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LONDON: A veteran British broadcaster was arrested on suspicion of murder Wednesday after admitting he smothered to death an ex-lover who had AIDS, police said Wednesday.

Ray Gosling made the confession in a television programme aired this week, saying he killed the unnamed man as he lay seriously ill in hospital "in the early period of AIDS" – likely to be during the 1980s.

A spokeswoman for Nottinghamshire Police in central England, said officers "this morning arrested a 70-year-old Nottingham man on suspicion of murder following comments on the BBC's Inside Out programme on Monday evening."

The 70-year-old's confession comes amid debate in Britain about so-called mercy killings, or whether people with terminal illnesses be allowed to commit assisted suicide.