

Family fury at Robert suspect's Eason deal

Delanys picket shop selling book by man quizzed over shooting

THE family and friends of tragic Robert Delany staged a picket outside a leading bookstore last weekend – in protest at it stocking a book by a man who has been arrested and questioned over the shooting of the young dad.

Last Friday, more than 100 supporters of the Justice for Robert Delany Campaign gathered outside Eason's on O'Connell Street to protest the sale of the book by the former IRA man in his mid-50s.

Almost two years to the day since his son was shot in the face and left for dead, Terry Delaney is still hopeful that he will get justice for Robert.

The former postman was the victim of a shotgun blast at close range when he looked out his bedroom window in October 2008.

Terry said: "It is very difficult for his two girls, of course. Coming up to the second anniversary on October 22 makes it very difficult.

"We'll continue with our campaign and just appeal to the public to contact Gardai with any information and remind them that there is a €20,000 reward for

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information leading to a conviction."

The book is available in Eason's stores around the country.

Terry told *The Echo*: "I expect Eason's will have taken on board the fact that over 100 people were outside protesting."

Many of those who showed their support at the protest were postmen and former colleagues of Robert who are based in Tallaght.

The 29-year-old is currently in a vegetative state, needs 24-hour care and has no prospect of getting any better, according to his father.

Terry said: "Robert will never be back to us, we've had to come to terms with that, so the only comfort would be if someone was convicted for what happened to Robert.

"There is always hope. The Gardai are making arrests and investigations are ongoing, so we're happy enough with that."

Anyone with information on the shooting of Robert is asked to contact Tallaght Gardai on 6666000.



JUSTICE DENIED: Supporters of the Justice for Robert Delany Campaign vent their anger outside Eason's in O'Connell Street last Friday.

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Tallaght Person deadline looming

GROUPS and individuals across the area are reminded that the search for the 2010 Tallaght Person of the Year is on.

Closing date for nominations is Saturday, November 13, and the ceremony will take place in the Plaza Hotel on Friday, November 19.

Established to recognise those who give time to the community, the Tallaght Community Council awards celebrate their 27th birthday this year.

Among the categories this year are Arts and Culture; Special Needs and Carers; the Garda Sgt Andrew Callinan Community Award and the Michael Dooley Environment Award.

Nomination forms can be picked up from the Courtesy Desk at The Square. When completed, return the forms in a sealed envelope marked 'People of the Year', and Category, to Tallaght Community Council, Jim Lawlor, 19 Seskin View Drive, Tallaght.

Alternatively, they can be left back to the Square's Courtesy Desk.