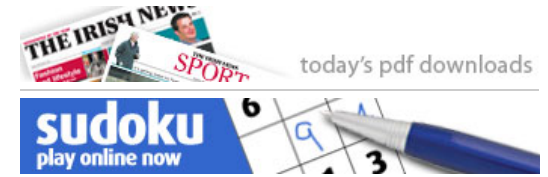


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Gardai travel north to discuss killing

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GARDAI in Co Donegal say they are looking for two cars which were involved in the murder of Strabane man Andrew Burns, writes Seamus McKinney.

Head of the Garda press office Superintendent Kevin Donohoe also revealed yesterday that investigating detectives crossed the border into Strabane earlier in the day to discuss Tuesday's murder with the PSNI.

In a separate development in Strabane, PSNI officers searched a flat belonging to Mr Burns (27) last night.

Mr Donohoe said gardai were last night still awaiting the outcome of a postmortem examination carried out by the Republic's state pathologist Dr Marie Cassidy at

Letterkenny General Hospital.

He said the public had been very helpful since Mr Burns was discovered lying in the middle of a road at Doneyloop close to the Donegal/

Tyrone border.

“We are satisfied that two cars were involved in this incident,” he said.

“We’re looking for anyone who was in the area of St Columba’s church in Doneyloop around about between 6pm and 7.30pm last night to contact us here in Lifford Garda station.”

Mr Donohoe said a car found burned out at Cosh-quin on the outskirts of Derry had not been ruled out of the murder investigation.

He refused to go into details about the two cars being sought.

He confirmed that dissident republican involvement could not be ruled out.

However, he added: “Nor do we have any firm evidence to point in that direction.”

Mr Donohoe said officers were also investigating a possible criminal involvement among other lines of inquiry.