

# New evidence that Diana was murdered

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A British attorney who was in Paris the night of the car crash that took the life of Princess Diana, has come forward with further evidence that the incident was a case of murder—the drunk driving “accident” still being peddled by French authorities. The eyewitness account by Gary Hunter was published in the London *Sunday Times* on Sept. 21.

Hunter was in his hotel room, which was less than 100 yards away from the Alma tunnel, in which the crash occurred. Hunter told the *Sunday Times*, “I was watching television when I heard the crash at exactly 12:25 a.m. There was an almighty crash followed by the sound of skidding, then another crash. My initial thought was that there had been a head-on collision. I went to the window and saw people running toward the tunnel.” Seconds later, Hunter saw a car speeding out of the tunnel. “I heard a screeching of tires. I saw a small dark car turning the corner at the top of the road. I would say it was racing at 60-70 mph.”

He told the *Sunday Times*, “My own feeling is that these were people in a hurry not to be there. I am confident that car was getting off the scene. It was obvious they were getting away from something and that they were in a hurry. It looked quite sinister. I can’t recall the type of car but it was a small dark vehicle. It could have been a Fiat Uno or a Renault.” Hunter said that the dark car was being shadowed by a second vehicle—a white Mercedes.

Hunter told his story to both the al-Fayed family and the Paris police. It corroborated details already provided by at least four other witnesses, who have asked to remain anonymous. All four reported having seen a car and a motorcycle trying to box in the Mercedes 280-S carrying Princess Diana, Dodi al-Fayed, bodyguard Trevor Rees-Jones, and driver Henri Paul, just seconds before the crash.

## Where is the Fiat Uno?

Even before the *Sunday Times* reported Hunter’s account of the fleeing cars, the French police had admitted that they had found evidence at the scene of the crash, indicating that at least one other car was involved in the incident. However, police forensic experts are saying that it may take months before the analysis of paint scratches found on the right side of the Mercedes can be completed. The fact that the police were forced to admit that they were looking for a dark blue Fiat Uno, which fled the scene of the crash, represented a

major blow to the already-unraveling cover-up by the French authorities, which *EIR* described in detail last week.

The French efforts to paint the incident as a tragic case of drunk driving by Ritz Hotel deputy security chief Henri Paul, suffered yet another setback on Sept. 23, when the London *Guardian* published a detailed account of the first debriefing of the one crash survivor, Trevor Rees-Jones. According to the *Guardian*, Rees-Jones has not lost his short-term memory. He gave a fairly detailed account of the events leading up to the fatal crash. He confirmed reports by other members of the hotel staff and security entourage, that Paul was not drunk on the night of Aug. 31, when he reported for work at the Ritz. He did not drink while he was at the hotel.

Rees-Jones reportedly told the investigative magistrates that the Mercedes carrying Princess Diana and Dodi al-Fayed was being followed from the hotel by two motorcycles, and at least one car, a white car. Police have also admitted that they obtained several photographs of the car carrying the Princess, that were taken seconds before the crash—by paparazzi photographers.

Taken as a whole, these eyewitness accounts, photographs, and preliminary statements by Rees-Jones, strongly suggest that the incident in the tunnel was a case of murder.

While French authorities still claim that three separate blood tests of the driver, Paul, showed high levels of alcohol and the presence of two powerful prescription drugs in his blood, contradictory evidence also raises serious questions about the authenticity of these purported test results. Forty-eight hours before his death, Paul had gone through a comprehensive annual physical. No signs of a drinking problem were found. Moreover, while French police have selectively briefed attorneys for the al-Fayed family on evidence gathered in the investigation of the crash, they have, as of this writing, not given copies of the blood tests. The sole source of information has been leaked stories in the French press, attributed to the Paris police and magistrates directing the investigation.

The French government and the Paris police have every reason to be engaging in a cover-up of the crime.

The French government already bears a great deal of responsibility for the death of Princess Diana. As a member of the British royal family, already under heavy attack for her active role in the drive to either bring down or radically reform the House of Windsor, Princess Diana should have been afforded the highest level of security by the French authorities. Just four days before her death, Princess Diana had given an interview to *Le Monde*, reiterating her BBC interview, where she stated that Prince Charles was unqualified to be king, and asserting that she would play a prominent role in the education of her sons, the heir to the throne, Prince William, and his younger brother, Harry. Those fighting words infuriated many people around Buckingham Palace.