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Father's appeal over missing son

The father of a missing County Down man has called on police to search a storm drain close to the site in the docks area of Belfast where he disappeared.



Raymond Kelly distributed leaflets about his missing son

Martin Kelly, 21, from Holywood, was last seen leaving Pat's Bar on New Year's Day 2006.

His father, Raymond, went to the pub on Tuesday to appeal for information.

"I would like the drain searched in detail, and the police and the water board to use cameras and to go inland and open it," he said.

Mr Kelly added that sniffer dogs had picked up an active scent in that area.

CCTV footage

CCTV footage showed Mr Kelly walking towards the Prudential building at Clarendon Dock on 1 January two years ago.

Police have conducted a number of searches for the missing man. A major search of the area was conducted last August.

The storm drain is about 40ft from where his son was last seen alive.

The family have worked relentlessly to try and locate Martin. Police and volunteer divers have helped in the search and the family also enlisted the help of a psychic.

They set up a website in Martin's name and made trips across the United Kingdom in their search for him.

Mr Kelly, a plumber and part-time barman, stayed on in Pat's Bar after his friends left and was seen leaving it alone at about 1910 GMT.

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