

Independent Commission for the Location of Victims' Remains Appeal for information regarding the Disappeared

Following the screening of a joint RTÉ/BBC television documentary on the Disappeared, the Independent Commission for the Location of Victims' Remains today issued an appeal to anyone with information which might assist in locating the remains of the Disappeared who have not yet been found to come forward without delay and to provide it to the Commission in confidence.

Commissioners Frank Murray and Sir Ken Bloomfield said: "The television Documentary highlights once again the dreadful burden that the families of the Disappeared have had to bear for so long. Theirs is a tale of tragedy and denial – the tragedy of the loss of a loved one and the denial of their right to bury their loved ones decently and to have a place to grieve.

The Commission's role is solely humanitarian; we have no role in the prosecution process. We seek only to address the hurt and disappointment that the families of the Disappeared have endured for decades.

Information is absolutely vital to our ongoing work. In a spirit of common human decency, we call on anyone who has any information that may help to locate those victims whose remains have yet to be recovered to give that information, in guaranteed confidence, to the Commission."

The Commission has in place a confidential free-phone number and post office box address through which information can be passed to it. Any such information will be treated in the strictest confidence and will not be used for any purpose other than locating the remains of victims.

Confidential free-phone number: +800-55585500

or

**ICLVR
PO Box 10827
Dublin 2**

Further information about the Commission and its activities and about the Disappeared is available at www.iclvr.ie.

Notes for Editors

The Independent Commission for the Location of Victims' Remains was established by an intergovernmental agreement between the British and Irish Governments, signed on 27 April 1999, and by legislation enacted in the two jurisdictions. The Department of Justice and Equality, in conjunction with the Northern Ireland Office, provides financial support for the Commission.

The Commission is responsible for facilitating the location of the remains of victims of paramilitary violence who were murdered and secretly buried arising from the conflict in Northern Ireland.

There are 16 persons on the Commission's list of the Disappeared, nine of whom have been recovered to date.

- Joe Lynskey
- Seamus Wright
- Kevin McKee
- Jean McConville (Recovered 2003)
- Peter Wilson (Recovered 2010)
- Eamon Molloy (Recovered 1999)
- Columba McVeigh
- Capt. Robert Nairac
- Brendan Megraw
- John McClory (Recovered 1999)
- Brian McKinney (Recovered 1999)
- Gerald Evans (Recovered 2010)
- Eugene Simons* (Recovered 1984)
- Charlie Armstrong (Recovered 2010)
- Danny McIlhone (Recovered 2008)
- Seamus Ruddy

*Eugene Simons was recovered before the establishment of the ICLVR.