

The following is a statement from the heartbroken family of the late Detective Garda Colm Horkan on the first anniversary of his tragic death on the 18th of June 2020.

The Horkan family lost a son, a brother, an uncle, his friends and work colleagues lost a dear friend on that fateful night of the 17th into the morning of 18<sup>th</sup> June 2020. Colm attended for work in Castlerea at 16.00 hrs and this was tragically his final tour of duty when he was murdered in the most brutal way that anyone can imagine.

Colm would have turned 50 in December 2020, he attended every party and function that was been held, always dressed impeccably and had a word for everyone in a quiet unassuming way.

For the many people who knew Colm and those of you who didn't, his infectious smile would brighten up any occasion and leave a lasting impression in any room or place.

D/Garda Colm Horkan was a proud, popular, respected member of An Garda Síochána who loved his job and wore the uniform with great pride while serving the community for over twenty-five years.

He was kind, thoughtful and a selflessly loyal gentleman to all he encountered both on a personal and professional level. Colm was one of a kind and on that night of the 17th into the morning of the 18th of June Colm's life was ended long before his time and sadly we never got the opportunity to say goodbye and to tell him how much we dearly loved him. Life will never be the same without Colm.

With the passage of time, we now mark the first anniversary of Colm's death. As we continue to carry the deep grief that we feel with the loss of Colm, the depth and sincerity of the support from so many people has given us great comfort. We would like to thank everyone for their amazing support over the past twelve months.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.