

Dad still looks for missing son Martin

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The father of a missing 22-year-old man has appealed for renewed efforts to find his son on the second anniversary of his disappearance.

Martin Kelly was last seen on New Year's Day in 2006 at the Clarendon Dock in Belfast after having drinks with his friends in Pat's Bar.

CCTV footage shows Martin, a plumber, walking towards the Prudential building at the dock.

His father Raymond will be giving out leaflets at the Odyssey and in the docks area in a bid to remind people of his son's disappearance.

Police carried out a major search of the area but without finding any trace of Martin.

Mr Kelly said he wanted police to search an old Victorian storm drain 40ft from where Martin was last seen.

"The police have already done a lot of work, but I would just like them to search the drain because of its close proximity to where Martin was last seen alive.

"If it's examined and nothing is found, then police can look elsewhere."

Mr Kelly said he continued to cling to hope that his son might still be found.

"I still cling to what I call the 1% chance that Martin will be found after all this time.

"It's hard to believe it has been two years since we last saw my son."

The family have carried out their own searches for Martin in the Republic, Scotland, England and Wales.

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