

One of these pics of Martin might jog people's memories

DAD'S NEW PLEA FOR SON WHO WENT MISSING FIVE YEARS AGO

THESE are the treasured photos of a precious son released by his dad to mark almost five years since the day he disappeared without trace.

And the snaps come with a fresh appeal by Raymond Kelly for any information about his son Martin who vanished almost 60 months ago.

The portfolio shows Martin in happier times when he was enjoying life with everything to live for.

In one of them Martin is embracing his good friend Martha McVey while in the others he is enjoying himself with a beer while on holiday in Bulgaria.

Forever hopeful dad Martin believes the photographs may jog even a single memory or conscience and lead to any information at all about what happened to his much loved and desperately missed son.

Raymond's appeal is the latest attempt to find clues about what became of Martin, who would now be 26.

He went missing for no apparent reason from outside a Belfast bar on January 1, 2006.

Raymond Kelly has stressed that even one tiny piece of information could prove to be the first part of the jigsaw which ultimately completes the picture of what happened to Martin.

Revisit

"I would appeal to the witnesses who were with Martin in the bar that night to revisit the scene in their minds to see if they can jog their memories in any way.

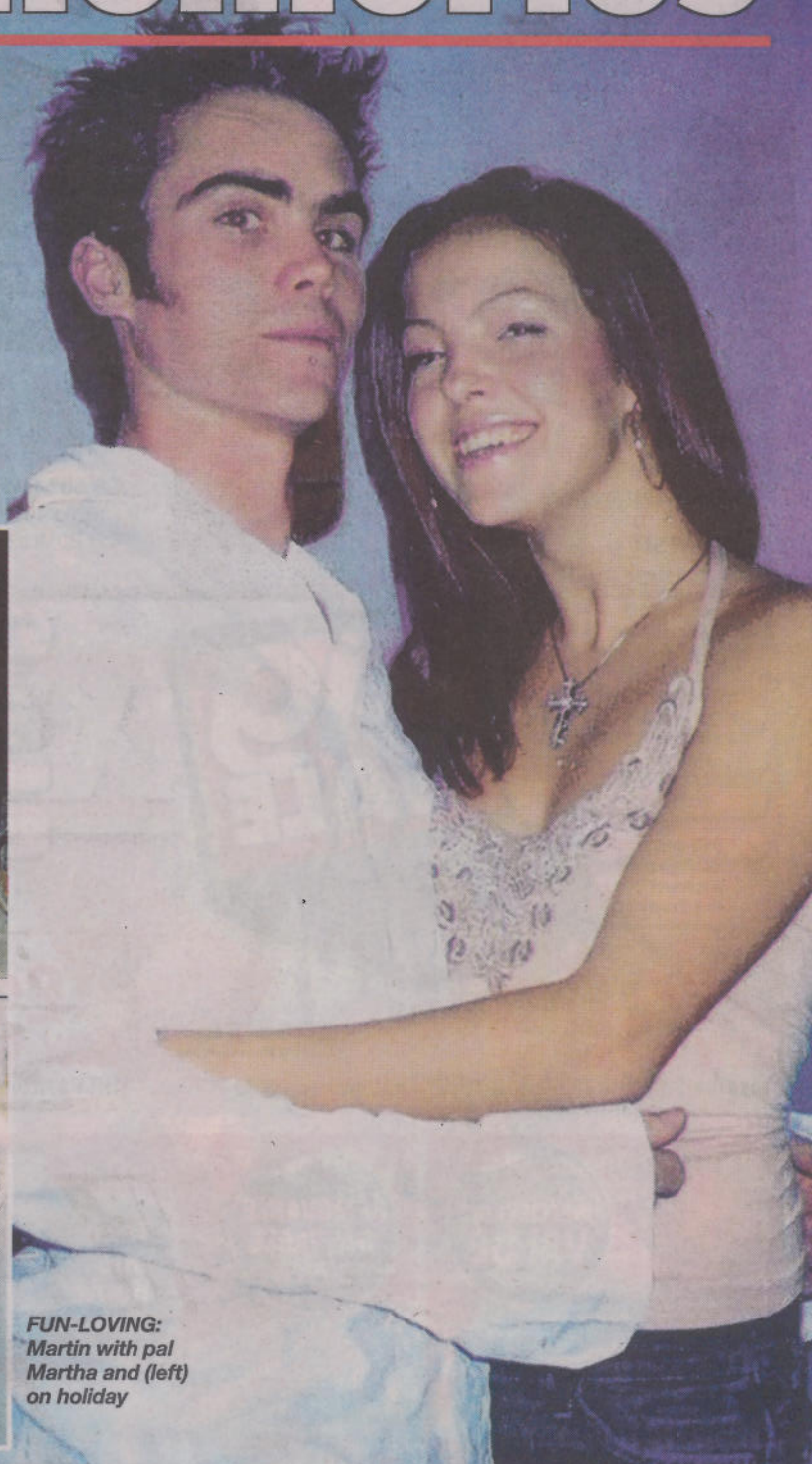
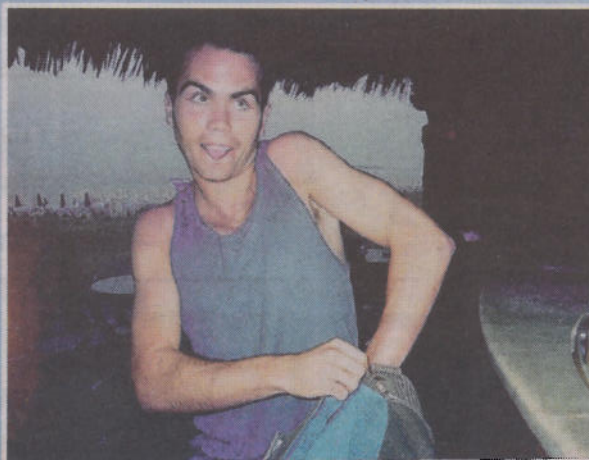
"We don't want people to think that because it is now almost five years down the line that there is no point in coming forward, that it is too late in some way or another to do anything.

"As far as we are concerned everything is still to play for and I would appeal for anyone with any scrap of information, no matter how small, to let us know about it.

"If anyone has a problem with doing so to the police for any reason, they can still give the information through a variety of other channels.

"For example they could go to a priest or a minister or contact the freephone Missing Persons Helpline is 0800 700 700."

Martin, an apprentice plumber and part-time



FUN-LOVING: Martin with pal Martha and (left) on holiday

By JOHN CASSIDY

barman in the Old Priory Inn in Holywood, Co Down, was last seen on January 1, 2006.

He had spent New Year's Eve working in the Holywood bar and was celebrating New Year with friends in Pat's Bar in Belfast's Clarendon Dock the next day.

Martin was last seen when he left the bar at about 7.30pm, possibly intending to return to his home in the Kinnegar area of Holywood.

Exhaustive land and sea searches, the dredging of Belfast Lough, and a high profile publicity campaign across Britain and Ireland

have so far failed to turn up any clues as to what happened to Martin Kelly.

The young Holywood man definitely had everything to live for and was in the prime of his life when he disappeared.

He had started on a promising apprenticeship and supplemented that income with part-time work in the Old Priory.

And a few years before

his disappearance, Martin had worked in an orphanage in Africa aged 17-18 and aspired to return there to help again.

Search

Martin's loving family have never given up hope of finding him.

Mum Karen went to mainland Britain for a month to search for him, raising his case in 14 cities with appeals for information.

The journey was

funded with the proceeds of two charity tribute concerts which were held for Martin in his home town and raised over £12,000.

Martin's dad Raymond extended his own search for his missing son to the Republic, visiting, Dublin, Limerick and Clare.

Missing Martin is described as 6ft one inch tall, slim build, short dark black hair, and was last seen wearing a black Guinness T-shirt and blue jeans.

Anyone with information can contact police at Musgrave Street PSNI on 0845 600 800 or via the website www.ourmartynkelly.com



PLEA: Dad Raymond Kelly