

The Reasons Why Nicky Kelly Should Be Released

1. Nicky Kelly was convicted solely on the basis of a statement signed by him at 5.15 a.m. after being held for 60 hours in three different garda stations where he was denied access to a solicitor or doctor and was not allowed any proper sleep.
2. Nicky Kelly's interrogation was conducted by members of the "Heavy Gang", a selected group of detectives whose repressive methods were highlighted at the time by the *Irish Times* and Amnesty International and whose existence created such a scandal that the Government of the day was forced to set up a judicial inquiry under the chairmanship of Justice Barra O Briain to investigate and suggest safeguards for those held in garda custody.
3. At his trial which was held in the juryless Special Criminal Court the State presented no witnesses nor forensic evidence to back up the signed statement.
4. During the trial garda witnesses stated that Nicky Kelly had signed the statement voluntarily and had co-operated with them, yet Dr Sean O Cleirigh and Dr Samuel Davis gave evidence of seeing extensive bruising and swelling on his body. Despite the garda's talk of co-operation no money was ever recovered.
5. The IRA, an organisation of which Nicky Kelly was never a member have claimed twice publicly that they carried out the Sallins Mail Train Robbery and that the men convicted were completely innocent victims. Nicky Kelly was one of 40 members of the IRSP (a registered political party) arrested after the robbery.
6. Nicky Kelly's two co-accused were acquitted when the Appeal Court threw out the statements which were extracted from them. At this time, due to lack of faith in the judicial system and suffering from extreme mental strain, Nicky Kelly had left the country. Following the acquittal of his co-accused he returned voluntarily to clear his name.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Go to your T.D., insist that they publicly declare where they stand. Raise the matter in any organisation of which you are a member, urging them to publicly call for Nicky Kelly's release.
- Write to An Taoiseach, Government Buildings, Dublin 2.
- Join your local Action Group. Support their activities.
- Send a donation, however small, towards the work of the campaign.

**YOU CAN PLAY YOUR PART TO
RELEASE NICKY KELLY**

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NICKY KELLY—INNOCENT, STILL IN JAIL

The campaign for his release continues ...

NICKY KELLY REMAINS UNJUSTLY IMPRISONED FOR SOMETHING HE DID NOT DO DESPITE WIDESPREAD CALLS FOR HIS RELEASE FROM ALL SECTIONS OF IRISH SOCIETY AND ABROAD.

Each day he remains in prison is another day robbed from his life — the responsibility for this scandal lies with the Coalition Government and with all those in Leinster House who refuse to publicly call on the Government to release Nicky Kelly.

The Campaign for the release of Nicky Kelly has been going on since 1980 when he returned to Ireland to clear his name. Many people were moved by his recent hunger strike as the facts of his case became known to them for the first time, and have since added their voices to the already widespread call for his immediate release. The Coalition Government were prepared to let this innocent man die, hoping that the scandal of the Sallins Mail Train Robbery case, would be buried with him.

Nicky Kelly remains alive, determined to continue the fight for his rightful freedom and to expose the truth behind his case. All those who have shown their concern must now let the Government know where they stand and demand his release.

The Release Nicky Kelly Campaign will, through its 50 Action Groups around the country and 30 support groups around the world continue to highlight the injustice of this case until Nicky Kelly is released.

Those who have expressed their concern about this case include Amnesty International, ICCL, Prisoners Rights Organisation, Irish Commission for Justice and Peace, FLAC and ICRA. To date seven Trades Councils (including Dublin Trades Council), 11 County and Urban District Councils, eight Trade Unions (including I.T.G.W.U. & F.W.U.I.), 130 solicitors and numerous organisations and prominent individuals at home and abroad have called for Nicky Kelly's release.

JUSTICE DELAYED IS JUSTICE DENIED