

Cops Hunt For Man In Jamaica Diplomat Murder

Police investigating the murder of a British honorary consul in Jamaica have released an image of a man they want to question.

Police want to question a man in relation to the murder of John Terry. The Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF) also denied reports John Terry was the victim of a homophobic attack. The 65-year-old died of asphyxiation after being beaten and strangled at his home on the Caribbean island before being discovered on Sept 9. Mr Terry, a father-of-two, served as the honorary consul in Montego Bay, a popular tourist destination. A police spokesman said: "The investigation into the murder of John Terry is progressing well and the police have received several important pieces of information from the public which are currently being acted upon." "The investigators have not ruled out any motives at this time although they are prioritising a specific line of investigation." He said reports of a homophobic attack were "not consistent with the facts identified by investigators at this time" and were potentially misleading. Mr Terry was based in Montego Bay. The JCF said a "major person of interest" was seen near Mr Terry's house on Tuesday evening and is of slim build, brown complexion and is believed to be in his early 20s. He was last seen wearing a brown shirt, brown trousers, a brown cap with white on the peak and was said to be carrying a black and grey rucksack. Mr Terry's lawyer Gordon Brown paid tribute to the murdered man and said: "John Terry was not only a client but also a friend - he was an extraordinary human being. "He was quick-witted, very engaging and had a ready smile...unstinting in his service to Her Majesty and used the phrase 'Whom God Preserve' when he referred to her. "He did extraordinary work for the British High Commission and in the interests of British citizens in Jamaica." New Zealand-born Mr Terry was found in the bedroom of his Montego Bay home with cord and clothing round his neck, according to police. He worked in the tourism industry for around 30 years and was made an MBE in 1992. Honorary consuls are volunteers who help British nationals and others for whom the UK Government has consular responsibility abroad. They receive no salary from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office but some are paid a small fee of around £2,000 for their efforts. - skynews