position.

Are six people „a lot of people crowded round them“ ? Or were there more people ?

Was it really raining at the time ? Or did the McCourts shielding the scene ?

Who was the security guard ? Hugh McCourt, who works in a prison ?

16:10 GMT

Emma Pearson

Another eyewitness, **Emma Pearson**, said: *"I walked past them just as they were laying the girl down. I was going to go and help them, but there were so many people there already. I was worried but they didn't need more people getting in the way."*

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2018/mar/08/russian-spy-new-photo-police-sergei-skripal>

16:16 GMT

Wiltshire Police statements

Wiltshire Police answer to Duncan Carmichael's complain :

The incident was reported at 16:16 hours on the 4 March 2018 by way of what we term a silent 999 i.e. A call on 999 with nothing said to the operator.

A further call was then received stating that there was a male and a female on a bench “*passed out*” this was deemed to be a medical incident and an ambulance was tasked as well as a police unit.

Would the 999 operator know where the incident happened if nothing was said ?

At what time was the second call ?

A statement from Wiltshire Police said two people had been exposed to an unknown substance in Salisbury. It said: *"Police received a call at approximately 4.15pm yesterday regarding concern for the welfare of a man and a woman in The Maltings, Salisbury."*

<http://www.salisburyjournal.co.uk/news/16064949.major-incident-at-salisbury-district-hospital-linked-to-medical-emergency-at-maltings-police-confirm/?ref=ar>

Megan Yates-Hartnell, the niece of card agent Rosie Trow, **took the 999 call** when the Skripals were discovered on the bench outside G&T's.

<https://www.pgbuzz.net/salisbury-card-shop-gts-finds-itself-in-the-middle-of-former-russian-spy-and-his-daughter-poisoning/>

Megan Yates-Hartnell, Contact Center Specialist, Wiltshire police

<https://uk.linkedin.com/in/megan-yates-hartnell-544394118>

16:20 GMT

Paramedic Ian Parsons

BBC PANORAMA :

Insert = 16:20

Comment : **Paramedic Ian Parsons** gets an urgent call.

Parsons : *"We just came off from the Beast from the East. It was quite a busy day. I responded to a call. It came through the ? of emergency."*

16:24 GMT

Police unit arrived

Wiltshire Police answer to Duncan Carmichael's complain :

The police unit arrived first at 16:24 hours and an off duty medical person [**Alison McCourt**] at the scene stated to the officers that she believed the male and female (later identified as the Skripal's) had taken something. **What ? Drugs, Fentanyl, poison, food poisoning ?**

16:24 GMT

Sgt Tracey Holloway and PC Alex Collins

First Responders—At least three of the first responders were to meet PM May at the Guildhall, Salisbury. In an article in the Salisbury journal of Thursday 15th March, published at 4:36pm we read:

Mrs May also met **PC Alex Way and PC Alex Collins**, two Wiltshire Police officers who were **first to respond to the emergency call.**

PC Collins told the prime minister they had believed the incident was “a routine call”.

He said: *"It was a routine call, two people on a bench, slumped over, which is nothing out of the ordinary."*

Mrs May remarked: *"You had no idea what you were dealing with. Thank you, what you did was what police do day in and day out. A routine call and you don't know what's there. You did a great job."*

Asked about their colleague Detective Sergeant Nick Bailey, who remains in hospital after suffering exposure to the nerve agent, PC Collins said: *"Obviously our best wishes go to him."*

<http://bd8.com/russia/skripal/>

December 14, 2018

Sgt Tracey Holloway and PC Alex Collins were at Bourne Hill police station in the city centre when the call came in at 4.15pm. *"It was a medical tasking for two persons: a male and female slumped on a bench in Maltings shopping centre,"* said Holloway.

"We responded on lights and sirens," Collins said. *"It only took us two minutes to get there. I drove through the pedestrianised area and over the bridge. The female [Skripal's daughter, Yulia] was on the floor on her side. There was a member of the public, who turned out to be a doctor, helping her, maintaining her airway."* **[Alison McCourt]**

„I believe if that doctor hadn't done that, she would have died."

The male [Skripal] was in a very unusual position. He was sat on the bench, rigid, catatonic, staring into space. He was breathing but totally unresponsive. We tried to help medically and to find out what had happened. Our first thought was that it was drugs."

Collins, a police medic, put on gloves to handle the patients. Holloway remembers examining Sergei Skripal's wallet with bare hands. The officers handled both the Skripals.

Within minutes of arriving at the scene, the officers had put a cordon in place. *"There were children around,"* said Holloway. *"We didn't know what we had. It was an open area. We pushed people well back."*

When they began to examine the Skripals' possessions, they grew more puzzled. *"We had been half expecting to get to the scene and say: 'Yep, know that person, know that person.' But it was like, hmm, don't know these people and they are quite well-dressed,"* said Collins.

"We looked at their wallets to try to find their ID. There was a phone with Russian writing on it. The names weren't familiar. That was strange. It didn't feel right. It wasn't quite normal."

The uniformed officers called CID and a duty inspector. They helped get the Skripals into ambulances. Sergei was still rigidly fixed in a sitting position, so it was hard to manoeuvre him on to a stretcher. **CID officers attended.** *"They were like: 'That's fine, everything's OK', and off they went again,"* said Holloway.

Detectives went to the Skripal house on the edge of town. One of them, DS Nick Bailey, was left critically ill after being exposed to novichok when he searched the property.

Meanwhile, Holloway took no chances with the scene. *"There was a pile of vomit underneath the bench. I wasn't happy about leaving that there because we didn't know what could have been in it to make these people ill,"* she said.

Firefighters were called and donned hazmat suits to work on the scene, not because they feared a nerve agent attack but because of the possibility that the drug fentanyl may have been involved.

Holloway had recently attended a safety course at which the toxicity of fentanyl had been spelled out. *"I remember talking to control and saying: 'This may sound weird but I'm not happy about the vomit being left,'"* she said.

Collins went off shift. Instinct told him to get changed and he left the clothes he had been wearing in his garage. *"I'm glad I did that,"* he said. *"I was intending to have a shower but I was so knackered I just climbed into bed and fell asleep. I've got little kids and they were climbing all over me next day, so the missus wasn't particularly happy with that when it all came out."*

The next evening – Monday 5 March – Skripal's name emerged and cordons began to be set up in Salisbury around the spots that he and his daughter had visited. Holloway said: *"At home you're looking at the news going: 'Oh, A&E has been closed, Zizzi has been closed. Bishop's Mill has*

been closed. This could be quite big.' My mum was phoning me all the time."

Collins said: *"Got a phone call two days after: 'All your kit, everything you were wearing that day ... can you bring it to the station? Wallet, watch, mobile, everything."*

Holloway said they heard that a nerve agent was involved from media reports. *"We had both touched the Skripals. When we heard, it was like: 'Wow, OK, this could be serious.' But I wasn't concerned for me. I knew I had touched both patients and if it was going to affect me it would have done by then."*

Like most people, the officers feared the Skripals would not recover. *"When I heard that Yulia had woken from her coma I was elated,"* said Collins. *"The fact that both recovered was brilliant. It meant the attackers didn't succeed. Lives were saved."*

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2018/dec/14/we-did-our-best-police-who-rushed-to-skripal-scene-tell-of-shock-and-pride>

So, Holloway and Collins confirm that they were NOT decontaminated immediately after the incident ! Only on March 6 they were asked to bring their kit to the police station.

Wiltshire Police answer to Duncan Carmichael's complain :

From documentation found on Mr Skripal, officers obtained his name and birthdate.

It is not clear who obtained the data – Holloway and Collins or the CID ?

Who was the duty inspector ? Bailey ?

Let us remember early stories like this on March 8, 2018 :

Hero cop who helped poisoned Russian spy 'up and chatting' after coma as cops confirm 21 people are being treated

A COP poisoned as he bravely helped a stricken Russian double agent and his daughter was "sitting up chatting" in hospital last night.

Sergeant Nick Bailey rushed to the aid of the former double agent Sergei Skripal, 66, and Yulia, 33, after they were found slumped unconscious on a shopping centre bench in Salisbury, Wilts.

Sergeant Nick Bailey - who was the first cop at the scene - remains seriously ill following the nerve agent attack in Salisbury, Wilts, on Sunday.

All three were rushed to hospital where they slipped into a coma.

First cop on the scene, Sergeant Bailey - who joined Wiltshire Police in 2002 - remains seriously ill, but is stable and conscious **after giving CPR to Sergei and Yulia.** The Russian pair are fighting for life.

Theresa May said: *"I would like to pay tribute to all of the emergency services in Salisbury - those who reacted to the initial call on Sunday and those who continue to respond to this appalling and reckless attack.*

In particular, my thoughts are with Detective Sergeant Nick Bailey - one of the first responders - who remains in a serious condition in hospital."

We are all thinking of him, his family, friends and colleagues - and the two other victims - at what is an incredibly difficult time."

<https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/5759829/nick-bailey-hero-police-poison-attack-salisbury/>

YES – that's the same Sergeant Nick Bailey we are now told he was not at the bench that day !

16:26 GMT

First ambulance car arrives - Paramedic Ian Parsons

The ambulance car, seen in CCTV Jenny's Restaurant arrive at the scene.

First Responders—At least three of the first responders were to meet PM May at the Guildhall, Salisbury. In an article in the Salisbury journal of Thursday 15th March, published at 4:36pm we read:

A **PARAMEDIC** who was among the first to respond to Sergei Skripal and his daughter told the Prime Minister they **had initially treated the pair for drugs**.

The medic was among members of the emergency services and military who met Theresa May at Salisbury's Guildhall, where she thanked them for their response to the nerve agent attack.

The man, named Ian, said he had been in the first ambulance service response car on the scene. Mrs May asked him: *"At that stage you could only treat for what you can see?"*

Salisbury MP John Glen interjected to say he had heard initial reports the incident was drug-related. To which the paramedic replied: *"Absolutely that's what I was treating for, that's what we treated them for initially."*

<http://bd8.com/russia/skripal/>

November 22, 2018 BBC Panorama named the **Paramedic Ian Parsons**.

He is the Lead Paramedic at South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust (SWASFT)

FB : <https://www.facebook.com/ian.parsons.35>

BBC PANORAMA :

Ian Parsons : *"I saw a patient lying on the floor and was struggling to breath."*

If Ian Parsons had been in the first ambulance service response car, the one seen in CCTV, then what about the two Mercedes-BENZ emergency ambulance vehicles that were transferred to Porton Down and then buried at a landfill site ?

Ambulance 1 = license plate WN63 BXC

Ambulance 2 = license plate WX67 EEM

When did this two ambulances arrive at the scene ?

Where were they parked ?

Who was transported ?

When did they leave the scene ?

16:26 GMT
Meg Edgar

March 7 The Times :

By the time **Meg Edgar**, 68, passed on her way back from her Sunday afternoon walk, **a police officer and a woman were tending the Skripals**.

"He was on the bench, she was laid out on the floor," the retired teacher said. *"He was just so still, so rock-solid still. There was someone tending to her."*

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/sergei-and-yulia-skripal-were-slumped-in-trance-minutes-after-shop-stroll-9zpxpc3wt>

March 9 Financial Times :

Late last Sunday afternoon, **Meg Edgar**, a retired teacher, was walking home past the Maltings shopping centre in Salisbury, when she spotted something odd. On a bench near Sainsbury's supermarket, **a man sat motionless. A younger woman lay on the ground, a paramedic hunched over her.**

"I thought someone had had a bit of an argument — why is he taking no notice of her?" says Ms Edgar, 68. *"He was just so still. Another paramedic came running."*

Then Ms Edgar heard police sirens and HELICOPTERS overhead.

<https://www.ft.com/content/c713dd5e-238b-11e8-ae48-60d3531b7d11>

September 2 BBC video :

Retired teacher **Meg Edgar** was a bystander and watched as the pair were treated by the emergency services.

"I was walking into the Maltings, and as I got a bit closer I could just sense there was something happening and I noticed a person sitting on the bench. As I got closer I realised there was somebody lying on the ground, just in front of him, with another person tending the head end, I imagine. My immediate response was 'oh somebody's probably drunk or on drugs'.

The next moment a policeman walked across in front of me and he came and asked me just to step back and put the first blue and white police cordon tape around the tree and in front of me, so I stepped back.

Previously I'd thought 'shall I go and help this woman who's helping the person on the ground?' But I thought, 'well no, there's police on the scene now and there's a paramedic arrived, so there's nothing I can do.'

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/uk-england-wiltshire-45381853/retired-teacher-recalls-salisbury-novichok-incident>

November 22, 2018 BBC PANORAMA :

A clock shows the time 16:16 (**I think the BBC checked it wrong. Meg Edgar was at the scene when Holloway and Collins were already there and paramedics arrived soon afterwards**)

Comment : **Meg Edgar**, a retired teacher, is passing through the city center.

Meg Edgar : *"I could see that there was somebody sitting very still on the bench over there and what appeared somebody lying on the ground at that feet."*

Destiny Reynolds : *"The woman, she was fitting quite badly. She just couldn't control her body. Her father was more rigid."*

The fact that BBC PANORAMA shows Meg Edgar first and then Destiny Reynolds is proof that they hadn't check the exact sequence of events.

16:29 GMT

Graham Mulcock

Another witness said of Mr Skripal: *'He looked very ill, he was being sick - he did not look well at all. He was conscious at the time.'*

She said of his daughter: *„She was surrounded by paramedics and he was a few minutes after I arrived as well.'*

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-5467051/Was-Russian-spy-poisoned-Zizzi.html>

A man who saw Skripal being treated by paramedics said he was in a "catatonic" state, Solent News Agency is reporting.

Graham Mulcock said: *"The paramedics seemed to be struggling to keep the two people conscious. The man was sitting staring into space in a catatonic state. He was just staring ahead of himself."*

<https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/5735539/russian-spy-sergei-skripal-daughter-cctv-salisbury-poison/>
<https://www.theguardian.com/world/live/2018/mar/06/russian-spy-incident-counter-terrorist-police-investigate-live-updates?page=with:block-5a9e6ca4e4b091caf4df7d15#liveblog-navigation>

Two police officers helped the pair before emergency services were called at 4.15pm.

Graham Mulcock said: *'The paramedics seemed to be struggling to keep the two people conscious. The man was sitting staring into space in a catatonic state.'*

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-5470455/How-poisoned-spy-plot-unfolded-Salisbury.html>
<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-5470361/Detectives-fear-Russian-spy-sprayed-poison-street.html>

16:28 GMT

More police units called in

Wiltshire Police answer to Duncan Carmichael's complain :

Further units were tasked at 16:28 to keep back onlookers.

We know that there were two police cars attending the scene, but it could be more :

- 1. Sgt Tracey Holloway and PC Alex Collins - Police car no.219, license plate KJI5 AAX**
- 2. PC Alex Way (woman) and ??? - Police car no.238, license plate KO15 GMV**

PC Alex Way is the female officer seen talking with the WAA pilot at Sainsbury's car park about 17:03.

16:48 GMT

CID attended + cordon off

Wiltshire Police answer to Duncan Carmichael's complain :

At 16:48 officers were tasked to cordon of the immediate area, but a search of the immediate vicinity of the Skripal's revealed no trace of any drug paraphernalia or other possible substance containers; CID attended.

17:19 GMT

The ambulance has left the scene. The bench area is cordoned off

The next clue we have are the photos in Salisbury Journal which show the scene AFTER the ambulances have left the scene with the Skripals.

The first photo in the series has the timestamp 17:19.

We see 4 vehicles in the bench area :

- 1. The police car of Sgt Tracey Holloway and PC Alex Collins parked at G&T near the bench. Vauxhall ASTRA No. 219, license plate : KJI5 AAX.**

On March 9, 2018 this police car was removed at Bourne Hill Police Station and transferred to Porton Down.

- 2. Ambulance car No. 671 parked at G&T entrance.**
- 3. Ambulance car parked at Greggs.**
- 4. Police Pick Up parked near The Works.**

PHOTO : Sgt Tracey Holloway and PC Alex Collins are still at the bench.

http://www.salisburyjournal.co.uk/news/16064166.Russian_spy_is_one_of_two_in_hospital_after_medical_emergency_at_Maltings/#gallery14

17:22 GMT

PHOTO : Sgt Tracey Holloway and PC Alex Collins still at the bench.

http://www.salisburyjournal.co.uk/news/16064166.Russian_spy_is_one_of_two_in_hospital_after_medical_emergency_at_Maltings/#gallery14

17:28 GMT

PHOTO : Sgt Tracey Holloway and PC Alex Collins speak with a man and a woman at the store window of World Of Cards.

<http://www.salisburyjournal.co.uk/news/16064166.two-in-hospital-after-medical-emergency-at-maltings-in-salisbury/?ref=ar#gallery1>

17:30 GMT

PHOTO by Thom Belk : The couple that has spoken with Holloway and Collins walk past Greggs.

<http://www.salisburyjournal.co.uk/news/16064166.two-in-hospital-after-medical-emergency-at-maltings-in-salisbury/?ref=ar#gallery1>

I'm convinced this it is NOT the woman that was later seen at the Sarum House incident !

The pictures were taken at the Maltings shopping precinct in Salisbury, Wiltshire, on Sunday **two minutes after Yulia was airlifted to hospital.**

At the time officers had no idea the pair had been attacked with a nerve agent and attended the scene in everyday uniforms, even removing parts of the cordon at one stage.

At first police believed they were dealing with a routine drugs incident.

In one picture **two people can be seen strolling through the precinct**, metres from where the Russians were taken ill. In another picture a person also appears to be watching events unfold within metres of the scene. **Later a major incident was declared and experts in hazmat suits examined the scene and removed material.** The area remains sealed off.

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2018/mar/08/russian-spy-new-photo-police-sergei-skrripal>

17:32 GMT

PHOTO by Thom Belk : PC Alex Collins kneels right in front of the bench. The famous red bag is to be seen.

<http://www.salisburyjournal.co.uk/news/16064166.two-in-hospital-after-medical-emergency-at-maltings-in-salisbury/?ref=ar#gallery1>

The Evening Standard commented the photos :

Dramatic new pictures today reveal how police officers put their lives at risk as they responded to the nerve agent poisoning of a Russian double agent and his daughter.

Police put a red bag inside a police evidence bag immediately after the nerve agent attack on a Russian spy. **Officers previously issued CCTV of a woman clutching a red bag**

They also show members of the public strolling in a Salisbury park unaware that a suspected assassination attempt using a "very rare" toxic substance had just been carried out, potentially putting them in mortal danger.

<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/uk/russian-spy-nerve-agent-plot-new-image-shows-police-at-scene-unprotected-against-deadly-toxin-a3784986.html>

I don't think that this is the red bag seen on the Snap Fitness CCTV. The colour looks more orange than red. Could be an evidence bag or a Sainsbury's shopping bag.

17:37 GMT

Wiltshire Police answer to Duncan Carmichael's complain :

At 17:37 hours the incident was still a medical incident with no signs of crime.

From the time the cordon was put on there was no reason to believe anything criminal had occurred and no reason to believe this was an incident involving a danger to others (even our own officers) due to possible transference risk of an agent from person to person.

3 - Wiltshire Air Ambulance (WAA)

March 6, 2018 Temporary Assistant Chief Constable **Craig Holden** :

"Officers, as well as colleagues from the ambulance and fire services attended the scene and cordons were put in place."

<https://www.wiltshire.police.uk/article/1738/Temporary-Assistant-Chief-Constable-Craig-Holden-statement-regarding-the-major-incident-in-Salisbury>

In the first days after the incident many media wrote that Yulia was transported by WAA. Some media even claimed both Skripals were in the WAA :

Eyewitnesses say that the doctors called for the evacuation of **one of the victims by helicopter**, fearing for his life. The second was taken away by an ambulance.

<https://www.bbc.com/russian/features-43296846>

Russian double agent Skripal was taken to the city's hospital by ambulance.

His daughter was flown by air ambulance and their arrival sparked the shutdown of the hospital's A&E department.

<https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/5735015/russian-spy-sergei-skripal-zizzi-poison-trail-salisbury/>

New pictures have also emerged of the immediate aftermath of the attack and were taken at the Maltings shopping precinct in Salisbury only two minutes after **the Skripals were airlifted to hospital.**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-5476507/Poison-plot-police-officer-awake-talking.html>

Even the well informed Luke Harding, Steven Morris and Caroline Bannock (deeply embedded in the Integrity Initiative) wrote on March 10, 2018 :

Police who arrived at the scene at 4.15pm assumed as much. The pair were unresponsive, catatonic even. Realising this was a medical emergency, they summoned backup. **An air ambulance landed in the central car park. At 5.10pm, it took off, ferrying the woman to Salisbury district hospital. The man went by ambulance.**

Read the whole article ! It's a good example how the Integrity Initiative influenced the narrative from the beginning.

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2018/mar/10/salisbury-poisoning-sergei-skripal-local-news-international-incident>

On March 14, 2018 SpireFm denied it :

Air Ambulance NOT used to take Skripal pair to hospital

Confirmation Wiltshire Air Ambulance was not involved in transporting former Russian spy and his daughter to Salisbury District Hospital.

Wiltshire Air Ambulance has confirmed neither Sergei or Yulia Skripal were flown to Salisbury District Hospital.

A number of people have voiced concerns the emergency helicopter may have been contaminated after it was called to the Maltings on the 4th March where the former Russian agent and his daughter had collapsed.

It's now been confirmed **both were taken by land ambulance to our hospital.**

<https://www.spirefm.co.uk/news/local-news/2527336/air-ambulance-not-used-to-take-skripal-pair-to-hospital/>

Unfortunately the Met has never told us what really happend with the WAA.

There is a lot of mystery around the mission.

For sure we know that the aircraft was not taken out of service for decontamination.

On the contrary, the next day, the children of The Manor Primary School Melksham were allowed to inspect the helicopter:

<https://twitter.com/WiltsAirAmbu/status/970622040196767749>

The route of the WAA from Distillery Farm to Sainsbury's car park:

16:03 G-WLTS arrives at Distillery Farm
16:16 Silent 999 call. Later (time not known) a member of the public calls 999
16:19 WAA alerted (Wiltshire Air Ambulance logged their call)
16:30 G-WLTS departs Distillery Farm heading SW
16:34 overhead circuit Flying Monk Brewery, Hullavington, at 1,275ft
16:35 heads SSE at approx 125kts and 2,000ft
16:39 overhead and fly-by Lansdowne Arms, Derry Hill, at 1,350ft
16:40 overhead and fly-by Bowood Golf Course at 1,425ft
16:40 reverses course, heads NNW back towards Bowood Golf Course
16:41 reverses course, resumes SSE track and climbs to 2,000ft
16:42 heads S at 132kts and 1,950ft
16:44 heads SSE at 136kts and 1,725ft
16:46 signal lost at Tilshead heading SSE at 137kts and 1,500ft
16:53 G-WLTS arrives Sainsbury's car park

It was a state of the art BELL 429 GlobalRanger helicopter with 9 seats :

<https://www.wiltshireairambulance.co.uk/meet-the-team/>

Peter Beswick : The helicopter landed at the far end of the car park – about as far away from the bench as was possible! It could have landed in Market Place, only 200 yards from the bench – it had previously done so in a PR exercise.

There is a Council CCTV camera a few meters away from where the aircraft landed.

The pilot was Wiltshire Air Ambulance Unit Chief Pilot **George Lawrence.**

George, 59, has worked on the air ambulance since 2001, firstly when it operated as a joint helicopter service with Wiltshire Police and since January 2015 as a standalone air ambulance. He joined after a **17-year military career in the Army Air Corps**.

https://www.gazetteandherald.co.uk/news/15609659.Teamwork_is_key_at_Wiltshire_Air_Ambulance_says_pilot/

16:52:46 GMT

WAA landing in Salisbury's main car park. Photo : James Whatley with timecode.

<http://www.airport-data.com/aircraft/photo/001393415.html>

17:00 GMT

WAA at car park with **Unit Chief Pilot George Lawrence** in front of the helicopter, using his mobile.

Photo : Spencer Mulholland.

<http://www.airport-data.com/aircraft/photo/001393415.html>

WAA at Central car park a little later. Photo : Marcus McNiven.

https://www.salisburyjournal.co.uk/news/16064166.Russian_spy_is_one_of_two_in_hospital_after_

[medical_emergency_at_Maltings/#gallery2](#)

17:03 GMT

Pilot George Lawrence talks to a female police officer, sitting in her car.

Police car no.238, license plate KO15 GMV

https://www.salisburyjournal.co.uk/news/16064166.Russian_spy_is_one_of_two_in_hospital_after_medical_emergency_at_Maltings/#gallery7

17:14 GMT

WAA taking off.

Photo : James Whatley

https://www.salisburyjournal.co.uk/news/16064166.Russian_spy_is_one_of_two_in_hospital_after_medical_emergency_at_Maltings/#gallery24

17:14 GMT

WAA taking off. Video : Spencer Mulholland.

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/video/news/video-1643286/Video-Air-ambulance-takes-critically-ill-Russian-spy-daughter-hospital.html>

What happened in the meantime ?

The distance from the helicopter to the bench incident scene is about 4 minutes on foot.

The aircraft was about 20 minutes on the ground.

I don't think that there was time enough to carry a patient on a stretcher all the way to the helicopter. And I'm sure if this had happen, there would have been photos.

But there are rumors that two paramedics left the aircraft, headed to the bench and did not return.

17:14 GMT

The air and land ambulances left the scene with the two Russians at about 5.10pm.

The photos were taken just minutes after the air ambulance left by **Thom Belk**, who had been at a nearby indoor football game when he heard sirens and the air ambulance.

Belk, of Salisbury, said: *"I went to see what was going on just as the air ambulance was taking off and the land ambulance was leaving. These pictures are the immediate aftermath of what had happened – I don't think anyone there really had a clue what was going on. The police officer is very close to the area where [Skripal and his daughter] were taken ill.*

The officers had actually lifted part of the cordon and at one point there were two members of the public walking very near to the bench and the bag as well. They started off with quite a big cordon, but did begin to take some of it down."

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2018/mar/08/russian-spy-new-photo-police-sergei-skripal>

A worker at the shopping centre, **Richard Eyre**, told Euronews he had seen the aftermath of the incident and shared a photograph of the scene on Monday morning..

"I saw and heard the air ambulance helicopter, Sunday afternoon or evening, and the fire service in protective suits decontaminating the area."

<http://www.euronews.com/2018/03/06/uk-was-critically-ill-former-russian-spy-poisoned->

17:16 GMT

Salisbury Journal receives the video of the air ambulance „*landing in Salisbury's Central Car Park*“.

<https://twitter.com/journalrebecca/status/971708161664176128>

Hello Salisbury Journal - the Spencer Mulholland video shows the air ambulance fly away,

not landing.
Is there a second unpublished video ?

4 - Police at Skripal's house

17:00 GMT

Published 5th March :

Police arrived at Skripal's home in Christie Miller Road, Salisbury, yesterday at 5pm, according to neighbours.

The electoral register shows he has lived there since 2013.

According to the Land Registry his home is a semi-detached four-bedroom property that was last sold in August 2011 for £260,000.

http://www.salisburyjournal.co.uk/news/16066343.Critically_ill_man_is_former_Russian_spy_BB_C_reports/

A police van was outside Skripal's home in Salisbury on Monday night. James Puttock, a neighbour, said that he had lived in the area for more than seven years. He was "very quiet", he said. *"If I see him in the street I say hello. **Police have been here since Sunday afternoon. They're in the house asking questions now.**"*

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2018/mar/05/salisbury-incident-critically-ill-man-is-former-russian-spy-sergei-skripal>

Neighbours told the BBC **police arrived at his home at around 5pm on Sunday and have been stationed there since.**

<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/uk/who-is-sergei-skripal-the-former-russian-spy-found-critically-ill-in-salisbury-a3782201.html>

Neighbours at Mr Skripal's home in Salisbury say **police arrived at the property at around 5pm on Sunday and have remained stationed there since.**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-5467051/Was-Russian-spy-poisoned-Zizzi.html>

Duncan says:

January 23, 2019 at 3:34 pm

The BBC replied to my Panorama complaint this afternoon :

We raised your remaining concerns about the Nov 22 edition of Panorama with the team involved.

We stand by the journalism in this investigation. **It's clear from the opening interviews that Paramedics were the first responders on the scene – we heard from them directly, while DS Bailey was tasked later that night to investigate the victim's home ("I was the first person into the house").**

This was not about hearing 'the Government's version of events' but rather first hand accounts from those who were there at the time. **We heard from a number of eyewitnesses with direct experience of what happened on the day and the man who is leading the police investigation. We can assure you that the team challenged and questioned every facet of what they were told.** The unfolding events were complex and we accurately reflected them.

Kind regards

Deborah Dawson

BBC Complaints Team

<http://www.theblogmire.com/summing-up-the-official-claims-in-the-salisbury-poisonings-weighed-in-the-balances-and-found-wanting/#comment-23548>

Grigory Zinoviev says:

January 23, 2019 at 4:29 pm

They obviously put our complaints together. I just had replies to 2

Reference CAS-5235913-PY5JDW

Thank you for contacting us.

Both Mark Urban's book and the media reports you mention pre-date the very detailed and at the time of Panorama's broadcast, most up to date briefing by **the detective leading the Salisbury inquiry. He told the programme team that the Skripals were at home when Novichok was applied to their front door handle.** Given this, we are confident our reporting is accurate.

You are correct that Dean Haydon told the programme that both Sergei and Yulia Skripal got Novichok on their hands, therefore we are confident the audience will have understood this and viewed the dramatic reconstruction in the context of his words. As I'm sure you will appreciate the programme team, must be free to make editorial decisions as to what it includes from a contributor's interview and the level of detail it chooses to go into.

Kind regards

Deborah Dawson

BBC Complaints Team

<http://www.theblogmire.com/summing-up-the-official-claims-in-the-salisbury-poisonings-weighed-in-the-balances-and-found-wanting/#comment-23553>

5 - Decontamination of the bench area

The first press arrived at 17:43 GMT.

Rebecca Hudson and Tom Gregory, a photographer, from the Salisbury Journal took pictures and videos of the decontamination process.

At 17:48 GMT their first article went online. Remarkable fast !

Here is what SJ published :

<https://twitter.com/journalrebecca/status/970399346012381184>

https://www.salisburyjournal.co.uk/news/16064166.LATEST_Two_in_hospital_after_medical_emergency_at_Maltings/

<http://www.salisburyjournal.co.uk/news/16064166.two-in-hospital-after-medical-emergency-at-maltings-in-salisbury/?ref=ar#gallery1>

http://www.salisburyjournal.co.uk/news/16064166.Russian_spy_is_one_of_two_in_hospital_after_medical_emergency_at_Maltings/#gallery14

http://www.salisburyjournal.co.uk/news/16064166.Russian_spy_is_one_of_two_in_hospital_after_medical_emergency_at_Maltings/#gallery24

https://solent.photoshelter.com/image?&bqG=76&bqH=eJxtT9tqAjEQ_Rr3WSnbqpCHmBlIWjdbclHSl6AidMHSmq2U7dc3s0i7tA3k5FxyEuZ4simksruc7xG6j.3hLeH5827bVK_zye1sPhmPeWekCFYJuzs17f6SuoKiBelwVC6

This picture proves that the decontamination process was in full swing already at 18:03 GMT :

<https://pbs.twimg.com/media/DpgWnPNXUAAvYG1.jpg>

Officers taped off an area around a bench where **one of the pair** had been sick after arriving at The

Maltings shopping centre on Sunday.

A specialist chemical response unit removed the unknown substance from the area, wrapping it in several protective layers.

Police said the substance would be destroyed, along with the protective suits.

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-5467051/Was-Russian-spy-poisoned-Zizzi.html>

Holloway and Collins testimony :

Firefighters were called and donned hazmat suits to work on the scene, not because they feared a nerve agent attack but because of the possibility that the drug fentanyl may have been involved. **Holloway** had recently attended a safety course at which the toxicity of fentanyl had been spelled out. *"I remember talking to control and saying: 'This may sound weird but I'm not happy about the vomit being left,'"* she said.

Collins went off shift. Instinct told him to get changed and he left the clothes he had been wearing in his garage. *"I'm glad I did that,"* he said. *"I was intending to have a shower but I was so knackered I just climbed into bed and fell asleep. I've got little kids and they were climbing all over me next day, so the missus wasn't particularly happy with that when it all came out."*

The next evening – Monday 5 March – Skripal's name emerged and cordons began to be set up in Salisbury around the spots that he and his daughter had visited. Holloway said: *"At home you're looking at the news going: 'Oh, A&E has been closed, Zizzi has been closed. Bishop's Mill has been closed. This could be quite big.' My mum was phoning me all the time."*

Collins said: *"Got a phone call two days after: 'All your kit, everything you were wearing that day ... can you bring it to the station? Wallet, watch, mobile, everything.'"*

Holloway said they heard that a nerve agent was involved from media reports.

"We had both touched the Skripals. When we heard, it was like: 'Wow, OK, this could be serious.' But I wasn't concerned for me. I knew I had touched both patients and if it was going to affect me it would have done by then."

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2018/dec/14/we-did-our-best-police-who-rushed-to-skripal-scene-tell-of-shock-and-pride>

So PC Collins went to bed without even a wash ! Confirmation that Keith Pritchard lied :

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One member of emergency services remains in hospital ...

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Later that evening a forensic tent was put over the bench :

<https://bazonline.ch/ausland/europa/ich-glaube-den-britischen-behoerden-nicht/story/31238329>

<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/uk/who-is-sergei-skripal-the-former-russian-spy-found-critically-ill-in-salisbury-a3782201.html>

6 - Who was treated at Salisbury District Hospital (SDH)

There is not a single detail in the Skripal narrativ without conflicting stories...

**We still don't know WHEN DS Nick Bailey was in SDH - once or twice.
Who were the persons that underwent a decontamination process on March 4 ?**

We have some clues as to who was NOT decontaminated :

- The persons that came in contact at the bench (Jamie Paine, his girlfriend, McCourt family)
- Sgt Tracey Holloway and PC Alex Collins
- The SDH personal that treated the Skripals
- The service personal at Zizzi and Mill Pub
- The three duck feeding boys

I strongly suspect that only the persons underwent a check who delivered themselves to SDH out of fear !

Wiltshire Police answer to Duncan Carmichael's complain :

In the first instance there was no formal process with regards to contacting those involved in the incident.

Wiltshire Police were not responsible for welfare and support of those involved as this was picked up by Public Health England and Wiltshire Council.

Wiltshire Police can not comment on the support that may or may not have been provided by the other agencies.

But Wiltshire Police had gathered the names of the people involved and had to alert PHE !

March 5, 2018

Temporary Assistant Chief Constable **Craig Holden** has just given the following statement at a live press conference in relation to the major incident declared today in Salisbury:

"Yesterday afternoon, at approximately 4.15pm, we received a call from a member of the public who was concerned for the welfare of two people.

"The two people - a man aged in his 60s, and a woman aged in her 30s - were found unconscious on a bench in The Maltings in Salisbury.

"Officers, as well as colleagues from the ambulance and fire services attended the scene and cordons were put in place."

<https://www.wiltshire.police.uk/article/1738/Temporary-Assistant-Chief-Constable-Craig-Holden-statement-regarding-the-major-incident-in-Salisbury>

At a press conference held at 7pm, Temporary Assistant Chief Constable **Craig Holden** tells reporters it is not being treated as a counter-terror incident.

„On Sunday afternoon (4 March 2018), at approximately 4.15pm, Wiltshire Police received a call from a member of the public who was concerned for the welfare of two people.

Police officers, as well as colleagues from the ambulance and fire services attended the scene and cordons were put in place.

We can confirm that a small number of emergency services personnel were assessed immediately after the incident and all but one have been released from hospital. **Maybe SJ added this sentence on March 6 !**

<http://www.salisburyjournal.co.uk/news/16067474.live-russian-former-spy-fights-for-life-after-he-was-deliberately-poisoned-with-nerve-agent-in-attempted-murder-in-salisbury>

Police declared a major incident and quarantined key locations including the A&E department, where **up to 12 people began vomiting.**

As emergency crews cleared the substance left near the bench, **others were called to decontaminate the hospital.**

<https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/5735015/russian-spy-sergei-skripal-zizzi-poison-trail-salisbury/>

March 6, 2018

Two police officers dealing with the Salisbury incident have been admitted to hospital, the BBC reports, citing a Wiltshire police email.

The BBC's Tom Symonds says they had minor symptoms including itchy eyes and wheezing.

Tom Symonds (@BBCTomSymonds)

Two officers dealing with the Salisbury suspected poisoning were admitted to hospital yesterday after suffering 'minor symptoms' according to a force wide Wiltshire Police email. Given medical attention and released from hospital yesterday afternoon.

March 6, 2018

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/live/2018/mar/06/russian-spy-incident-counter-terrorist-police-investigate-live-updates?page=with:block-5a9e6ca4e4b091caf4df7d15#liveblog-navigation>

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<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-5467051/Was-Russian-spy-poisoned-Zizzi.html>

The temporary chief constable of Wiltshire police, **Kier Pritchard** is giving a press conference on what he describes as a "fast-paced" investigation.

„We can confirm that a small number of emergency service personnel, including some officers and staff, were assessed immediately after the incident.“

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/live/2018/mar/06/russian-spy-incident-counter-terrorist-police-investigate-live-updates?page=with:block-5a9e6ca4e4b091caf4df7d15#liveblog-navigation>

<https://www.wiltshire.police.uk/article/1742/Statements-from-Wiltshire-Police-on-Major-Incident-in-Salisbury>

March 7, 2018

We can confirm that a small number of emergency services personnel were assessed immediately after the incident and all but one have been released from hospital.

<https://www.wiltshire.police.uk/article/1740/Update-on-Major-Incident-in-Salisbury>

March 8, 2018

A source told MailOnline: *'There were four officers taken to hospital following Sunday's incident, one of which was Nick Bailey. The three others, who were quickly discharged, are believed to have given Mr Skripal and his daughter first aid.'*

Nick Bailey was originally thought to have been part of this team however as a detective sergeant, he would not have automatically attended the scene.

It's possible he could have become ill after visiting another one of the sites of interest, which includes the restaurant, his home and the graveyard where his loved ones are buried.'

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-5476507/Poison-plot-police-officer-awake-talking.html>

March 9, 2018

Kier Pritchard, temporary chief constable of Wiltshire police, which covers Salisbury, told Britain's Sky News that a number of people, including "multiple" police officers and members of

the public, had been assessed by medics. *"A number of those had been through the hospital treatment process, there have been blood tests and they're having treatment in terms of support and advice."*

<https://edition.cnn.com/2018/03/08/europe/russian-spy-sergei-skripal-nerve-agent-attack-intl/index.html>

March 10, 2018

Luke Harding, Steven Morris and Caroline Bannock

The officers and paramedics who had gone to the bench were reporting troubling symptoms: itching eyes, breathing difficulties. Meanwhile, the victims were in a critical condition in intensive care.

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2018/mar/10/salisbury-poisoning-sergei-skripal-local-news-international-incident>

March 11, 2018

Advice of Public Health :

Dr Jenny Harries, Deputy Medical Director at PHE said:

The immediate risk to the general public remains low and this has not changed.

Rigorous scientific analysis has been ongoing and **we have learnt that there has been some limited contamination in both The Mill pub and Zizzi restaurant in Salisbury.**

Anyone who visited The Mill pub or Zizzi restaurant, where the 2 affected individuals were, can be reassured that **this limited exposure will not have harmed their health to date.** However, there may be a very small health risk associated with repeated contact with belongings which may have been contaminated by this substance. We therefore recommend that a precautionary approach is taken and advise people to clean the clothes they were wearing and any possessions they had with them.

Those who were in either location should:

- wash clothing they haven't already in the washing machine
- any items which cannot be washed, and which would normally be dry cleaned, should be put in 2 plastic bags tied at the top and stored safely at home (we are currently reviewing the best way of cleaning these clothes and will provide further advice on our website)
- wipe personal items such as phones, handbags and other electronic items with cleansing or baby wipes and dispose of the wipes in the bin
- wash other items such as jewellery and spectacles which cannot go in the washing machine with warm water and detergent and rinse with clean, cold water
- wash their hands thoroughly after cleaning any items

We want to reiterate that the immediate risk to those affected is extremely low and this is a precautionary measure.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/public-health-england-statement-regarding-events-in-salisbury>

7 – Was there a second poisoned couple ?

Some media wrote about a second couple that was poisoned in The Maltings.

March 6, 2018

By Nick Parker, Mike Sullivan and Mark Hodge

First reports suggested traces of the opiate fentanyl — a synthetic toxin many times stronger than heroin — had been detected at the scene.

But that was later linked to unconnected incident involving another couple coincidentally in the shopping centre.

Dust, pollen and samples from the **two latest victims** are thought to be being examined at the MoD's Porton Down labs, close to Salisbury.

Justice Secretary David Gauke refused to comment on the attack this morning.

But challenged by the Sun he said he *"did not want to be drawn into that at this stage".*

He added: *"Jumping to conclusions would not be appropriate."*

<https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/5733372/ex-russian-spy-sergei-skripal-poisoned-salisbury-feared-life-cops/>

March 6, 2018

By Khaleda Rahman and Rory Tingle and Mark Duell and Paul Thompson and Tim Stickings and Richard Spillett for MailOnline and Chris Greenwood and Ian Drury and Tom Payne and Claire Duffin For The Daily Mail

Passers by and paramedics assumed the duo were high on fentanyl, a super strength painkiller causing thousands of deaths among drug addicts, **but this was later linked to an unconnected incident involving another couple in the shopping centre.**

Officers taped off an area around a bench where **one of the pair** had been sick after arriving at **The Maltings shopping centre on Sunday.**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-5467051/Was-Russian-spy-poisoned-Zizzi.html>

8 – Mark Urban's version in his book „The Skripal Files“

Page 173 ff

SUNDAY 4 MARCH

It is mid-winter in Salisbury. There are patches of snow in the city centre following heavy falls a few days earlier. **A man in his sixties is walking from Zizzi's restaurant towards the Maltings.** It's a short journey, around the corner and, briefly, through an arcade to the open area beside the Avon where on sunny summer days people come to loll by the waterside. It takes about one minute, even moving slowly. **Alongside him walks another person. She's wrapped up against the cold but you can see it's a young woman.** Maybe she is having some concerns. He had become irate in the restaurant, raising his voice at the staff, complaining loudly as the time came to pay the bill. They make their way to a bench. It is not the kind of day when you would normally sit and watch the waterfowl gliding by, it's far too cold for one thing. **But anyhow, they've brought some bread to feed the ducks.**

As she sits beside him, for anything up to twenty minutes he complains of feeling worse and worse, her concerns are mounting. He is sweating profusely, he cannot see properly, his world is darkening as his pupils become tiny. The man looks skyward, trying to see the light. Now she is feeling terrible also. Passers-by gaze at them. Probably junkies. An odd couple, old man and young woman, but you sometimes see these unlikely pairings when they're pooling funds, searching for a hit. Someone walking by can't help but giggle as she sees him almost clawing at the sky with his hand. What are they like, these druggies?!

Moments later, she has keeled over, **her head coming to rest on his lap. He is still upright on the bench, but losing consciousness.** There are other passers-by now, and they are more worried.

Maybe they've overdosed? Someone decides to call an ambulance.

Among the first to approach them, checking they are OK, is an army nurse.

Another woman comes over, a local doctor. Being professionals they are deferred to by the rest of the little group that has gathered beside the bench, and they are immediately concerned by what they see. Both of the people on the bench are sweating heavily, and have lost control of their bodily functions. It's hard to find a pulse because they're so weak. They are becoming pale, life is draining away because they're not breathing. It's just a matter of minutes now until hypoxia, brain damage due to lack of oxygen, starts. It may already have begun. Minutes, luckily, is all it takes the first ambulance crew to arrive, hot-foot from the Odstock Road station on the southern outskirts of

Salisbury. As they hit the road, sirens blaring, **a couple of police officers have arrived at the bench.** It's only four minutes after the call to the emergency services. **Moments later the paramedics are there also,** and get to work, quickly joining the medical passersby in giving breathing assistance to the two junkies on the bench.

Someone is looking through the two patients' pockets for identification. A couple of CID officers, plainclothes people, have come over to the bench, having been nearby on an investigation of local businesses using illegal labour.

It doesn't take them long to find ID: they are Sergei and Yulia Skripal. The Ops room radios back to the officer on the scene: **Sergei Skripal has a 'Don't Stop' flag on the Police National Computer.** On screen there is a note beside his listing and a number to ring. **It's a rare thing, that Don't Stop, and the few officers on duty in Salisbury that afternoon, seven or eight of them, all take notice when they hear it over the radio.**

The wires had been buzzing at Wiltshire Police. They had called the number in the police computer and found out that Sergei Skripal was a former Russian spy who had been resettled in Britain. More officers were summoned to Salisbury. The police sent somebody up to the hospital to see what more they could learn. Could the two people have been poisoned? Clearly, that was a possibility.

The two CID officers meanwhile went to Skripal's house on Christie Miller Road. Approaching the front door, Detective Sergeant Nick Bailey extended a gloved hand to grasp the front door handle – always worth a try. It wouldn't open so he went around to the back of the property, where he managed to gain entry. What was he looking for? Signs that their house had been searched, perhaps, or maybe even the presence of a would-be assassin.

Everything seemed to be in order.

The Skripals had been hooked up to the full battery of life-support systems within an hour of the call to the emergency services operator coming – and of course had medical help for most of that time, the so-called 'golden hour'. They had been given a chance of survival. As a member of the hospital team said to me, *'Imagine if the timings had been a little different and they'd fallen ill at home, the odds are they would have died very quickly.'*

<http://lander.odessa.ua/doc/The%20Skripal%20Files%20by%20Mark%20Urban.pdf>

9 – FINAL REMARKS

McCourt family

Where were the McCourt family celebrating Cameron's birthday ?

Which way did they walk to the bench ?

They must have been on their way to Sainsbury's car park.

That means they came through Market Walk or from the Mill Pub direction.

Their walking time must have been between 16:06 and 16:08.

We have not seen Market Walk CCTV of this time frame.

(only 16:03 Freya Church leaving Snap Fitness + 16:08 three people walking)

Could the McCourt family have been at the Mill Pub ?

YES, that is possible !

March 8 2018, 12:01am

Kris Smith, 28, a regular, said the pub was quiet on Sunday afternoon but he had not noticed Mr Skripal, who he had seen there a couple of time before, as he was watching football on television.

"He would have been there the same time as me, there were about three people at the pool table, four downstairs and there were five upstairs," Mr Smith said.

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/russian-spy-sergei-skripal-was-easy-to-find-at-pub-restaurant-or->

[railway-club-t80jfbjxm](#)

The McCourt family could have been the four people downstairs or the five people upstairs. When sitting upstairs you have a good overview who is coming in. And you see the table at the right of the entrance, where Yulia and Sergei had taken place.

A source close to Greg Townsend, manager of The Mill, said the CCTV cameras covered the whole bar and had been seized by police.

“Skripal and his daughter sat just to the right of the front door. One of the young bar staff who was on a break sat really near them and has also been interviewed.”

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2018/03/13/salisbury-car-park-ticket-machine-cordoned-expert-warns-dusty/>

Another witness said about the Skripals : *„They got their drinks from the bar and sat down. After a short time the man went to use the toilet. They are upstairs. I noticed him when he came back down as he wasn’t walking properly.*

He came back to the table and didn’t sit down, he and the woman just left straight away.“

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-5483879/Sleepy-cul-sac-house-Britains-biggest-crime-scene.html>

So, if the McCourt family sat upstairs, Sergei had to pass them. And they would have seen the Skripals leaving.

So far, this is pure speculation...

Silent call

Wiltshire Police answer to Duncan Carmichael’s complain :

The incident was reported at 16:16 hours on the 4 March 2018 by way of what we term a silent 999 i.e. A call on 999 with nothing said to the operator.

Silent call :

<https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/contact/silent-999-calls/>

First the 999 call is handled by an emergency operator.

After around 90 sec. you will be connected to the police.

Police will ask you to press 55 and stay in the line.

Police try to establish your location.

The time 16:16 – was that when the call was made to the 999 operator or when it was connected to the police ? That’s a difference of about 90 sec.

If the police was able to locate the caller, they know who she/he was.

The main question is : Why would a member of the public make a silent call ?

Or was it NOT a member of the public but a somewhat official person (Army, MI6) ?

So far, this is pure speculation...

This happened after the silent call

16:19 = WAA was alerted

16:20 = Paramedic Ian Parsons said in BBC Panorama he received the emergency call at that

time.

These alerts were either the reaction to the silent call or to the second call some time later.

16:26 Paramedic Ian Parsons arrive at the bench in an ambulance car.

So, at this time there was no vehicle at the scene that could transport patients !

The following people took care of the Skripals at this time :

**Ian Parsons and his companion,
police officers Holloway and Collins,
the McCourt family (4 persons),
Jamie Paine and his girlfriend,
Meg Edgar (she heard the helicopter arriving)
unknown bystanders with umbrellas**

16:28 Met : „Further units were tasked at 16:28 to keep back onlookers.“

So, more police was called in, but no further ambulances mentioned.

16:30 WAA departs Distillery Farm heading SW

16:53 WAA arrives at Sainsbury's car park

- Why did it take 11 minutes for WAA to depart ???

- Why did it take 34 minutes for WAA to arrive at Sainsbury's car park ???

- When were the two Mercedes-BENZ emergency ambulance vehicles called ???

The ones that allegedly transported the Skripals, were transferred to Porton Down and then buried at a landfill site ?

We know NOTHING about the paramedics in these two ambulances !

But the two ambulances must have arrived before CID attended.

I read this from Holloway's statement :

Quote : They [Holloway and Collins] helped get the Skripals into ambulances. Sergei was still rigidly fixed in a sitting position, so it was hard to manoeuvre him on to a stretcher. **CID officers attended.** *“They were like: ‘That’s fine, everything’s OK’, and off they went again,”* said Holloway.”

Quote Met : *„At 16:48 officers were tasked to cordon off the immediate area, but a search of the immediate vicinity of the Skripal's revealed no trace of any drug paraphernalia or other possible substance containers; CID attended.“*

- Where were the two ambulances parked ?

- Why were they not mentioned by any of the witnesses ?

- Why we are not allowed to see a single picture of these ambulances in action ?

17:19 The next clue are the photos in Salisbury Journal which show the scene AFTER the ambulances have left the scene with the Skripals.

The first photo in the series has the timestamp 17:19.

What does the Met time of 17:37 hours mean ?

Quote Met : „*At 17:37 hours the incident was still a medical incident with no signs of crime.*“

**I interpret the text to the effect that after 17:37 hours the situation changed.
Now there WERE signs of a crime !**

Why exactly this time ?

I suspect that a phone call reached the Bourne Hill police station at that time.

Who could have made the call ?

There are two possibilities :

1. The call was made by police officers at the bench.

Did they get a decisive hint from witnesses ?

Yes, that could be :

17:28 PHOTO : Sgt Tracey Holloway and PC Alex Collins speak with a man and a woman at the store window of World Of Cards.

17:30 PHOTO by Thom Belk : The couple that has spoken with Holloway and Collins walk past Greggs.

Or did they found a suspicious item ? Maybe in the red bag ?

Yes, that could be :

17:32 PHOTO by Thom Belk : PC Alex Collins kneels right in front of the bench. The famous red bag is to be seen.

The „17:37 hours“ could be related to one of the above mentioned events.

2. The call was made by CID (Bailey) who just searched Skripals house.

I don't think they had spotted CCTV of Boshirov and Petrov smearing the door handle...

But maybe they have discovered a large Fentanyl warehouse in the attic.

It could also have been a note: "Meet Alison McCourt at 15:15 in the Mill Pub."

Or a note : „Receive a safe mobile from Pablo. He will find me in The Maltings.“

So far, this is pure speculation...

Generally, unfortunately, you have to realize that the Met has never corrected obvious fake news. Actually, the taxpayer should expect official clarifications !

How much transparency can citizens legitimately ask for ?

"National security" and "operational reasons" should not be an excuse for official confusion !

So far, this is the sad reality...

Photo Gallery



Freya Church



Jamie Paine



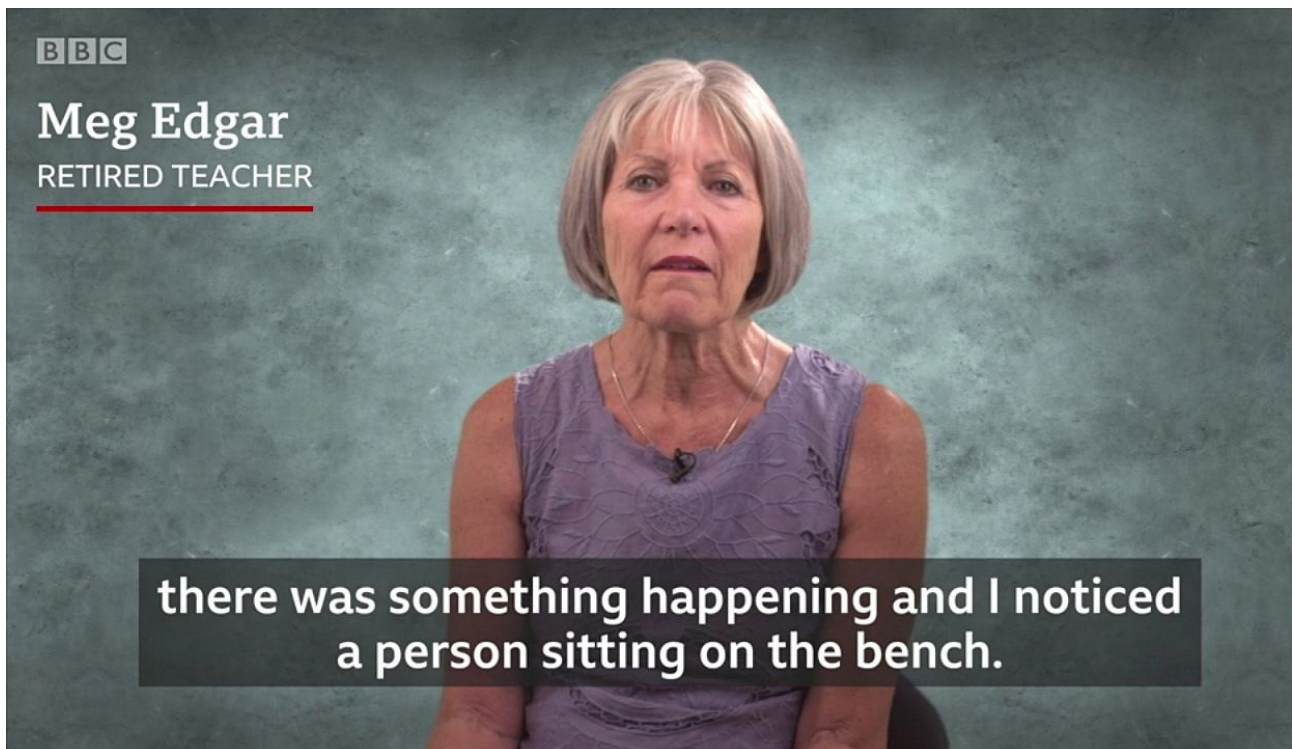
Father
Hugh McCourt

Daughter
Abigail

Son
Cameron

Mother
Alison McCourt

McCourt family



BBC
Meg Edgar
RETIRED TEACHER

there was something happening and I noticed
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Meg Edgar

Sgt Tracey Holloway and PC Alex Collins give their first account of Salisbury novichok attack



Sgt Tracey Holloway and PC Alex Collins



PC Alex Way (right)



IAN PARSONS
Lead Paramedic, South Western Ambulance Service

Paramedic Ian Parsons



Wiltshire Air Ambulance Unit Chief Pilot George Lawrence

WAA Chief Pilot George Lawrence