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## New Documentary Looks at Decades Old Rumors of Beatle Paul McCartney's Death

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OXON HILL, Md. - It's a decades-old rumor few attending this weekend's Beatles tribute festival at National Harbor have any doubt putting to rest: is Paul McCartney dead? Their uniform answer is no! And yet, a new documentary that had its worldwide premiere at the festival Friday claims McCartney died in a car crash in 1966.

"They had covered up the death at the behest of her Majesty's government and the British intelligence service, MI5," said the documentary's director Joel Gilbert.

He says the British government was "afraid there would be a rash of suicides worldwide if Paul McCartney's death was made public."

Gilbert's documentary is called "Paul McCartney Really Is Dead - the Last Testament of George Harrison." He says it is based on audio recordings Harrison reportedly made in which he spills the beans on the Beatles' death-denying coverup.

The filmmaker says the man we've celebrated the past 44 years is a guy named William Campbell, who was discovered during a secret Paul McCartney look-alike contest staged by Dick Clark's American Bandstand.

"The Beatles came out and denied it and then they broke up within six months," Gilbert said on the FOX 5 Morning News.

Bruce Spizer has researched and written several books about the Beatles.

"It's simply not true. Paul McCartney is Paul McCartney. He's not William Campbell in disguise or anything like that," said Spizer.

Gilbert says you can find evidence of Paul McCartney's death littered throughout the Beatles extensive body of work.

"Take a look at the cover of the Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band album. That scene is essentially a funeral for Paul McCartney. If you look at the lyrics at that time, they say 'he died at five o'clock on a Wednesday morning. We had a pool of tears,'" Gilbert said.

A mere coincidence according to the Fab Four. Well? What do you think?

Online:

Abbey Road on the River, the worlds largest Beatles tribute festival, will host the East coast premiere of the documentary feature film PAUL McCARTNEY REALLY IS DEAD, The Last Testament of George Harrison on Friday, September 3rd at 2:00pm. The film screening and Q&A with film Director Joel Gilbert will be held inside the Gaylord National Resort, located in National Harbor. Subsequent screenings will be held on Saturday, September 4th and Sunday, September 5th at 12:30pm and 7:00pm.

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