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'Dad gave all his of Prayer...they



SLAPHEAD: Britney

Britney's tress over hair loss

By MIKE PARKER in LA

BRITNEY Spears is in danger of becoming a baldie again – because her hair is falling out in big clumps a year after she shaved it all off.

The troubled singer has been disguising her patchy pate with wigs and extensions fitted by top Beverly Hills stylist Kim Vo. But recent photos show that even though most of her old mane is growing back, alarming bare areas remain on top of her bonce.

Medical hair and scalp experts, known as trichologists, who were shown rear-view pictures of Britney's head, believe she may have a serious condition that could leave her permanently bald.

One, Los Angeles based Dr Maurice Messler, told the *Sunday World*: "It looks like she is displaying early signs of alopecia."

Alopecia

"This can be stress-related or caused as an unforeseen consequence of hairstyling routines, such as excessively tight braiding. In some people, it can also be caused by a psychological compulsion to literally pull or tear out one's own hair."

A second specialist added: "Some medical treatments, including certain psychotropic drugs, can cause hair loss or accelerate the effects of alopecia."

Britney (26), who is under psychiatric care, is taking at least two such prescription drugs as well as pills to help her sleep.

Stylist-to-the-stars Vo, who has been working with Britney four times a week to replace her existing extensions with new, technologically advanced ones, insists her locks are not a lost cause. "Her natural hair is now about five inches long."

But a stylist who has also worked with her insisted: "There are several areas where her hair doesn't seem to be growing back."

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GERMAN police dogs are getting blue rubber shoes to protect their paws while on the beat. A cop said shards of glass tend to get stuck between the cobbles and can injure the dogs.

THIS is the face of one of the elderly victims of self-proclaimed visionary Christina Gallagher and her controversial House of Prayer.

Before Tim McCarry died in December last year, aged 89, he had given the "holy" woman his life savings of €70,000.

And today his sickened daughter Bernadette Rees says: "I feel as if he was robbed. They preyed on the fact he was old and vulnerable to their suggestions."

"He was led to believe that money would make him a pathway to heaven and he gave everything he had. I think he was cheated."

"When I sent them an email saying my



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dad had died of cancer, I didn't even get a reply. They didn't even send a sympathy card which is incredible when you consider they are supposed to be a religious organisation.

Manipulated

"They knew he had cancer in hospital but never visited him even though he had been with them for years and had given them all this money. I feel very bitter towards them. They took someone who was vulnerable and manipulated him."

Over the last two months, the *Sunday World* has revealed how elderly devout

Catholics all over the country were encouraged to hand over huge amounts of money to Gallagher and the House of Prayer in Achill while she herself leads an astonishing wealthy lifestyle.

We uncovered the amazing secret €4 million palace where she lives in Dublin, an astonishing €1 million home with jacuzzis and a four-poster bed from Harrods in Newport, Co Mayo, and another €1 million mansion she bought for her daughter Mary outside Ballina.

We also revealed how she drives a top-of-the-range €110,000 7-Series BMW and buys the best of everything for her houses while she encourages elderly supporters to sell their land and homes to give to her "mission".

RTE, other national newspapers and local radio and press have all followed up our sensational stories.

Bernadette Rees told the *Sunday World* last night that her beloved dad Tim –

from Dunfanaghy in Co Donegal – was a deeply religious man and therefore "an easy mark".

He had lost his wife in the 1980s and tragically his only son had committed suicide, said mother-of-one Bernadette, who has one sister. "He was mentally very vulnerable and they took advantage of him."

Savings

She said her dad originally lived in a rented room in Achill and prayed regularly at the House of Prayer but eventually moved into a caravan in the grounds for several years. When he got cancer, he moved to a nursing home in Falcarragh.

"As well as the €70,000 in savings, he also had an English and Irish pension and we don't know what happened to that," says Bernadette. "My dad told me last summer that he had given all his money to the House of Prayer."

"At one stage he told me to ring a man



SUSPICIOUS: Main, Christina throws her hands in the air, apparently in religious ecstasy. Inset, her 'manager' Noel Guinan, seated next to Christina. Right, former supporter Mike McCrory

