

# Second Salisbury suspect is named as military doctor

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THE second suspect in the Salisbury novichok attack is a Russian military doctor, an investigative website reported last night.

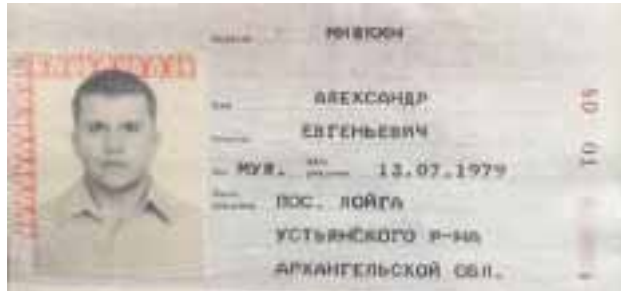
Alexander Petrov's real name is Dr Alexander Yegenyevich Mishkin, according to Bellingcat.

The 39-year-old is a member of Russia's military intelligence agency GRU, along with suspected accomplice Col Anatoly Chepiga who was identified by the same sources last month.

Bellingcat said Mishkin 'studied and graduated from one of Russia's elite Military Medical Academies, and was trained as a military doctor for the Russian naval armed forces'.

He was born in the northern Russian village of Loyga and recruited by the GRU before moving to Moscow in 2010, according to Bellingcat which worked with Russian news website The Insider.

Bellingcat said it would publish a more detailed report later today and give evidence to a Commons committee this afternoon. The suspects in the



Real ID: Mishkin's passport from 2001 gives his name and date of birth BELLINGCAT

poisoning of former KGB double agent Sergei Skripal in March were first named as Ruslan Boshirov and Alexander Petrov by the British government, which made it clear the names from their passports were aliases.

Mr Skripal, 64, and his daughter Yulia, 34, survived the attempt but Dawn Sturgess, 44, died in July after being exposed to a contaminated perfume bottle in the Wiltshire city.

'Boshirov' and 'Petrov' appeared on Russian television last month claiming they were tourists who had travelled to Salisbury to see the city's cathedral 'famous for its 123-metre spire'.

Meanwhile, British and Dutch authorities revealed last week a separate four-man GRU team was sent back to Moscow after trying to target the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons in The Hague.



'Just a tourist': 'Petrov' on Russian TV and Metro's front page on September 14

# Smiles before tragedy: the half-marathon men who died



Collapsed: Dean with Katie and daughter Evie. Ben with girlfriend Amy WALES NEWS

PICTURED smiling with their partners, these are the two men who died after finishing the Cardiff half-marathon.

Dean Fletcher, 32, was photographed with wife Katie and one-year-old daughter Evie minutes before setting off on the charity run on Sunday. He collapsed in front of them when he finished two hours later.

Ben McDonald, 25, is pictured alongside girlfriend Amy Stanton-Foo, who ran the race with him.

He needed medical help moments after crossing the tape at the end of the 13.1-mile course.

Both men had cardiac arrests and were taken to the University Hospital

of Wales but could not be saved. Tests are being carried out to discover if they had any underlying heart problems.

Mrs Fletcher yesterday described accountant Dean, of Exeter, as an 'amazing husband and father'. He was raising money for neuroscience, mental health, and cancer research at Cardiff University, where the couple met when they were students.

It was the second time he had taken part in the event.


Mr McDonald, of Wenvoe, near Cardiff, was running the event for the first time alongside Ms Stanton-Foo, his brothers Steve and Andrew,

brother-in-law Paddy and sisters-in-law Kate and Alix.

He had worked at the Cardiff White Water Centre since the age of 16, qualified as a teacher and was a keen bodyboarder, snowboarder and kayaker.


Run 4 Wales chief executive Matt Newman said: 'This is a terrible tragedy for the families. Our heartfelt sympathies go out to the family and friends of both Ben and Dean.'


'The medical team and emergency services reacted to this terrible situation with great speed and professionalism. Everyone connected with the race is devastated.'



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