

MISSING MAN APPEAL

By JOHN CASSIDY

POLICE have issued a fresh appeal for information in a bid to resolve the mystery disappearance of Martin Kelly.

As the third anniversary of his disappearance approaches, the PSNI have asked the public to help them with any clue that could lead them to his whereabouts.

The 24-year-old went missing for no apparent reason from outside a Belfast bar on January 1, 2006.

The new appeal for information has been welcomed by Martin's family who have spent the last two years and 11 months searching for any trace of him.

His devastated father Raymond insisted this week that they will never give up hope of discovering what has happened to him.

Mr Kelly has stressed that even

one tiny piece of information could prove to be the first part of the jigsaw which ultimately completes the full picture of what has become of his son.

Police probing the disappearance of Martin, whose 25th birthday is in March, issued their latest appeal for information about his case as a missing person.

The police appeal reads: "Martin, who worked as a plumber and a part time bar man in the Priory Inn at Holywood, worked on New Year's Eve 2006 and then went on to two house parties with friends.

"On New Year's Day he and his friends went to Pat's Bar in Garroyle Street to watch a football match.

"The friends left and Martin remained in the bar talking to other customers. He left at about 7.10pm and has not been seen since.

"Martin, who is about 6ft 1in tall and of a slim build with short dark hair, was wearing a black "Guinness" T-shirt and blue jeans.

Discovering

"Over the past three years police have carried out a full and thorough investigation into Martin's disappearance and have carried out extensive underwater and land searches.

"Police remain committed and determined to discovering what happened to Martin and to bringing closure to his family.

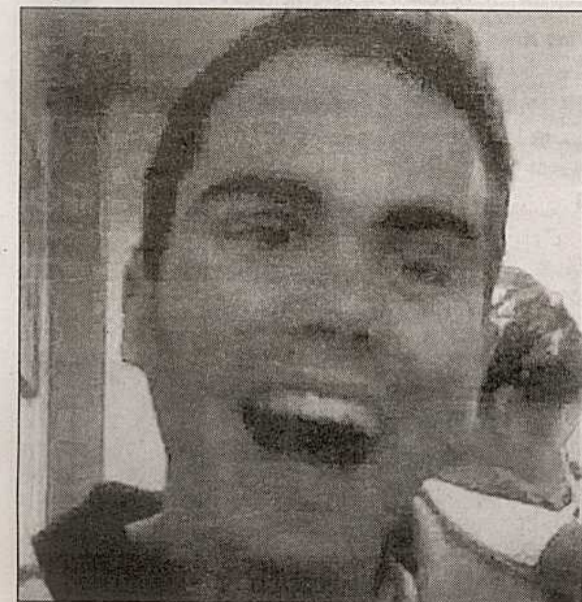
"Detectives will continue to follow up all new lines of enquiry and any new information."

Raymond Kelly urged anyone to come forward with any snippet of information which could be helpful to the police, no matter how small it seems to them.

"In particular 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," said Mr Kelly

"As far as we are concerned everything is still to play for here and I would appeal for anyone with any scrap of information to let us know about it. Further information can be obtained via www.ourmartykelly.com or <http://www.ourmartykelly.com>

Or anyone with information can contact detectives at Musgrave Street PSNI station on 0845 600 8000.



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