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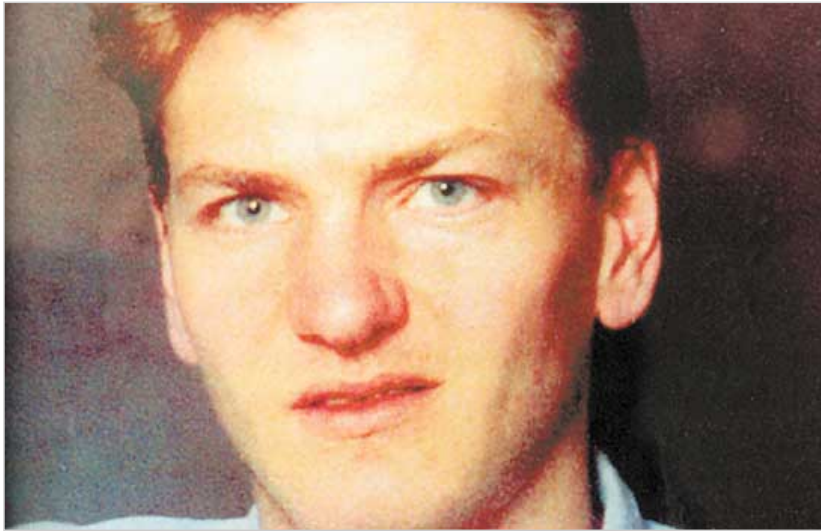
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Murderer 'meant to kill Adair brother'

EXCLUSIVE

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VICTIM: Trevor Kell

THE family of a taxi driver shot dead in a sectarian killing seven years ago believe a brother of loyalist Johnny Adair may have been the intended target.

Trevor Kell (35) was shot in his car as he answered a hoax emergency call at a house on Hesketh Road in north Belfast in December 2000.

The father-of-three, pictured, had only begun working as a taxi driver two days earlier to earn money for family Christmas presents.

In an interview with The Irish News today his family speak of their fresh hopes for justice now that the chief suspect in the case has been jailed for life in the Republic for trying to kill again.

Robert Duffy was sentenced last month for attempting to murder Colin O'Neill in Dundalk, Co Louth, having been released early under the Good Friday Agreement from a jail term he was serving for the IRA murder of construction boss John Gibson in 1993.

Mr Kell's brother Grant and sister-in-law Margaret say police told their family weeks after the murder that the republican killer was the chief suspect.

They say officers told them Duffy made the call from a public phone box that would lure Mr Kell, a Protestant, to his death.

The family believe the intended target may have been former UDA 'brigadier' Johnny Adair's brother Archie

Adair, who they believe was also a taxi driver in the area and drove a similar car.

In a rare interview they reveal how a three-year campaign of sectarian abuse directed at Mr Kell's widow and young children forced them to leave the family home.

The family call for Duffy to be extradited for questioning.

Margaret Kell says there will never be justice while Duffy is allowed to remain in the Republic.

"Preferably we want him extradited now but if not then once he's served his sentence down there," she says.

"We believe if the British government and the PSNI had been doing their job properly at the beginning when Trevor was murdered he wouldn't have been out running about trying to murder anybody else."

The family fear that allegations that Duffy was an informer have meant the murder was not properly investigated.

"I think this past seven and a half years there has been evidence," Mrs Kell says.

"In the last few weeks there has been writing on the wall around Ardoyne that Duffy is a police informer and we are beginning

to wonder, has he been protected by the PSNI because he is an informer?"



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