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The father of Paul Quinn expressed relief last night that arrests had been made in connection with his son's death.

Stephen Quinn, speaking from his home in Cullhanna, Co Armagh, said: "We are a lot happier with the news we got today, it really was great to hear it.

"We were hoping that news might be coming, always hoping it would come at some time, but I didn't think we would get it today."

Mr Quinn paid tribute to the security

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"It's a great relief and it shows that the gardai and the PSNI are really doing their work and they were not going to leave this one lie," he added.

He said the whole family was feeling better and it was especially good news for his wife.

"Briege has found this a great relief; it's really great for her.

"I guess we both just see it as a start and hopefully it will lead to something, but we are not getting our expectations up," he said.

"We are listening to the news to find out what is happening, we don't really want to be disturbing the police -- they have their work to do now."

He said friends in the vicinity had also been a big help. "The news has been really welcomed in the village and they all seem so happy and relieved for us," he said.

"I was over at the graveyard this morning and a friend -- a lady -- came over to say to me how happy she was. She said she saw film crews in the village and a lot of police around.

"It was nice for her to come over to me," he added.

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