

# Final act of Michael Jackson drama

Michael Jackson's personal doctor, Conrad Murray, accused of giving the singer a fatal dose of anaesthetics and sedatives, pleaded not guilty to a single charge of involuntary manslaughter

**Conrad Murray:** Houston cardiologist, 56, hired by Jackson in May 2009 to be his personal physician as he prepared for strenuous series of comeback performances. **Michael Jackson, 50, died at his Los Angeles home on June 25**

**The charge:** That Murray *did unlawfully, and without malice, kill Michael Joseph Jackson* by acting *without due caution and circumspection*.

If convicted, Murray could face up to four years in prison

**Drugs found during autopsy:**  
**Propofol** – used to sedate patients before surgery. Known as *milk of amnesia* because patient cannot remember procedure

**Lorazepam, Diazepam** – benzodiazepines, drugs used to treat anxiety and insomnia

**Midazolam** – sedative similar to propofol

**Lidocaine** – local anaesthetic

**Ephedrine** – stimulant

