

Kate and Gerry McCann ‘angered and upset’ over new Aussie TV doc boasting of ‘major’ breakthrough in Madeleine disappearance

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Documentary-makers in Australia have said they will reveal new evidence in the “landmark television event” this weekend.

But the show has left her parents, Kate and Gerry, "angered and upset", according to a source close to the couple.

Documentary-makers are now running a 40-second teaser video using a six-year-old clip with journalist Rahni Sadler posing the offensive question.

They are also suggesting in the “landmark television event” they have secured a new interview with Kate and Gerry, which their spokesman Clarence Mitchell said today is “simply not true”.

He added: “They are hyping it for all its worth and it’s not worth anything!”

Mr Mitchell hit out at Channel 7’s trailer tactics despite being interviewed himself for the programme to mark the milestone 10th anniversary of Maddie’s disappearance.

The show claims it will reveal new evidence when it’s screened Down Under on Sunday evening.

Long-serving family PR Mr Mitchell hit back at the current affairs show, simply called Sunday Night, saying: “There’s nothing new in it that I’m aware of. I don’t know of new evidence neither do Kate and Gerry.”

n a teaser video released on Thursday, Channel 7's Sunday Night claims a new line of inquiry could bring the case closer to being solved.

Forensic scientist Dave Barclay will feature on the programme, calling the case "the most baffling" he's ever looked at.

Journalist Rahni Sadler will also speak to the case's lead investigator and criminal profiler.

Maddie's parents Gerry and Kate have urged the filmmakers to hand over any leads to police, the Daily Star reports.

A pal close to the anguished couple said: “It seems cruel for television bosses to be making out Kate and Gerry are on the show and then running old clips of them being asked a hideous question, for shock purposes, about them killing Madeleine.

“This show’s being aired just 10 days before the anniversary and it’s no surprise that Kate and Gerry will be angered and upset. They have stated time and again over the years that they had absolutely nothing to do with their daughter’s abduction.

“To be re-running an old interview they did with the network in 2011 as British police finally launched an investigation into Madeleine’s disappearance is quite hideous.”

US criminal profiler Pat Brown, who recently insisted that Maddie is “dead” and that her body has been moved to a “desolate location”, will also reportedly discuss elements of the case.

Exact details about the evidence and the upcoming TV show, due to be aired on Channel 7 in Australia, are scarce.

A 40-second teaser video released yesterday claims a new line of inquiry could bring the case closer than ever to being solved.

Interviewers also speak to the former lead investigator Goncalo Amaral.

Amaral is an ex-police officer who led the initial hunt when three-year-old Maddie went missing from the Algarve in 2007.

The now retired detective was removed as head of the investigation after criticising British detectives.

In July 2008, Amaral released a book called “The Truth of the Lie”, which claims the McCanns faked the abduction.

A spokesman for the McCanns asked the documentary-makers to hand over any “credible” evidence to police.

They said: “If the Australian TV show contains any credible, fresh lines of inquiry they should, of course, have been given immediately to the police.”

It comes as the tenth anniversary of Madeleine's disappearance nears.

The three-year-old vanished from the holiday apartment she was staying in with her parents and twin siblings in May 2007.

Her parents had left the youngsters sleeping as they ate with pals at a nearby tapas bar, but were regularly going back to check on the kids.

When Kate returned to check on the trio at 10pm that evening, she discovered Madeleine was missing from her bed.

Earlier this week a nanny who was there the night Madeleine McCann vanished claimed the resort was so unsafe she was given a rape alarm – and told not to go anywhere by herself.

The Ocean Club worker revealed her fears after a girl had been attacked “the year or so before in Praia da Luz” and said “it didn’t sound like a family resort to me”.

The woman told The Mirror: “We were told, ‘Here’s a rape whistle, don’t go anywhere by yourself, ever.’ There’d been a girl attacked the year or so before in Praia da Luz. It didn’t sound like a family resort to me.”

The nanny also recalled Maddie's parents' anguish and insists there is “no way they did it” - revealing Kate was in a “catatonic state” after realising her daughter was gone.

She blamed Portuguese police for a bungling investigation.

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