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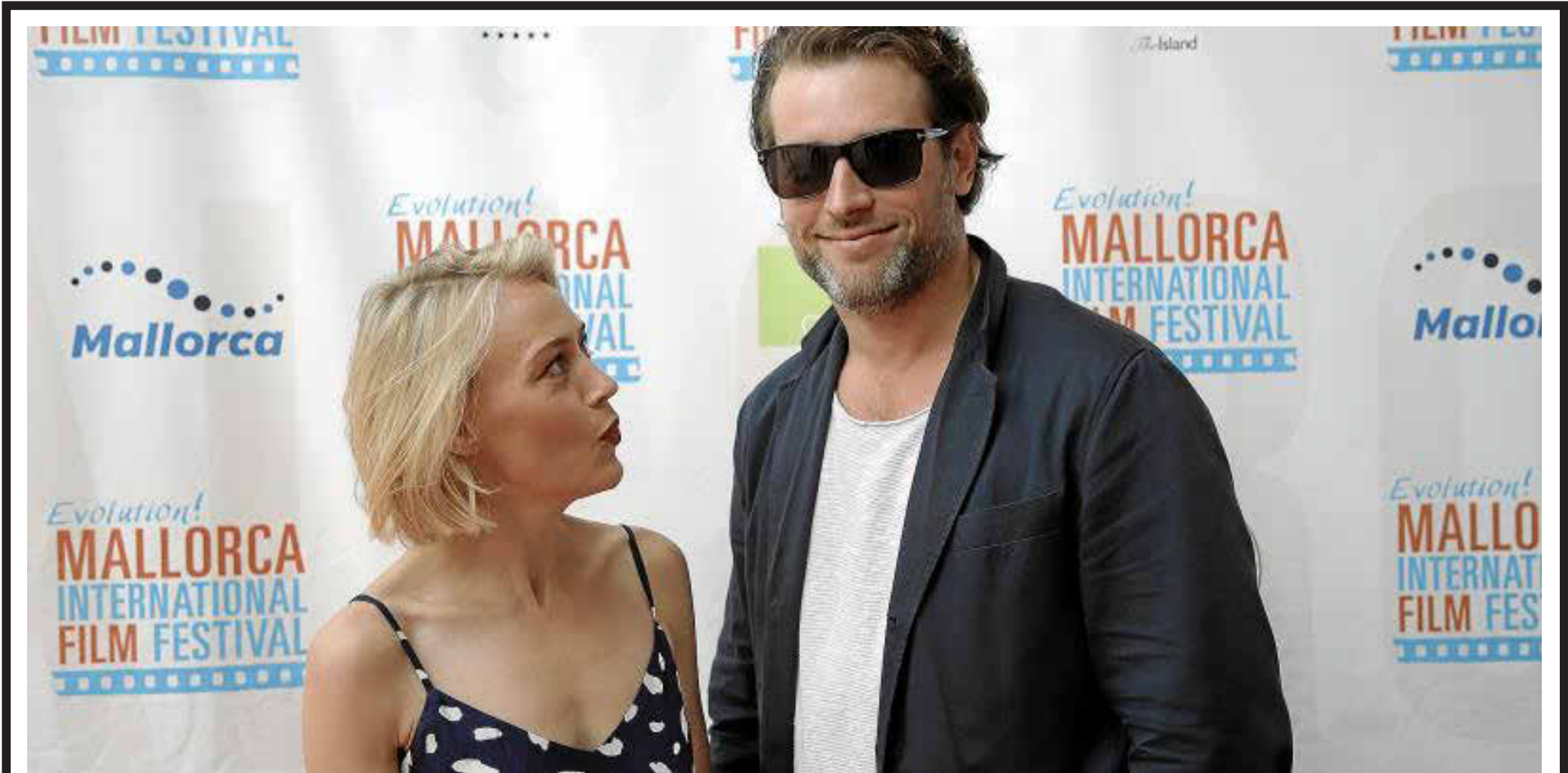
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BACK AGAIN ON BBC1

Palma.—British television viewers can look forward to an extra treat of winter sunshine in the new year, as the BBC has announced it is showcasing the first series of hit crime drama *The Mallorca Files* in a new slot on Saturday afternoons. The first series will be available weekly at 6.30pm (Spanish time) from Saturday

4th January. Starring Elen Rhys as DC Miranda Blake and Julian Looman as DC Max Winter, *The Mallorca Files* centres around two mismatched detectives – an introverted Brit who is used to living by the rules, and her German counterpart, whose approach to policing involves little interest in process – who have to learn

to work together, despite their differences. The programme is set against the stunning back drop of Majorca, with sizzling chemistry between the leads; the witty scripts from Dan Sefton and his team of writers. and the catchy theme tune have all won the series a legion of fans. In addition to the popular vote, the

series has garnered critical acclaim from a wide range of outlets including *The Times* (“A perfect slab of daytime sunshine”), *RadioTimes.com* (“Just the TV we need for a gloomy winter), while the *Daily Mail’s* Christopher Stevens gave the show a five star review calling it “hotter than spicy tapas”.

Wikileaks’ Assange appears in court in Spain spying probe

Madrid.—Jailed WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange appeared in a Madrid court via videolink from Britain as part of an investigation into his allegations that a Spanish firm spied on him while he lived inside the Ecuadorian embassy in London. The case, led by Spanish judge Jose de la Mata, focuses on allegations that first cameras and then microphones were installed in the embassy between June 2017

and early 2018 by Spanish private security firm Undercover Global S.L. An Ecuador foreign ministry spokeswoman declined to comment on the case. The recordings, said to have captured conversations between Assange and his lawyers, may have been distributed to parties including “authorities from Ecuador and agents from the United States,” according to court documents, which say

this was done “probably on orders from U.S. intelligence.” A CIA spokeswoman declined to comment. “Finally Mr. Assange will be able to testify as a victim of this alleged spying plot which would have been orchestrated from the United States,” said Aitor Martinez, a lawyer for Assange, who testified as a witness in the case.

During his testimony, Assange said he was unaware that cameras installed by Undercover Global were also capturing audio and suggested the surveillance likely targeted members of his legal team, according to a spokesperson for his lawyer. Owner and director of UC Global S.L. David Morales declined to say whether his company spied on Assange.