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One hour photo

Last picture of Martin Kelly - 60 minutes later he vanished

John McGurk

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This is the happy image of young Ulsterman Martin Kelly taken just one hour before his mysterious disappearance.

The camera phone snap - captured during a New Year's Day visit to a Belfast bar - has taken on added poignancy for his family and friends.

For the 21-year-old apprentice plumber left Pat's Bar in the docks' area shortly after this picture was taken - and has not been seen since.

Two weeks have elapsed, leaving his family increasingly anxious about his well-being.

But, speaking to Sunday Life, brother-in-law, Paul Kelly said that the family remains hopeful that Martin will be found, safe and well.

Said Paul: "We are all living on hope. We are living on the hope that Martin is out there - somewhere. We don't know where he is. But we have no other indication to suggest that he is NOT out there - somewhere."

Paul described Martin as "a very free spirited young person", who "can take care of himself".

And he revealed that dark-haired Martin had spent one year in Africa - winning a charity award for his voluntary work in Namibia.

The Belfast man added that big-hearted Martin also wanted to help tsunami victims in Sri Lanka and planned to travel around Australia in late 2006.

"This has been such a shock and has had such a devastating impact upon the family. It is really, really out of character for him, as he is so close to them.

"He is as much of a friend, as a son, to his mother, Karen. They have a very close relationship. She just called him 'our Martin'. There were no possible issues that he would have hid from her.

"Martin is very popular and is always in good form. He was finishing his plumbing apprenticeship in June and he was planning his trips.

"He has absolutely everything to live for. We will not give up and we will not be stopping, until we get him home."

Paul thanked Sunday Life for including Martin in our Bring Them Home campaign, to help trace missing people in Northern Ireland.

"We are very thankful to Sunday Life for helping in our appeal to get Martin back. We are delighted that you have put the posters up for us", said Paul.

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