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Bring Them Home campaign: Sunday Life joins bid to find missing Ulsterman

By John McGurk

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SUNDAY LIFE is today helping police in their bid to solve the latest heartbreaking missing person mystery in Northern Ireland.

The best-selling local Sunday newspaper has launched a SECOND poster campaign- this time, to try and locate the whereabouts of young Co Down man, Martin Kelly.

The 21-year-old plumber and part-time barman disappeared after leaving a pub in the docks' area of Belfast on New Year's Night.

Dark-haired Martin, of Kinnegar Drive, in Holywood, had been working in the town's Priority Inn on New Year's Eve, before going to two house parties in Belfast.

The following afternoon, he went to watch a televised football match in Pat's Bar. His friends left at around 6pm. But Martin stayed talking to other customers, until leaving on his own at 7.10pm. He has not been seen since.

He was wearing a black Guinness logo T-shirt, blue jeans and trainers. His mum, Karen made an emotional appeal for his safe return at a police Press conference.

Detective Jeff Smyth appealed for Martin to make contact with the police or his family, and urged the public for its help in finding him.

A trained specialist boat search team spent a number of hours yesterday combing Clarendon Dock - close to Pat's Bar - and the SeaCat terminal and Odyssey Pavilion areas.

Sunday Life has printed a number of 'Missing' posters, featuring a new photograph of Martin, with relevant information, which will be displayed across the province.

Last week, we joined forces with cops to help trace missing Lisburn man, Ronald Todd - not seen since December 21 - by issuing eye-catching 'Missing' posters.

• Anyone who may have information about the whereabouts of Martin Kelly, Ronald Todd or any missing person, is urged to contact police on Tel No 0845-6008000.

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