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# COMMIT OR NOT COMMIT

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Angela in Court



Angela's family lighthouse

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## Suspected of Espionage

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German mother of two, Angela Zimmerman Smith, has been taken to court on suspicion of espionage – the act of spying to get secret information. Zimmerman Smith went to court fully expecting to go home safe and warm, but things didn't go that way at all. Zimmerman was suspected of sending files, drawings, and private information to the Nazis from the lighthouse where she lives.

At the time of suspicion, she was arrested and held at an internment camp. She was eventually found innocent as it was in fact her husband who was guilty of the crime.



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## Who is the guilty one?

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Detective Brown from Dover police had always supported Angela Zimmerman's plea of innocence and had strong suspicions of the husband. Angela initially confessed to protect her oldest daughter whom she thought was to blame for the act of treason. When the police went to collect evidence on the crime, they found a logbook which logged

of all the times the Nazi ships have entered English waters, along with a pair of binoculars. When trying to get Angela to read the codes in the logbook she couldn't understand a single letter or number of the codes. When the detective thought about who it could be, the immediately thought of Fredrick – Angela's husband. When the detective interviewed him, Fredrick admitted that it was in fact him.

## SUSPICION AND CONFESSION

### SUSPICION

## CONFESSIONS ALL ROUND

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Before his arrest, Fredrick went on a rescue mission to Dunkirk to rescue British soldiers. Upon his return he was caught up in a mine explosion where he died before detectives had a chance to arrest him for his crime.

A week ago, police thought he conspired with the Nazis although there have been reports of Mrs. Baron, the magistrate / ANPR warden, bribing him to do it. The police spoke to Mrs. Baron and here's what she had to say, "nobody should have known my plan! I temporarily knocked his malicious daughters out to get into the lighthouse and alert the Nazis that we are ready for the attack I'd planned; I should have killed them! The little rascals stopped me from getting the great attack started! I sent a bomb over a few days before to get rid of the vermin little creatures. Instead it paralyzed her from the waist down!"

Detective Brown had a few words to say at the scene, "I happened to be in the kitchen and overheard a conversation that shocked me. I listened though the hearing tube Mrs. Baron was threatening Zimmerman's wheelchair bound daughter. Baron turned on the light at the top of the lighthouse to alert the Nazis to attack. When I ran up the stairs, I saw the young girl who was paralyzed from the bomb reaching from her wheelchair to turn the light off and signal the German planes to abandon the attack in order to salvage the situation. Mrs. Baron was later arrested along with her brainwashed son who helped her with her plans by cutting important telephone lines.



## Angela Zimmerman Smith Interview

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The police spoke to Angela and this is how she felt, "When I received the letter from my eldest daughter about my youngest daughter being paralyzed from the waist down and nearly getting killed from the German attack, I wanted to run out of that internment camp and see if they were both alright as I had of course heard that my dear husband had died and wouldn't be there to look after them. I probably won't be out until the end of the war now though and all I want to do is sob about it. I know my eldest will look after them and I'm sure they'll make the most of the independence but still I am very concerned."