Kill List: Hunted by Putin's Spies

New Channel 4 two-part documentary with unparalleled access those speaking out against Putin, and their real-time discovery of a Russian assassination plot posed against them by the Bulgarian spies prosecuted in the Old Bailey in March. Also, with extraordinary access to a whistleblower attempting to escape Russia in real time.

For the first time:

- Christo Grozev and his journalist colleagues Roman Dobrohotov and Fidelius Schmid reveal the inner machinations of their investigation into Putin's apparatus of espionage and assassination, and the personal cost of their work.
- Evgenia Kara-Murza, wife of previously imprisoned dissident Vladimir Kara Murza, reveals in detail her experience of his double poisoning and arrest and her fears for his declining health while incarcerated in Siberia. While the death of Alexei Navalny starkly lays bare the jeopardy facing her husband...
- An anonymous scientist, formerly working at the heart of Putin's Novichok laboratories, speaks about the reasons for his defection to the West and his fear of ramifications for his family.

FIRST LOOK CLIPS OF NEW TESTIMONY FROM CHRISTO GROZEV

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An immersive and chilling documentary, **Kill List: Hunted by Putin's Spies** follows Christo Grozev, the journalist exposing Putin's murder machine as he is told he is under threat and is forced to go on the run himself. Kill List also follows in real time a whistleblower from inside Russia's poison program as he escapes, Vladimir Kara-Murza, a prominent political activist who is poisoned twice and now stands trial in Russia for treason and his wife Evgenia.

Channel 4 and Passion Pictures have been following Christo for the past three years, reaching its conclusion earlier this month with the verdict of the Bulgarian spy trial.

Following Christo Grozev as he is on the run from Putin's spies, *Kill List* provides unprecedented access and understanding of the dangers associated with Putin's Russia.

"They've infiltrated every part of my life. Now I can't trust anyone because the threat to me remains unchanged. It's almost like a bounty system from the old wild west where you don't know how many killers are out there for you because there's an order, a kill order so basically there's a, a coin or a medal or whatever that's given to several people who are pursuing this outcome for the Kremlin. So that's why there's no way to investigate myself out of it, the only hope is for this regime to fall before the order is fulfilled by somebody."

Exclusive first look clips reveal the impact of life on the run, and show Christo seeing the messages from the Bulgarian Spies about their activities against him – CLIPS HERE

"The trial in the UK of the Bulgarians that Marsalek employed to spy on me is gathering pace and the prosecution have for the first time shared the messages they sent to each other.

No. This is way beyond. They never told me what the plans were, they never told me that they went to my dad's apartment other than that photo they showed but they seem to have. And the concept of an ambush, let alone the decapitation, obviously no one had told me that before. It's clearly distressing to read it.

Second of November. We have 2 people in Vienna on an almost constant basis. They brought special gas, so their suggestion is wait Grozev to fall sleep then they release the gas inside the apartment. Jesus.

That's my home in Vienna. With my family and my kids there. Jesus. Fuck fuck "

Evgenia Kara-Murza, wife of Vladimir Kara-Murza, a Russian opposition leader serving a 25-year sentence for "treason" in a Siberian jail.

"Of course I've been as vocal as possible, since the detention and I've been using every single platform available to speak out and to scream as loud as I can. His life is in danger, obviously. Because they see him as a personal enemy, they've tried to kill him twice, so putting him in prison and isolating him, maybe they're just thinking about, you know, after the trial he will be moved to a high security prison. And my contact with him will be pretty much severed. In a high security prison pretty much anything can happen."

Anonymous scientist whistleblower:

I am not allowed to leave the country because I have many state secrets. So, my true identity must be kept secret. I am a scientist from Russia in the field of military chemical activities, namely, the synthesis of poisons.

I had special access that granted me permission to participate in a non-official, top-secret programme on the development of new poisoning substances, that went against the Chemical Weapons Convention. There we created all variations of Novichok, there are different forms of the poison for instance, bicyclic that will cause a heart attack.

At first, I believed these substances were only being used to fight terrorism, but then political figures began to get poisoned. After this happened, I quit my job I was so angry, I needed to speak out. I wanted to tell everybody that I knew who made this poison

The system I used to be part of eroded everything that really matters in life, they take away your humanity. It's only when you're on the outside your eyes are fully opened to how far you've fallen, and I never want to have my eyes closed again

Kill List: Hunted by Putin's Spies was on Channel 4, Thursday 27th March. The feature documentary version, Antidote, is also playing in select cinemas.

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