

20th Anniversary

Appeal for Help on behalf of the family of Raonaid Murray

It is twenty years since the death of our daughter. Raonaid was brutally murdered as she was making her way home on the night of the 3rd September 1999. With her dying breath she struggled to finish that journey but died within a short distance from home. Our beautiful child died on the pavement with no loving, caring person there to help or comfort her.

Recently we were looking through some of Raonaid's things and glimpsed again the young woman our child was becoming. There was still that beautiful fresh innocence of youth on the threshold of adulthood with all the excitement, wonder and possibility that brings with it. For a brief moment she was ours again without this horrific shadow hanging over her.

Raonaid's killer is free. That freedom mocks what should have been Raonaid's life and mocks the horror of her death. To her killer we say come out from the shadows and own up to what you have done. Do the right thing and confess your crime.

To this day there is no prime suspect. It's twenty years since Raonaid was murdered but to us her awful death is still vivid in our minds and we feel the pain of her loss everyday. We feel that the memory of that time will still be vivid for others as well. The Gardaí have assured us of their continuing commitment to bring Raonaid's killer to justice but they need your help. We are appealing for anyone with information that could be relevant to the inquiry to come forward with it to the Gardaí.

At the start of the investigation there were reports of sightings of people who were in the area at the time of Raonaid's murder. Some of these people have never come forward and we ask them now to contact the Gardaí. We ask anyone who may have as yet undisclosed information to give that information to the Gardaí. Help us find Raonaid's murderer.

Time has not lessened our sense of grief and loss but sent it deeper and made it more profound. Raonaid died alone and frightened. Her killer is free. For Raonaid's sake, help find her murderer and get the justice for her that she deserves.

Please help us by coming forward now.

On behalf of Raonaid's mother, Deirdre, her brother, Daniel, her sister, Sarah, and myself, her father, Jim, thank you.