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`Disappeared` remains removed

Human remains believed to be that of one of the so-called Disappeared have been removed from the Wicklow mountains.

The remains which were discovered earlier this month will be taken to Dublin coroner's office for full identification.

The process could take four weeks.

It is thought the remains could be that of Danny McIlhone who went missing from his home in west Belfast in 1981.

The IRA has claimed responsibility for Mr. Elhone's death.

The family has issued a statement:

" We sincerely hope and pray that these are the remains of Danny and that their discovery will allow us to afford Danny a proper Christian burial and to finally lay him to rest.

Our hopes and prayers are today with the families of the other missing persons.

We sincerely hope that in the course of time they will be successful in locating the remains of their relatives which will afford them the opportunity to bring closure to their loss."

Nine years ago, the IRA said Mr. McIlhone was not suspected of being an informer but was being questioned about stealing IRA weapons.

It was claimed that he was killed in a struggle with the person who was guarding him.

The IRA admitted in 1999 that it murdered and buried nine of the so-called Disappeared - Seamus Wright, Kevin McKee, Jean McConville, Columba McVeigh, Brendan Megraw, John McClory, Brian McKinney, Eamon Molloy and Mr McIlhone - in secret locations.

The bodies of four - Eamon Molloy, Brian McKinney, John McClory and Jean McConville - have been found.



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On 18 Nov at 16:01 - colin from monkstown said:

shame on those ira men responsible for this and one day they will have to answer to god!

