BEGGS

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To: alainlongchamp@hotmail.com; mark@popkorntv.com  
Subject: FW: Murderer appealing  
Date: Tue, 18 Sep 2012 09:11:25 +0000

PA - you were the person in contact with this guy Shevlin.  
  
Did you get an address for him?  
  
Jeff

From: Mark@popkorntv.com  
To: jeffreydudgeon@hotmail.com  
Subject: RE: Murderer appealing  
Date: Tue, 18 Sep 2012 08:56:18 +0000

Hi Jeff

Many thanks for that info. It’s very useful and much appreciated.

I’ve been trying to get in contact with the author of that book. I’m assuming that Martin Shevlin is the real name of the author – I’ve been told that Patrick Greg was a pen name.

Might you have an email address or contact number for him? I’ve tried to reach him through his publishers but not had any luck so far.

Many Thanks

Mark

**From:** Jeff Dudgeon [mailto:jeffreydudgeon@hotmail.com]   
**Sent:** 13 September 2012 11:11  
**To:** Mark Keenan  
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Later warning

Date: Thu, 13 Sep 2012 11:09:32 +0100  
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-------- Original Message --------

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| **Subject:** | Murderer appealing |
| **Date:** | Tue, 29 Sep 2009 14:11:25 +0000 |
| **From:** | Jeff Dudgeon [<jeffreydudgeon@hotmail.com>](mailto:jeffreydudgeon@hotmail.com) |
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Beggs is a barrack room lawyer but a good one so might get out.  
  
He won his appeal after the first murder of a gay man in Newcastler on a technicality and went on to murder again.  
  
Be afraid; be very afraid if he is ever released.

**'Limbs-in-loch' appeal under way**

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| William Beggs' appeal is expected to last about eight days |

**The man convicted of the "limbs-in-the-loch" murder of an Ayrshire teenager has begun an appeal to clear his name.**

William Beggs is trying to quash his conviction for killing and dismembering Barry Wallace in Kilmarnock in 1999.   
The 18-year-old's severed limbs and torso were recovered from Loch Lomond, while his head was washed up on a beach near Troon, Ayrshire.   
  
Beggs, 46, originally from Northern Ireland, was ordered to serve a minimum of 20 years for the murder.   
He was jailed for life at the High Court in Edinburgh in October 2001.   
  
**Defence concerns**  
Beggs' defence team subsequently won the right to appeal against the conviction on a number of grounds.   
  
It is claimed pre-trial publicity affected his chances of a fair trial.   
Concerns were also raised over the legality of his extradition from Amsterdam.   
The validity of a search warrant used by police officers to gather evidence has also been questioned.   
  
Beggs' appeal, which is expected to run for eight days, is being heard at the Court of Criminal Appeal in Edinburgh.

Good afternoon Mark  
  
To add to PA's comments, the issue was Vol 1 Number 8 dated October '89 and the front page showed Ian Begg's being escorted by two policemen; we also had an article in 'Gay Star' Winter 91 Vol 2 No 5 entitled "Ian Beggs"; we issued various leaflets to the community and also produced a poster warning and informing.  
  
Again, as indicated by PA and Jeff, if we can be of further help please contact us.  
  
Regards

***Dave***

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Dear Mark,

Jeff has copied me into his reply to you, and I am glad to confirm that NIGRA did issue a public warning about Beggs.   It was part of a little newsletter which NIGRA periodically produced, called *upstart*.   This was a monochrome production, with anything from 2 sides of a page to 6 or more.   There must be at least one copy of this issue still in existence, either in the Public Records Office or in the Linenhall Library.

Our warning could not have been blunter.   We hijacked someone's photo of Beggs leaving a court hearing, and headed it something like BEWARE : THIS MAN MURDERS GAY PEOPLE.   We retailed as much as we knew at the time of his bloody history, which (as you mentioned) goes away back into his schooldays.   A certain S C was a fellow-pupil with Beggs, at a secondary school in or near Lisburn (Co Antrim), and there is strong anecdotal evidence that Beggs lined another pupil's sleeping bag with razors on a school outing.  
  
In fact, as I understood the story, it was an allusion to Beggs' earlier razor attacks on other boys that caused him to win his appeal for the Otterburn murder.   Instead of declaring mis-trial and trying Beggs again, he was set free.   The fact that his victim was a mere barman, while Beggs was a big noise in the local Young Conservatives, probably did his case no harm either.

When you are reading through the evidence about Beggs' earlier attack in Kilmarnock, when his would-be victim escaped by leaping naked through an upstairs window, pay particular attention to the police note that they found quite a number of other unidentified blood traces in Beggs' flat.   Beggs persuaded his elderly parents and aunt to go over to Scotland and to clean up the flat in order to remove evidence of his crimes.   He is clearly a charismatic individual, and all the more dangerous for that.   I publicly dubbed him the Habbibal Lecter of Ulster.   It seems clear that he has murdered many more people than we (or the police) know of.

Inside prison, Beggs has been offering legal advice to fellow-inmates, as well as bringing bringing vexatious suits against the prison and anyone else he can think of.   He has repeatedly appealed against his sentence, usually conducting his own case.   He has never shown the slightest sign, or uttered even a single word, of sorrow for his crimes, or compassion for his victims.

A book on Beggs will of course inevitably feed his monstrous ego, but if it helps to keep him behind bars I for one will be very grateful.   You could even try for an interview (better still, a series of structured interviews) with him - but beware of him playing mind games with you, or attempting to use you.

Trusting that these few words will be of some use to you, and looking forward to hearing further from you, I remain,

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Hon President NIGRA

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Mark  
  
We did issue warnings, perhaps several.  
  
John Hein in Scotland knows a lot -  
editorial@scotsgay.co.uk  
Yes I was aware of cutting attacks on fellow teenagers.   
  
His parents seem highly culpable, and the judiciary/authorities for not seeking a retrial after the Barry Oldham acquittal. They probably thought Oldham was not worth it.  
  
A couple of items attached. Other records are in PRONI uncatalogued -"Undated material folder in one polypocket with another polypocket on William Beggs (murderer) covering 1989 and 1999-2001"  
  
A Martin Shevlin contacted NIGRA in 2010 saying he was writing a book about Beggs.  
  
In a bit of a rush as going away tomorrow for 4 days but may go through emails on return.  
  
Ring me next week 028 90664111 begin\_of\_the\_skype\_highlighting            028 90664111      end\_of\_the\_skype\_highlighting if you want to talk.  
  
Jeff

From: Mark@popkorntv.com  
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Date: Wed, 12 Sep 2012 15:16:11 +0000

Dear Jeff

I work for a production company in London called Popkorn TV and am currently researching a series entitled *Killers Behind Bars* for Channel 5. The series looks at the some unsolved murders and investigates possible links with convicted serial killers. One of the men featured in the series is William (Ian) Beggs from Moira who is currently serving a sentence in Scotland for the murder of  Barry Wallace.

As you may be aware, Beggs is known to have carried out vicious attacks on men in Britain from 1983 and was convicted of the murder of Barry Oldham in 1987, though was later released on a technicality. I have read that NIGRA warned its members about Beggs long before he killed Barry Wallace. I’m trying to find out if Beggs had a history of attacking men in Northern Ireland or if this was merely a reaction to the Oldham case.

I’d be grateful if you could confirm that such a warning was issued and if so why. Any other background information you have on the matter would be much appreciated.

Kind Regards,

Mark Keenan

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