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
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Nesbitt in new Troubles drama

Thursday, May 08, 2008

By Maureen Coleman

James Nesbitt is to return to Belfast to begin filming a new BBC drama about the Troubles.

Nesbitt will star in a one-off programme called Five Minutes of Heaven, which will be set in Belfast and is a dramatised version of the real life story of 17-year-old Alistair Little, a member of the UVF, who in 1975 murdered 19-year-old Catholic Jim Griffin in Lurgan.

Little was arrested two weeks later along with three others involved in the shooting and convicted.

He served 12 and a half years in prison.

Jim's murder was witnessed by his 11-year-old brother Joe Griffin. Nesbitt is expected to play Joe in adulthood.

Written by Guy Hibbert, Five Minutes of Heaven will begin shooting at the end of May.

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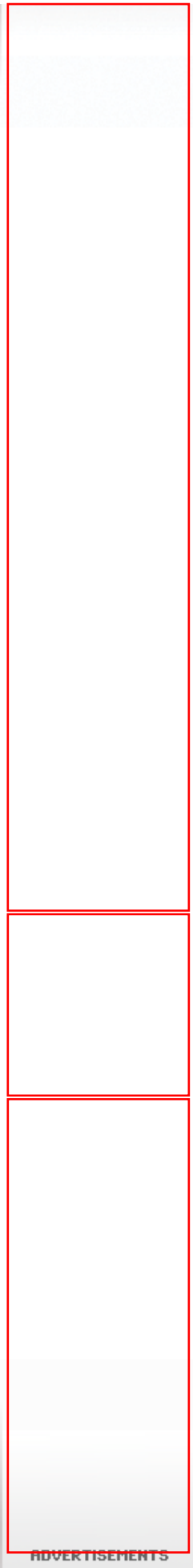
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