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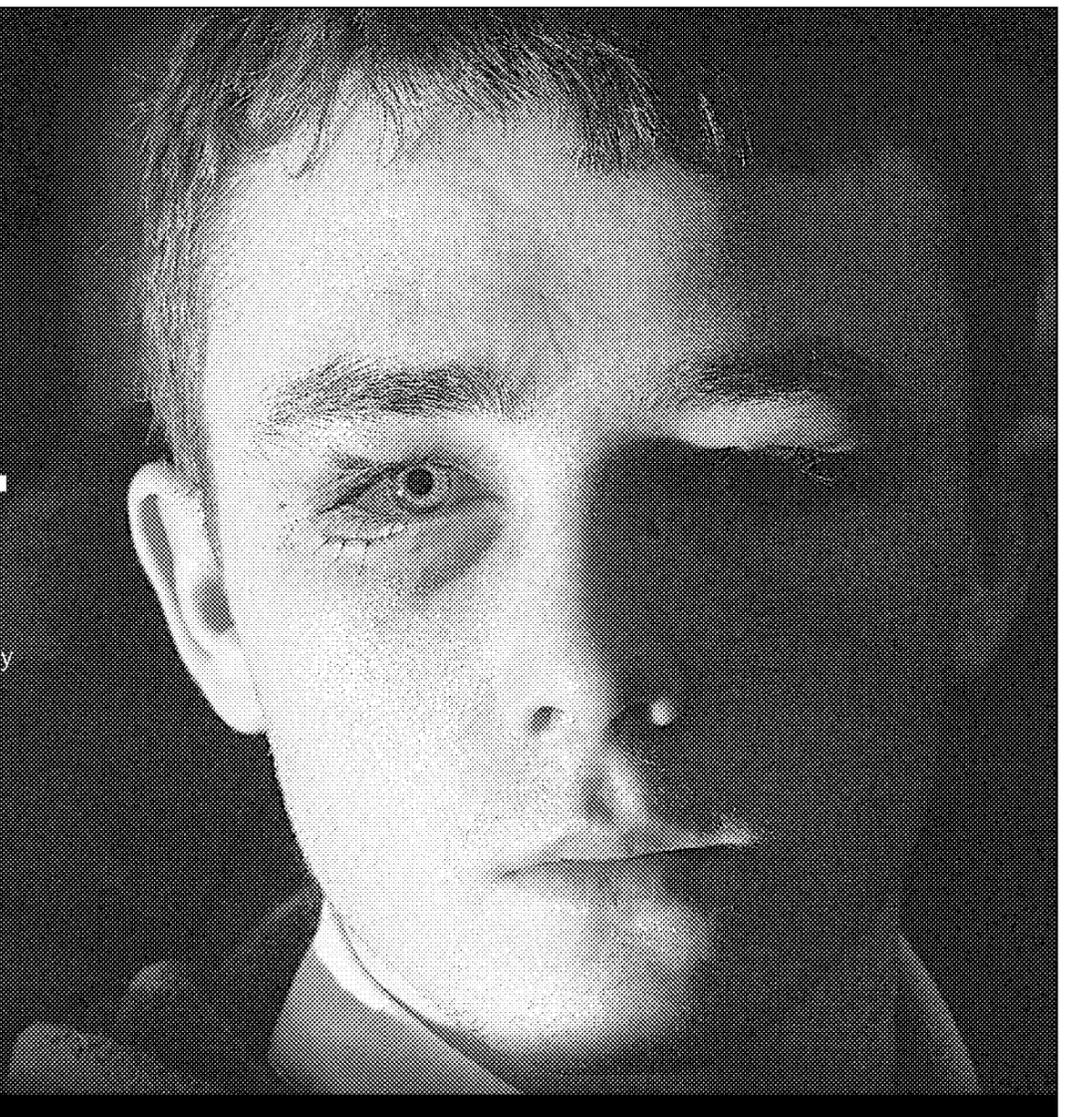
## Michaela murder

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**I started to come round and I heard them saying: 'That's enough. I think he's dead'**

— James Turley

PICTURE: Hugh Russell



## Beaten up and left for dead

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**T**HIS is the Catholic teenager left for dead after a sectarian attack in a loyalist area of Belfast, reminiscent of the worst days of the Troubles.

James Turley (18) was chased through the streets of the Village, assaulted and dumped in a wheelie-

bin. Semi-conscious, he heard the mob leave after one said: "That's enough. I think he's dead."

At one stage he was given sanctuary in a house after pleading to be let in but the gang chased him through the house to the back garden where they beat him further.

The student, from the Short Strand in east Belfast, was in the staunchly loyalist area working as an extra for a film starring *The Wire's* Aidan Gillen, right.

Police last night confirmed they

were investigating a sectarian motive for the attack at Frenchpark Street and that five teenage extras in the movie, *The Good Man*, had been assaulted on Friday. A car used by the production team also had its windows smashed.

Speaking to *The Irish News* yesterday from his home as his distraught family comforted him, he relived



the moments when the mob caught him.

"They stamped on my head and everywhere. The woman (the householder) said 'Get him out of my garden' and they dragged me out into the alley.

"They just started beating me again. They put me into a bin and were

pushing me somewhere. I didn't know where I was going.

"I think they realised they couldn't beat me when I was in the bin. They kicked or pushed it over and dragged me out of it."

He said that at one stage he was knocked out, but "I started to come round and I heard them saying: 'That's enough. I think he's dead'."

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