

Can you put a price on a Madeline McCann's life?

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Police have been given extra funds to extend the heart breaking case of Madeline McCann. As they believe they are close to finding the perpetrator.



Madeline McCann vanished on a family holiday to Praia de Luz, Portugal in May 2007 when she was just three years old. Kate and Gerry McCann have said they would 'never give up on finding their daughter'. A couple of years later in 2011 the Metropolitan police took over this impossible case. In search of clues to what happened to the youngster Police visited the holiday resort in 2014.

The Home Office has granted a massive £85,000 extra to the Madeline McCann case, which is known as Operation Grange. A home office spokeswoman stated 'Following an application from the Metropolitan Police for Special Grant funding, the Home Office has confirmed £85,000 in operational costs for Operation Grange for the period April until September 2017.'

An interesting time line was released on Crime Watch as the investigation to find the little girl continued.

Thursday 3rd May 2007 Timeline:



20:30 Kate and Gerry McCann leave their apartment to have dinner at a Tapas bar

21:05 Gerry McCann checks on Madeleine and her siblings

22:00 A man is seen carrying a child wearing pyjamas heading towards the ocean (E-fit images of the suspect were released as part of a 2013 Crime Watch appeal)

22:00 Kate McCann raises the alarm that Madeleine had gone missing

A social media uproar started when it was released that £11.1 million pounds was spent on Operation Grange. This caused many people to believe that the case should have been closed or that it has been over funded.

A former Police Officer Sue Hill has stated the 'case has been over-resourced' on Good Morning Britain. Aside from this, police believe they have a useful leads and are close to finding Madeline's kidnapper. There is still an ongoing international search for Madeline McCann so my question to you is. Can you really put a price on a child's life?