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Family appeal after murder

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By Nicola Tallant

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The family of murder victim Andrew Burns are to appeal for help from the public to catch his killers.

Relatives of the 27-year-old who was shot dead in Donegal earlier this month will make a plea for help on RTE Crimecall this week following a reconstruction of his death.

Burns was found near St Columba's church suffering from gunshot wounds on February 12. It is believed that he was abducted from Strabane around an hour before he was discovered in Donnyloop, Donegal.

Last week Martin McGuinness condemned the murder and strongly rebuked those responsible, saying: "It was a dastardly deed. Absolutely despicable.

"It was carried out by people who have no regard for the community, for the government or law and order.

"That presents a real challenge to all of us. We have to give our wholehearted support to the gardai and the PSNI.

" These people are criminals and are trying to damage our society in a way that is totally unacceptable to us as political leaders."

The Real IRA have denied any involvement in the murder, but the killing has been blamed on a small dissident republican group calling itself Ogligh na hEireann, which had allegedly accused him of being an informer.

RTE have filmed a full reconstruction of the assassination and subsequent dumping of the body for a special slot on Crimecall to be screened on Tuesday.

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