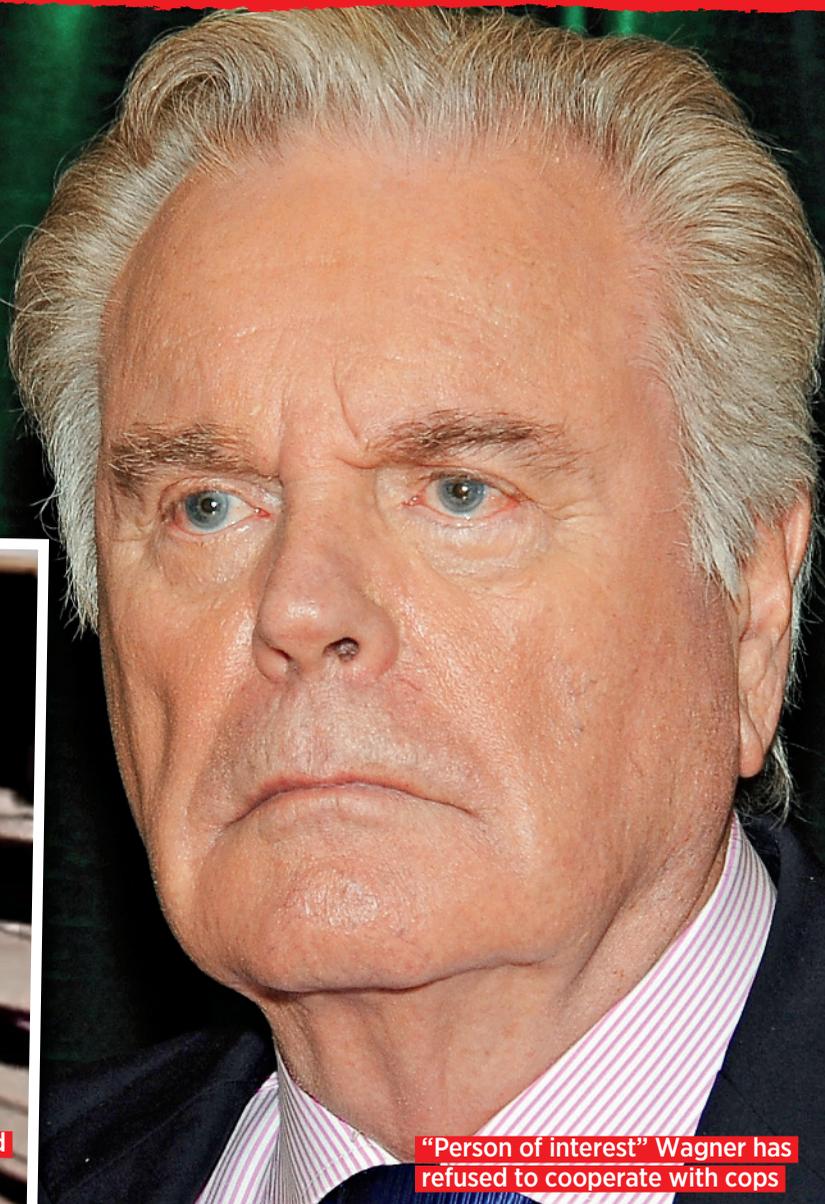
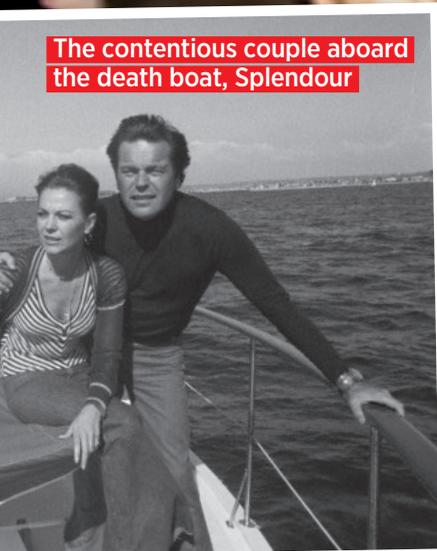


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— SHOCKING NEW CLAIM



The contentious couple aboard the death boat, Splendour



Natalie's body is loaded into a hearse in 1981

"Person of interest" Wagner has refused to cooperate with cops

with Natalie in a booze-fueled brawl, according to Splendour Capt. Dennis Davern.

The couple was entertaining Natalie's "Brainstorm" co-star, Christopher Walken, on the boat at the time.

Dennis, who passed a police polygraph test, implicated Wagner in Natalie's death, and accused him of delaying the search for his missing wife.

In a bizarre coincidence, Miller was also a witness in the case, The ENQUIRER has learned. He was skipping a schooner, Easy Rider, off Catalina on the night of Nata-

lie's death and heard Wagner broadcast a radio message saying, "Easy Rider, are you cruising in the vicinity?"

When Miller said he wasn't, Wagner responded, "Well, this is Splendour. We think we may have someone missing in an 11-foot rubber dinghy."

The L.A. County Sheriff's Department reopened the investigation into Natalie's death in 2011, and the Medical Examiner's Office changed the official cause of death from "accidental drowning" to "drowning and other undetermined factors."

In his report, Coroner Lakshmanan Sathyavagiswaran cited unexplained fresh bruising on Natalie's right forearm, left wrist and right knee, along with a scratch on her neck and a superficial scrape on her forehead.

Officials concluded the wounds opened the possibility the actress was assaulted before drowning.

Authorities said Wagner, 85, refused to cooperate with cops, and homicide investigators later labeled him a "person of interest."

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would only call 'gory' and 'sensational.'"

As The ENQUIRER has reported, on the night of the tragedy, Wagner exploded in a jealous rage on the couple's yacht, Splendour, and fought