

# Mother in UK-tour to find Martin

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POLICE have made a fresh appeal for information on a missing Co Down man on the same day his mother announced a 14-city tour to look for him.

Martin Kelly, 21, from Holywood, was last seen leaving Pat's Bar in the Docks area of Belfast on January 1.

Yesterday, police asked to speak to a middle-aged couple who were in the company of an elderly woman in the bar on the day of Mr Kelly's disappearance.

They also want to hear from a woman who may have exchanged phone numbers with Martin at The Priory Inn, in Holywood, where he worked as a part-time barman, on December 31.

Mr Kelly, 21, an apprentice plumber, stayed



**MISSING:** Martin Kelly

on in Pat's Bar in Belfast after his friends left and was seen leaving alone at about 7.10pm on New Year's Day.

Martin's mother, Karen, yesterday said she was to begin a 14-city tour to raise publicity about his disappearance.

On Thursday, she leaves Belfast with her partner Drew Craig in a motor-home on free loan from a Holywood business, returning on July 30.

She said: "Drew and I feel like we are in a living hell. We do not know if Marty is dead or alive

somewhere, perhaps suffering from some sort of amnesia.

"We are travelling first to Glasgow and then to 14 other cities including London and Cardiff where we will be speaking to all the regional media.

"But this is not just about Marty, it is also about the families of those other 70,000 people who go missing every year."

Karen says Marty left Pat's on New Year's Day and was "pretty drunk, but not staggering".

His mobile phone signal ended around the time and place he was last seen and his bank accounts have not been touched, she added.

Extensive police underwater searches in the area have found nothing. Detectives do not believe he was victim of a crime.

**A website set up after Martin's disappearance can be found on [www.ourmartykelly.com](http://www.ourmartykelly.com)**