

British mother wants Indian police probed

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NEW DELHI - A British mother reportedly wants India's federal law agency to take over the investigation into the death of her daughter in the southern state of Goa. Fiona MacKeown, whose daughter, Scarlett Keeling, was found dead on a beach Feb. 18, claims the 15-year-old girl was raped and murdered. She has written India's Central Bureau of Investigation, asking it to take over the probe and also investigate the Goa police for any alleged cover-up, The Times of London reported. Goa police initially said Scarlett had drowned, but a second autopsy reportedly showed there wasn't enough water in the girl's lungs to indicate drowning. Police later arrested a 25-year-old local man on suspicion of rape after witnesses said they saw him with Scarlett shortly before her body was found, the BBC reported earlier. The suspect, who had worked as a barman, was remanded to custody for the suspected rape, The Times reported. One British man was quoted as telling newspaper he saw a barman "lying on top" of Scarlett soon after she left the bar high on a cocktail of LSD, ecstasy and cocaine.

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