

# STAGG'S LIE TEST BOOST FOR KILLER

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**CONVICTED hammer killer Michael Stone has enlisted former murder suspect Colin Stagg to help him win his freedom.**

Stone, 42, serving life for murdering Lin and Megan Russell, got Stagg to arrange a lie detector test. He hopes it will help his appeal, lodged last month.



*Stone . . . appeal*

Stagg, 40, was the prime suspect for the murder of mum Rachel Nickell in 1992 and spent a year in jail on remand before his trial collapsed.

*He said: "I passed two tests which show I had nothing to do with the Rachel Nickell murder."*

"So when one of Stone's supporters asked me to help I was happy to put him in touch with the polygraph tester.

"I don't know if he is innocent. But I was prepared to help give him a chance to prove it."

Lin, 45, and daughter Megan, six, were murdered in 1996 near their home in Chillenden, Kent.

Lin's other daughter Josie, now 15, survived the frenzied attack.

Stone was convicted in 1998, but the verdict was quashed on appeal. A second jury convicted him again at a retrial in 2001.