

Maddie's Photos Stolen from Dad

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MADELEINE McCann's dad was distraught yesterday after a vile pickpocket stole his wallet - containing precious photos of the missing four-year-old.

Heart consultant Gerry McCann, 39, was using a cashpoint at a London rail station when the thief struck.

The three "irreplaceable" snaps were the only copies. Maddie's furious aunt branded the culprit an "animal".

One showed four-year-old Maddie - who was snatched 49 days ago in Portugal - aged just 15 months.

Another was taken recently at a church. Gerry's sister Philomena, 48, said: "We don't care about the money - only getting the pictures of Madeleine back. They were Gerry's treasured pictures - and are irreplaceable."

No other copies of the snaps exist. Gerry, 39, was using a cashpoint while on a flying visit back to Britain when the rat struck at London's Waterloo station.

Teacher Philomena, who lives in Glasgow, said her brother was "desperate" to get the snaps back.

She said: "He bent down to put something in his rucksack and some dirty animal had the wallet out of his back pocket.

"Gerry just wants whoever stole them to hand them back. How can you do that to someone who has been through what he has? You can't believe some people can stoop so low."

The thief struck on Tuesday hours after Gerry, of Rothley, Leics, jetted into Gatwick for a series of meetings to keep the spotlight on Maddie's abduction.

His GP wife Kate, 38, has remained with their two-year-old twins in the Algarve resort of Praia da Luz - where Maddie was snatched from a holiday flat.

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