

# Did secret agents murder protester?

**EXCLUSIVE**

By James Murray

**MURDERED** anti-nuclear campaigner Hilda Murrell was stabbed to death by one or two unknown men but not the burglar convicted of the killing, her nephew has told the Sunday Express.

Robert Green, a former Royal Navy commander, wants Andrew George to be released and a new cold case review so that the "real killer or killers" can be caught.

After a meeting with lawyer Michael Mansfield QC on Friday, at which he launched an appeal for an independent police review, he said: "I am satisfied Mr George neither abducted nor killed my aunt. What the hell is going on?"

He claimed crucial DNA evidence found under his aunt's fingernails after her frantic fight for life does not match George's.

## Nephew says burglar's conviction is a cover-up

His lawyers were not allowed to offer the evidence at his trial seven years ago.

George, a 16-year-old truant at the time of the murder, was jailed 21 years later when his fingerprints and bodily fluid were matched to samples found at her home in Shrewsbury, Shropshire. It was alleged he had sexually abused the 78-year-old rose grower before kidnapping her, killing her and leaving her body in a copse six miles away.

Robert believes the true story is far more sinister, involving secret agents and Margaret Thatcher's government. He

agrees with conspiracy theorists who believe she was murdered by the State because of what she knew about the nuclear industry and the sinking of Argentine ship the Belgrano, with the loss of 323 lives, in the Falklands War.

She died just before she was to give evidence against the Sizewell B nuclear power station at a public inquiry. She had also campaigned against US cruise missiles at RAF Greenham Common in Berkshire.

At the time a Ministry of Defence unit called DS19 was working to discredit the arguments of protesters like her, as

Robert revealed in his latest book, *A Thorn In Their Side*.

He says he believes George's story of a strange coincidence, namely that when he broke into Ms Murrell's home he disturbed two men with guns.

He said: "He was taken control of by two men who held guns to his head and said if he ever breathed a word about what he'd found, he'd be dead."

Witnesses at the time told of seeing Ms Murrell in the passenger seat of her own car being driven by a man who bears little resemblance to George.

Robert says this was a decoy journey to cover for the gunmen who took his aunt off for interrogation. Mr Mansfield dismisses critics of the conspiracy theory as

"naive", while Robert says he is still subject to harassment and mail kampering despite living with wife Kate in New Zealand.



**MYSTERY:** Hilda Murrell and, inset, Andrew George, jailed for killing her when he was 16

