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McClatchey murder scene

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McClatchey chief suspect in Catholic man's murder

William McClatchey, whose dismembered body was discovered in a rubbish bin last Monday in Belfast, was the chief suspect in a notorious murder.

Although McClatchey was arrested, he was never tried for the murder after a witness refused to give evidence.

In March 1997, John Slane aged 44 was in his home on the Falls Road boiling a kettle to make up bottles for his baby twin daughters.

Two unmasked loyalist gunmen from across the motorway smashed into his home and shot him dead in the kitchen.

McClatchey was later picked out of an ID parade and charged but the witness was too afraid to appear in court and the case was dropped for lack of evidence.

When the dismembered body was named, Mr. Slane's son, Sean, said a very violent man had met a very violent death himself.

Louise Slane, who was 14 when her father was shot, said her mother had

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never recovered and had had to bring up seven children on her own.

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FILM: DECEMBER BOYS

DIRECTOR: Rob Hardy. **STARRING:** Daniel Radcliffe, Teresa Palmer, Christian Byers, Lee Cormie. Details 105mins/Australia Cert: 15A

Four orphans spend a summer in 1960's Australia, competing to be adopted by the same family. We witness as their friendship grows, through numerous ups and downs, as they spend their summer holidaying on a secluded beach. December Boys is a film with a clear lack of ambition - very little of any interest occurs, as the director focuses on the relationships between the boys, and completely loses track of any real characters outside the foursome. Notable mainly for an early Daniel Radcliffe attempt at derailing the inevitable Harry Potter typecasting; he forces a performance that shows he has much to learn when it comes to portraying varied emotion without the aid of CGI. The only other cast member to get enough screen time to impress is Lee Cormie, who plays (the most desperate for affection of the foursome)

RATING: ★★☆☆☆

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