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# 17-YEAR AGONY 'They can still face justice' – Hunt for men who ordered shooting of Dublin dad left a 'living death' amid family's pain

He was shot while at home with his two children

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Pat Lordan – who retired  
– was the senior invest  
postman was shot in the  
Rise estate, Tallaght, [Du](#)

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**He was shot while at home with daughters Megan (pictured with her dad) and Katie** Credit: Gary Ashe





**Former Det Supt. Pat Lordan has said he wants to see the case solved**

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The dad of two – who was not involved in crime – was shot by dissident republican killer Daniel Gaynor, 24, when he was at home with [daughters Katie and Megan](#), who were aged just 17 months and six at the time.

Robert survived the attempt on his life but he continues to suffer what doctors have termed a “living death” and remains in a permanent vegetative state.

Gardai believe he was targeted because he tried to

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2010, the three people [Gardai](#) believe ordered Robert's murder have never been brought to justice.

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As the postman's family vowed to continue their fight for justice in 2025, Mr Lordan has spoken for the first time about one of Ireland's most [shocking gun attacks](#).

The former investigator spoke to us after Robert's youngest daughter Katie also spoke to us about her ongoing torment.

Mr Lordan said: "The shooting of Robert Delany was a truly horrific and brutal crime on a completely innocent man.

"I can't imagine the trauma that Robert and his family have had to contend with all these years.

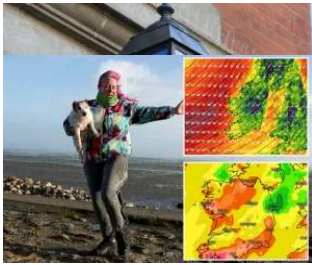
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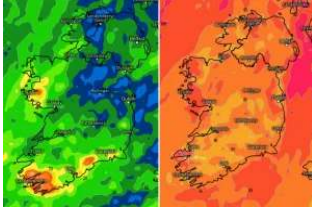
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“They were fantastic people to deal with because they were so resilient in spite of the trauma that they had endured.

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“It’s a case I will never forget and I would be of the view that it is one that the people who orchestrated the attempt on his life could still be held accountable for.

“If relatives, partners, wives, friends and associates of those who organised this shooting could see what that



criminal [Dermot Griffin](#) in 2001 in an arson attack on a makeshift den.

Although Griffin [killed the child](#) in 2001, it was 13 years before he was convicted after a former partner told Gardai about his brutal crime.

The retired officer added: “The attempt on Robert’s life is one of those cases that I would love to see solved.

“There has to be hope that someone might one day come forward because we have seen this in many cases over the years.

“I remember the case of Stephen Hughes and the Gardai receiving information many years after that poor child was killed.

“Allegiances and loyalties change over the years and the people who ordered the shooting of Robert no longer have the power they once had. They must have spoken about Robert’s shooting to different people over the years.

“Then whoever has received information needs to think for a second about Robert’s daughters and his wider family circle and do the right thing.”

## **'THEY WERE JUST CRIMINALS'**

At present, the investigation into Robert’s shooting is classified by Gardai as “active and ongoing”.

The innocent man’s family have also offered a €20,000 reward to anyone who can share information leading to the conviction of the ex-Provo and his associates who ordered the shooting.



Robert's dad Terry told us: "These people no longer have the support they once had. I know one of them who had information was told to keep his mouth shut because dead men don't talk.

"But allegiances and loyalties have no doubt changed over the years and people don't owe them anything. They were using the name of the IRA but they were just [criminals](#).

"I maintain that the three men who ordered the shooting should be charged with murder because they have taken my son's life.

"But we also know that they could face other charges in connection with ordering the shooting of my son.

"They are now isolated in the community and if my son does pass the Gardai will have a cold case murder investigation."

He also said: "Robert's life was destroyed simply for breaking up a fight.

"The person who ordered this did so because of his ego and so-called reputation.

"We have seen charges brought in other cases and we will continue to hope that it can happen in Robert's case."



**No child should have to endure the trauma they have.**

**Terry Delany**





“I can’t thank the Gardai enough and they have been with us from day one. Our local priest Fr Moran and the staff at Peamount Hospital have been amazing and we will never forget them.”

Mr Delany also paid tribute to his granddaughters, adding: “My two granddaughters are so resilient and we couldn’t be prouder of them.

“I know how much they love their dad and no child should have to endure the trauma they have.

“They have been so resilient throughout all these years and I know their dad would be proud of them.”

## HOME VISITS

Over the years, Robert’s family have come close to losing him many times.

Last year, they were called to Peamount Hospital as he received the last rites when his heart rate dropped.

The Irish music lover got to see his hero Christy Moore at a concert in Vicar Street thanks to the staff at Peamount.



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### Robert Delany's family are still appealing for information

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