

# Murderer's confession caught on police tap

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A SOLDIER and his mother have been convicted of murder after police caught him admitting the crime by bugging his house.

Barry Rogers, an Iraq war veteran, used a pillow to smother his grandmother, Betty Guy, 84, after his mother, Penelope John, gave her a cocktail of pills and whisky in November 2011.

Mrs Guy's death was thought to be from natural causes, so no post-mortem examination was conducted.

However, Rogers, 33, and John, 50, came under suspicion four years later when an ex-partner of Rogers told police he had spoken of suffocating his grandmother.

Officers traced two other former partners of Rogers and discovered he had told them about the death.

John, of St Dogmaels, Pembrokeshire, and Rogers of Fishguard, Pembrokeshire, were arrested in 2016 and while they were in custody officers installed covert recording equipment in John's home.

The jury heard recordings where the pair discussed the death. At one point Rogers was heard saying: "You have got nothing to worry about, it's me that's the one that's done the act."

The pair denied murder but were convicted by the jury at Swansea Crown Court. Mr Justice Lewis said both John and Rogers would receive life sentences.

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