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Kenneway family seeks second PM

The funeral of a man involved in the murder of loyalist Billy Wright was delayed today after relatives asked for a second post mortem examination to be carried out.

Father-of-five John Kenneway (44) was found dead in his prison cell last Friday and was due to be buried in Belfast this afternoon.

It is believed he committed suicide, but his family still have concerns about how he died, according to their solicitor Kevin Winters, who has asked for a second post mortem examination.

He said today: "The family wants peace of mind, knowing they have done everything before he goes to the grave. Central to that would be getting another post mortem."

It is understood a retired state pathologist for Northern Ireland, Derek Carson, has agreed to carry out the examination.

Kenneway was one of three INLA prisoners who were involved in the shooting dead LVF leader Wright inside the Maze Prison at Christmas 1997.

After breaking out of their prison wing, he and two others ambushed Wright as sat in the back of a van preparing to take him to the visitors' area of the jail. A public inquiry into the shooting opened last month.

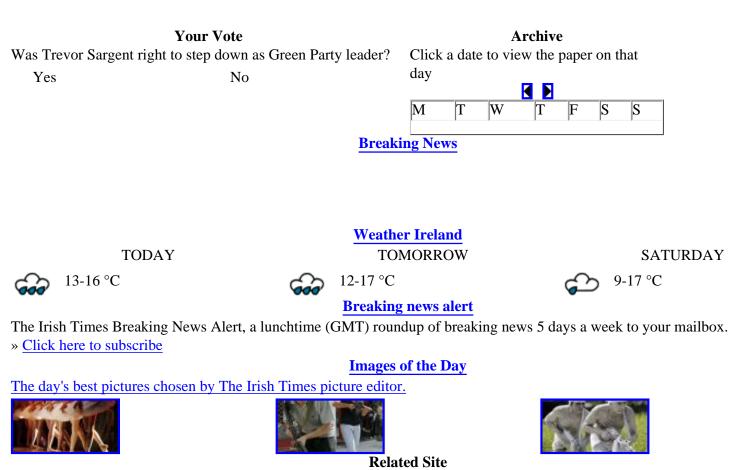
Kenneway was serving a 25-year term at the time of the Wright murder, but was freed in 2000 as part of the early release scheme linked to the 1998 Belfast Agreement. He was sent back to prison in February because he was considered a danger.

He was found dead in his cell at Maghaberry Prison, near Lisburn, Co Antrim, after being refused compassionate parole to attend the christening of a grandchild. His funeral has been re-scheduled to take place tomorrow from his home on the Upper Whiterock Road, west Belfast, to the City Cemetery following Requiem Mass.

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