

First Responder in Skripal Poisoning Turns Out to be Britain's Most Senior Military Nurse

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***Sergei and Yulia Skripal** were given first aid by the British Army's most senior nurse, who just happened to be nearby, according to a new report – adding further intrigue to the highly controversial case.*

The latest development in the Salisbury poisoning affair will fuel the claims of skeptics, who don't believe the official British narrative. UK authorities have claimed that the former double agent and his daughter were targeted by the Russian government in a bizarre failed assassination plot involving a military-grade nerve agent.

It was previously [reported](#) by British media that the first person to provide medical assistance to the Skripals after they collapsed on a bench in Salisbury was “an off-duty nurse who had worked on the Ebola outbreak in Sierra Leone.”

However, the healthcare professional turned out to be not just any nurse. She was **Colonel Alison McCourt**, a veteran service member who currently [holds](#) the position of chief nursing officer in the British Army.

The revelation emerged after her daughter Abigail, 16, was given a Local Hero award from Spire FM, a local radio station. According to a [story](#) broadcast by the radio last weekend, Abigail noticed that the Skripals were not well, misdiagnosed Sergei as having suffered a heart attack, and called her mom. The teen, who has first-aid training, then assisted her mother in providing CPR.

Spire FM explained why the story was kept in the dark for almost a year, saying neither of the McCourt women had wanted media attention after the two people they helped turned out to be victims of a high-profile crime that pitted the UK and Russia against each other in a bitter war of accusations and stonewalling.

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— Spire FM (@SpireFM) [January 21, 2019](#)

However, Colonel McCourt, who herself was decorated for her deployment to fight Ebola in Sierra Leone, decided that her daughter also deserved an award and proposed her as a candidate.

Skeptics will say it's a hell of a coincidence that Britain's most senior military nurse and her family were celebrating her son's birthday at just the right time, and in just the right place, to get involved in arguably the decade's biggest spy scandal in Britain. Perhaps stranger things have happened...

The British military lab that studies chemical weapons also just happens to be located near Salisbury. The victims of the poison, which the UK government have called Novichok, collapsed at the same time, hours after allegedly coming into contact with the substance on the door handle of Sergei Skripal's front door.

The supposed bungling assassins proved to be so inept that they couldn't dispose of the highly conspicuous murder weapon in a way in which it wouldn't be found. And all this coincidentally occurred to cause scandal and distraction just as Britain was failing to negotiate favorable terms for its exit from the EU.

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