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Gardai in new appeal over Donaldson murder

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By Brendan McDaid

Gardai in Donegal last night appealed for information on the eve of the anniversary of the brutal murder of Sinn Fein member turned spy Denis Donaldson.

Mr Donaldson was murdered on the weekend of the April 3 and 4, 2006.

His body was discovered in an isolated cottage at Cloghercor, Doochary, Co. Donegal on the afternoon of April 4.

He had been shot in the chest and face and in his right hand.

Garda are understood to be working on a theory that the former MI5 and RUC agent was accidentally shot during a bungled kidnap attempt by an IRA gang, but this has yet to be officially confirmed.

A garda spokesman said last night: "As we approach the first anniversary of his death, garda at Glenties are renewing their appeal for any information which may assist in their efforts to solve this case.

"Detectives are actively investigating the murder. They request anyone who has information in regard to any aspect of this case to contact the incident room at Glenties on 00353 749551077, or alternatively contact the Gardai in the strictest confidence on the Garda Confidential Line at 1800 ? 666111.

"Any assistance forthcoming will be greatly appreciated."

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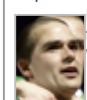
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