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Family's long wait may be at an end

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The relatives of Danny McIlhone have had to endure a long and agonising wait for the return of his remains since he was abducted and murdered by the IRA almost three decades ago.

Mr McIlhone was 19 when he disappeared from his west Belfast home in 1981 and for many years republicans

claimed they had no knowledge about his fate.


The organisation finally admitted responsibility for his killing nine years ago but the details needed to recover his body and provide a Christian funeral have been painfully slow in emerging.

After a number of unsuccessful searches, human remains were removed from a remote part of the Wicklow Mountains yesterday and should be finally identified within four weeks.

All those who helped with the initiative deserve praise and it must be hoped that the same level of cooperation is extended towards the other cases involving members of the Disappeared.

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