



# KILLING ESCOBAR

*"You don't get asked to assassinate Pablo Escobar unless you've got the right experience."* Peter McAleese

In 1989 the Scottish Mercenary and ex-SAS Operative, Peter McAleese, was hired by a Colombian drug cartel to recruit and lead a small team of ex-special forces commandos on a mission to assassinate the world's biggest drug baron, Pablo Escobar.

Scottish soldier Peter McAleese had an extreme and often violent career spanning 30 years of combat in the British SAS and as a mercenary on the battlefields of Africa. On the home-front, his personal life was equally chaotic with failed marriages, hard-drinking and a string of convictions for fighting. In the late eighties, just when he thought his fighting days were behind him, he was asked to take on a deadly mission that would provide the greatest challenge of his career. The infamous Cali Cartel wanted him to lead a crack unit of British mercenaries to wipe out their arch enemy, Pablo Escobar, in the one place he thought he was safe; Hacienda Napoles, his heavily-guarded luxury retreat near Medellin.

Told in McAleese's own words, this gripping feature documentary includes amazing and intimate archive from his life and footage of the Colombia mission itself. It also features interviews with other key participants in the story, such as fellow mercenary Dave Tomkins, DEA officers Javier Pena and Steve Murphy (whose experiences were dramatised in the acclaimed Netflix series *Narcos*) and McAleese's Cali Cartel liaison Jorge Salcedo (whose experiences in Colombia inspired the hit Netflix series *Narcos*).

*Killing Escobar* reveals how McAleese's violent upbringing in Glasgow, his training in the SAS and experience as a mercenary in Africa led him to take on this seemingly suicidal mission-and how it would reshape his life forever.

**Duration**  
1 x 89-minutes

**Country of Production**  
UK

**Director**  
David Whitney  
*The Line of Freedom*

**Executive Producers**  
Mick McAvoy  
*The Lockerbie Bombing*  
Alan Clements  
*Susan Hill's The Small Hand: A Ghost Story*  
Nick Taussig  
*McQueen*

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