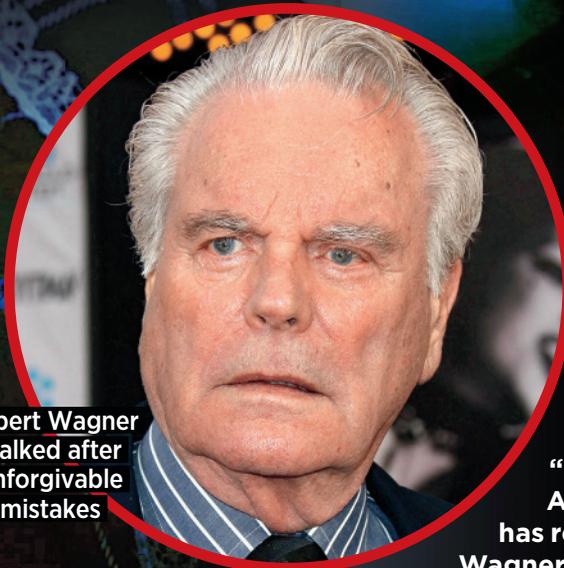


Autopsy EXPOSED!



Robert Wagner walked after unforgivable mistakes

» ROBERT WAS DEEMED A 'PERSON OF INTEREST'

of the deposition.

Sam added: "During his deposition, Dr. Noguchi was running from the statements and conclusions he made in his book concerning Natalie's death."

Noguchi's book contains a lengthy narrative of Natalie's final minutes, describing how she tried to hang on to a rubber dinghy as it drifted away from Splendour, the couple's yacht.

Noguchi based his description on the findings of coroner's investigator Paul Miller, who found

scratches on the dinghy.

Experts said tests on Natalie's fingernails would have determined if claims the 43-year-old actress desperately clawed at the dinghy before she died were true.

Nail clippings also may have provided evidence of a life-or-death struggle. Tissue samples may even have helped nail the perpetrator, experts said.

Former L.A. prosecutor Rhonda Saunders told *The ENQUIRER*: "The fact that there's no mention in the coroner's report of jagged or ripped fingernails is very unusual. It just seems like they wanted to wrap up this case as quickly as possible."

Natalie died after spending the Thanksgiving weekend sailing off California's

Catalina Island with Wagner and actor Christopher Walken, her co-star in the film, "Brainstorm."

As *The ENQUIRER* has reported, Wagner, now 86, exploded in a jealous rage aboard the yacht and fought a boozy brawl with Natalie, according to Splendour Capt. Dennis Davern.

In his book, Noguchi revealed he assigned Miller, an ocean accidents specialist, to conduct an on-site investigation of Natalie's death.

Noguchi claimed he gave Miller specific instructions to "examine the stern of the Wagners' yacht for any disturbance, or evidence of violence the police might have missed."

He also requested Miller check the dinghy "for any sign of a struggle."

He wrote: "When Paul Miller's report on the real facts of the death of Natalie Wood arrived, I read it and decided not to release the

document to the press. It added details the media would only call 'gory' and 'sensational.'"

Despite these questions, Noguchi ruled Natalie's death was accidental.

After the L.A. County Sheriff's Department reopened the probe into her death in 2011, the Medical Examiner's Office tossed Noguchi's findings.

As part of his deposition, Perroni subpoenaed Noguchi to hand over the so-called "Miller report." But Noguchi, 89, claimed he didn't have the document, and testified that he couldn't recall much of the investigation, Perroni said.

Perroni's efforts to track down Miller have been unsuccessful.

He added: "Noguchi got amnesia about a lot of things, and never offered an explanation as to why he would ask Miller to look for scratches on the dinghy, and then not check Natalie's fingernails when he admitted that is where you can find evidence, including evidence of an altercation." *NE*