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At the end of a long day of gruelling press interviews Gavin Larmour switches off his mobile phone and heads wearily for the golf course " for some peace".

In relentless interviews he has relived the torment of his father's murder by IRA gunmen in a bid to pressurise the authorities into launching an investigation after the Police Ombudsman found a thorough murder inquiry had not been carried out.

Gavin was just 13-years-old when his father John Larmour was gunned down in a Belfast ice cream parlour.

"The police turned up at the door in the middle of the night and then my mum told me. The bottom fell out of my world. It all passed in a bit of a blur. It is the small things that happened after his death that I remember more, the small things that I didn't get to share with him, all the things that were taken away.

"I grew up that day and for the next 19 and a half years I have been fighting for justice for my dad," he said.

Constable Larmour was off- duty on the night he was gunned down. He was helping out in his brother's ice-cream parlour on Belfast's Lisburn Road when he was shot as he served his killers and an accomplice ice-cream.

Since then Gavin's main focus in life has been his pursuit for justice and he will continue his fight until he gets the truth.

"I was put in this position without a choice. I am doing this for me, my dad and my family. We have a right to know the truth. It is difficult and distressing, especially Fathers Day, birthdays, anniversaries - all those things that just remind you.

"It doesn't go away but that is what has pushed me. It is not going to go away until I get answers as to what happened and why his murder was not properly investigated.

"Mum [Jean Larmour] finds this all distressing as well but she is pleased we got this far. Hopefully this [the Police Ombudsman's report] is the first step towards something that will allow us to move on properly..."


The 32-year-old civil servant said he is not comfortable with the media attention but knows it is important in his fight for justice. Looking for a place to escape he heads for the golf course.

"My dad taught me how to play golf. We were really close, really good friends. But he never got to see me being good enough to beat him. We used to do motor sports together too, but he never got to see me drive myself or see me competing in a rally. There are so many wee things we never got to share."

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