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We will hunt you down

Top cop heading Lisa probe issues defiant message to her evil killers

By Stephen Breen
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The top Ulster cop leading the hunt for the killers of Bangor woman Lisa Dorrian last night declared: "We will not give up - we're here for the long haul".

Detective Chief Inspector Sean Wright sent his defiant message to 25-year-old Lisa's killers after his appointment as the inquiry's senior investigating officer.

DCI Wright - who is conducting a review of the original murder investigation - revealed police have obtained new forensic evidence which supports their theory Lisa's body was removed from land and later dumped at sea.

And the senior police officer has vowed to use the world's latest forensic science technology in a bid to catch the Bangor woman's killers.

Said DCI Wright: "Lisa's killers should take no comfort from the fact they have evaded justice so far. We will never give up and we will pursue every line of enquiry.

"I don't want to be having this conversation this time next year, but if I have to, I will.

"This is an investigation focused on forensic science and if we have to go international to secure new forms of science, we will.

"We will be researching new science from around the world and I don't care if I have to wait 10 years for it to be delivered."

And he added: "The people who have withheld information from us should be aware that we will come knocking on their doors down the line - now is the time for them to make a real difference this Christmas."

The top cop also revealed that he has published images of the caravan where Lisa was last seen alive in a bid to prick the conscience of her killers.

"I wanted to bring these people back to the place where Lisa was last seen alive. They must have this scene marked on their brain.

"I will never let them forget what happened that night. As

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our investigation develops, we will carry out searches and make arrests as we deem appropriate.

"Any group of people who harbour this type of information must be under strain. But the image also shows people that this was no drug-den. This was just an ordinary family holiday home.

The officer added: "I am appealing directly to the people that killed Lisa and the people who know her killers to speak to us. As they sit around the Christmas table with their families, they should ask themselves how they would feel if it was someone close to them who was murdered and their body not returned?"

Said DCI Wright: "A small number of people were involved in Lisa's murder and we know that relationships have changed within this group.

"We also know that, as time goes on, guards drop. It's still not too late for people to tell us what they know.

"I would also appeal directly to former friends and ex-girlfriends of Lisa's killers to contact us.

"It was a unique set of circumstances which led to Lisa's murder and if they arose again the community should remember what these people are capable of."

As part of the 22-month police investigation, detectives have undertaken 70 searches, including 48 on private dwellings, and six underwater searches. Police have also made six arrests, conducted 53 interviews of suspects, identified and spoken to more than 3,500 people, followed 2,800 lines of inquiry and have 5,000 supporting documents in their hunt for the killer.

A fresh appeal for information on the movement of a red boat, from the last week of July to August 5, 2005, has also been made by police.

At the time, cops believed the boat may have been located along the north Down coast.

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