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# JUSTICE FIGHT 'I've never heard my daddy's voice' – Teen's agony after 'cowardly' shooting of Dublin dad 17 years ago & family in plea

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**THE daughter of a man**  
**seventeen years, after**  
**last night: "I've never l**

Katie Delany, 17, broke h  
trauma over the shooti



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**Robert's parents Terry and Noeleen Delany with his two daughters Megan, 23, and Katie, 17, at home in Tallaght**

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The teen was just 17 months old when her dad was targeted at his home in Russell Rise estate, Tallaght, [Dublin](#) on October 22, 2008.

The postman – who was innocent and not involved in [crime](#) – was shot by dissident republican killer Daniel Gaynor, 24, when he was at home with Katie and her then six-year-old sister Megan.

Although he survived the murder bid, Robert continues to suffer what doctors call a “[living death](#)”.

The dad-of-two has no brain function, is confined to a wheelchair and receives permanent care at the brain injury unit at Beaumont [Hospital](#) in Dublin.

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He has continued to live because he is fed the exact amount of food and nutrients his body requires.

Gardai say Robert was targeted because he tried to stop a fight involving the son of a former [IRA](#) man in August 2008.



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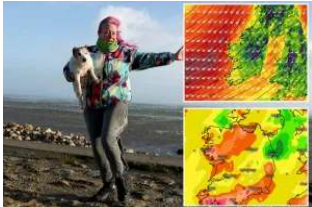
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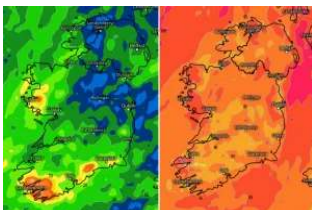
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“He has never brought me to school, taken me on [holiday](#), brought me swimming or celebrated any big moments in my life.

“I have never had a conversation with him and I still go to [therapy](#) every week.

## GROWN UP WITHOUT DAD

“It’s so hard when we think of all the things he has missed out on as I have grown up.



and lived for us.”

Katie’s sister Megan, now 23, also spoke for the first time about the night her dad was shot.

She said: “I remember what happened that night and something I will never forget – the impact has been horrendous.

“He loved being a father and was in a great place in his life.

“The image of seeing my dad that day will never leave me. I don’t think about it as much as I used to but it’s still there.

“It had an impact on our childhood as we were so nervous and all we are asking for is for someone to finally show courage and make a statement to the [Gardai](#).”

Megan also told of her pain after her dad became a grandfather to Harry, aged one, for the first time.

She added: “Harry looks just like his grandfather and we will always continue to draw strength from our dad. Harry’s life has been impacted by this terrible incident – I’ll have to tell him what happened when he is older. We can’t describe how much my dad would have loved being a grandfather.”

Ahead of her 18th birthday next month, Katie has vowed to continue her family’s fight for justice.

## ANGER AT PEOPLE WHO PAID FOR SHOOTING

She added: “I feel a lot of anger towards the people

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would they feel if their dad was left in the same condition as my dad?

“I have no doubt their partners, sisters and other family members know what they did and yet they have chosen to remain silent after all these years.

“I wonder if these men told their own [children](#) what they did all those years ago?

“All it takes is for one person to finally do the right thing and tell the Gardai who were responsible for destroying so many lives.

“Everyone who was involved in causing this much pain should be held accountable. They get to sit with their family, watch them grow up while we continue to see my dad suffer.

## 'UNTOLD PAIN AND TRAUMA'

“I will always be so proud of my dad and love him so much. I have grown up without my dad and I know from listening to my grandparents how much he idolised us and lived for us.”

The attack on Robert was also sanctioned despite the postman receiving assurances the matter had been “resolved”.

Although Gaynor was later [killed](#) by Keith Wilson in 2010, the three men who Gardai believe ordered Robert’s shooting have never been brought to justice.

Since then, Robert’s parents Terry and Noeleen have continued their fight to see the trio brought before the [courts](#).





“The people who ordered this shooting may not have pulled the trigger but they have caused a lifetime of pain.

“They should be charged with murder because my son is in a permanent state of living death. Robert had so much to live for and they took that from him.



**I have three boys and they would have absolutely loved his wonderful personality and zest for life. They took my wonderful brother from us and he is only alive from the neck down"**

**Sinead, Robert's Sister**

“He’s in a permanent vegetative state but I feel he knows when we are there with him – he’s a fighter.

“We can’t give up fighting for justice because he’s still fighting.

“The people who are caring for him now are extraordinary – they are like family to us.”

And Robert’s sister Sinead also told of her pain after her kids were deprived of knowing their uncle.

She said: “I have three boys and they would have absolutely loved his wonderful personality and zest for life. They took my wonderful brother from us and he is only alive from the neck down.

“My boys are too young to know what happened but I know it’s a question that will have to be answered someday.



“When he broke up that fight he wouldn’t have expected that this would have led to a gunman turning up at his home and shooting him in front of his children.

“We are so angry that they get to lead normal lives with their family when my brother will never get to be an uncle to my children.”



## Daniel Gaynor, 20, of Berryfield Drive, Finglas Credit: Collins

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