

# Reenactment of Madeleine's Disappearance Cancelled due to Absent Intervenients

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The reenactment of the facts relative to the disappearance of the English child Madeleine McCann, appointed for Thursday and Friday, was cancelled due to the absence of four of the intervenients, informed today the General Procuracy of the Republic (PGR).

According to a note of the PGR, the diligence "won't happen" due to "the previously announced absence" of four friends of the McCanns who spend holidays in the tourist resort of Praia da Luz, Algarve, at the time that the child disappeared, on the 3rd of May of 2007.

Kate and Gerry McCann showed willingness to participate in the reenactment of their daughter's disappearance, but their friends put in question the validity and the proposed model.

"Basically, it's not up to Gerry and Kate [the making of the reenactment] because they are arguidos and, if their presence is requested, they will go, they have to go", guaranteed recently the spokesman of the couple, Clarence Mitchell, to the Lusa News Agency.

"Everything depends on their friends, who were also invited to go but, since they are not arguidos, they have a right of questioning the usefulness of the exercise and whether it will help to find Madeleine - and at this moment the answer seems to be it will not ", he said.

A reenactment of all the steps given by the parents and the friends present at that time was suggested by the Judiciary Police (PJ) about a month ago, first through the McCann's lawyers and then through individual notifications.

Source: [Lusa](#)

A Police source connected with the investigation told to Expresso that they were not aware of the PGR's dispatch, however he denied that the cancellation was a surprise. The same source showed interest again in staging the day of the crime, but said that the next step is up to the Public Ministry: "The PJ will speak with the Public Ministry, to know if they'll advance with the accusation or not and if it is really essential to do the reconstitution at all", he guaranteed.

Remember that the Judiciary Police had already admitted that the reenactment would only make sense with the presence of all the witnesses, as well as of the couple McCann. In declarations to the *Expresso*, the police source admitted at the time the PJ could be facing a "game of push" in which the witnesses, would coordinate their periods of unavailability in order to annul the possibility of doing the reenactment with everyone present, as requested by the PJ.

Source: [Expresso](#)

**Note:** The request in order for the McCanns and the 7 friends to be present in the reconstitution was done in the rogatory letters sent, some months ago, to the United Kingdom. In those documents the diligence was explained and it was guaranteed to all that the expenses would be «in charge of the Portuguese State».

## **The Other Side: McCanns Media Reports**

**[Sky News ticker](#): Portuguese Police Abandon Plans For reconstruction of Madeleine McCann's disappearance**

### **Madeleine Reconstruction Scrapped**

Portuguese police have abandoned plans for a reconstruction of when Madeleine McCann went missing because some of the McCanns' friends who were in Portugal that night have been unable to take part.

**[The Telegraph](#): Kate and Gerry McCann will not return to Portugal for Madeleine reconstruction\***

Kate and Gerry McCann have decided not to return to Portugal to take part in a reconstruction of events on the night Madeleine went missing.

The couple believe a re-enactment will do "absolutely nothing" to help find their daughter, who was three when she vanished from the family's holiday apartment in Praia da Luz in

May 2007.

Mr and Mrs McCann, who are arguidos or suspects in their daughter's disappearance, had been asked by Portuguese police to return to the Algarve along with the seven friends on holiday with them at the time.

Detectives wanted to stage a reconstruction at the Ocean Club complex where the McCanns were dining, leaving Madeleine and her younger siblings in the unlocked apartment nearby. But the couple, from Rothley in Leicestershire, have decided not to go back.

A source close to the McCanns said: "There are no plans for Kate and Gerry and their friends to return to Portugal. They have all indicated their intentions to the police.

"The reconstruction will only take place if Kate and Gerry and their friends agree to take part. If they don't agree it will not happen.

"Kate and Gerry have had grave reservations about the value of it. If the reconstruction was going to help Madeleine, nothing in the world would stop them taking part.

"But Kate and Gerry and their friends cannot see the point of all the disruption it would cause to their busy work schedules and families if, as they believe, it will do absolutely nothing to help find Madeleine."

The couple's spokesman Clarence Mitchell said yesterday: "Kate and Gerry and their friends remain committed to doing anything to help find Madeleine.

"I don't want to comment on what they have told police but, if they do not return to Portugal, it is because they feel it offers no value and no assistance in finding Madeleine."

Mr Mitchell said that if the reconstruction was televised with the chance of bringing in new leads the McCanns and their friends would agree to do it.

He went on: "They would welcome a Crimewatch-style reconstruction which is properly broadcast for millions of people to see and could generate important new leads and fresh information."

But Portuguese police said they did not want the reconstruction to be filmed.

**After 6 hours the other News agencies are reporting: Madeleine reconstruction called off**

A police reconstruction with Kate and Gerry McCann of the night their daughter vanished will not go ahead after their friends said they were unwilling to take part, the couple's spokesman has confirmed.

The McCanns were invited back to Praia da Luz to take part in a reconstruction along with the "Tapas Seven" - the friends they were dining with the night Madeleine disappeared in May last year.

Clarence Mitchell, the McCann family spokesman, said the decision was taken by all of the couple's friends.

He said: "The friends had a number of serious questions about the value of the reconstruction and what it would do to help find Madeleine.

"After some discussion, they have informed the Portuguese authorities that they do not intend to go back."

**\*Note:** The telegraph story has now two different articles running the same story on line. In case one gets deleted (probably the first version), here are both versions of the same article with 'slight differences', cached for future reference.

**1st version:** [Kate and Gerry McCann will not return to Portugal for Madeleine reconstruction](#) By Caroline Gammell

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**2nd Version:** [Madeleine McCann reconstruction 'called off by Portuguese Police'](#)

By Caroline Gammell

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