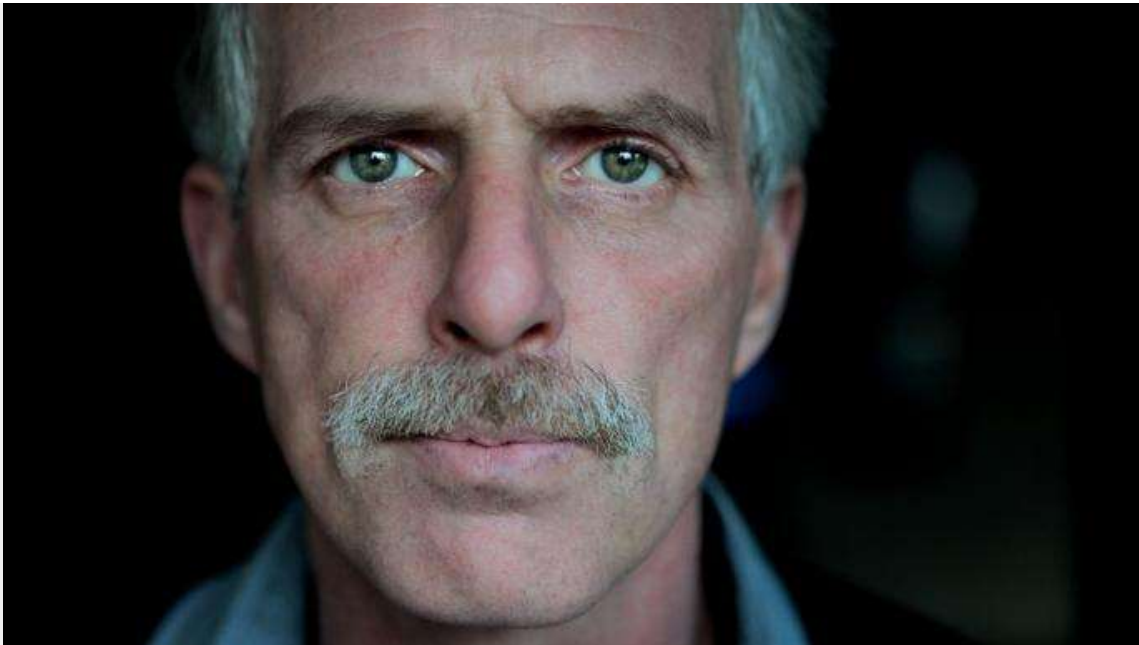


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Gilfoyle family demand apology over investigation failings

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Eddie Gilfoyle was sentenced to life for his wife's murder - TOM PILSTON/THE TIMES

The family of Eddie Gilfoyle is demanding an apology from Merseyside police for covering up errors in an investigation that led to the Falklands veteran being sentenced to life for murder.

A damning report cataloguing bumbles by officers at the scene where his heavily pregnant wife was found hanged was kept from his trial at the initiative of the CID, according to a newly disclosed internal document.

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When his relatives called in the Police Complaints Authority (PCA) to review mistakes in the investigation, police withheld information from the disciplinary body, an investigation by *The Times* disclosed yesterday.

Gilfoyle's solicitor, Matt Foot, said: "This family asked for the truth in 1993, they deserve it now and an apology."

Gilfoyle's sister, Sue Caddick, said: "Twenty-three years ago I made a complaint to Merseyside police and it is only recently that the truth is finally starting to emerge. Merseyside covered up their own institutional failings which meant that the court were not told the true picture about why things went wrong when the police turned up on the day of Paula's death. My complaint was obviously treated with contempt by the Merseyside police. I am furious."

Newly uncovered documents show how the police deliberately withheld from Gilfoyle's defence team an internal report recording serious institutional failings by the force. Graham Gooch, an independent officer sent by the PCA to review the family's complaint about the murder investigation, has made a fresh statement outlining obstacles put in his path by Merseyside. The force wrongly denied the existence of the damaging report. Gilfoyle, 54, from the Wirral, who has always protested his innocence, served 16 years and has asked for the case to be sent back to the Court of Appeal.

Merseyside police said: "The force has supplied all documentation in relation to the original investigation to the Criminal Cases Review Commission. As this matter is still being considered by the CCRC it would not be appropriate for the force to comment further."

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