At approximately 7pm yesterday evening, there was a shooting on Terrace road, in the Finglas area of Dublin.

James O’ Reilly, 39, left his home at approximately 6.30 pm to visit his sister in the Matter General hospital. As he made his way up Evermore road for the bus stop, a car followed O’ Reilly up the road. An eye witness describes seeing the car pull up beside O’ Reilly as a gunman jumped out the car. O’ Reilly turned around and tried to run but the gunman shot him straight into the head and O’ Reilly fell instantly. The gunman got back into the car and they fled the scene.

The ambulance and Gardai arrived soon after but O’ Reilly was pronounced dead at the scene.

It’s believed O’ Reilly was mistaken for a gang member who lives in the same area. It’s alleged it was one of the McNamara gang members who shot O’ Reilly. The McNamara’s were seeking revenge from the O’ Connells gang for killing one of their leading members. But the case is still being investigated.

Another local says, "All I heard was a gunshot, I looked out my window and there were people running frantically to the location where James was. Everyone had phones out calling the ambulance and Gardai."

James has left behind his wife Mary, 37, his daughter Saoirse,10 and his son ,4. He has also left behind two brothers and a sister. Both his parents are deceased.

A local passerby says “It’s tragic, he was such a decent bloke. He was only young and leaves behind his wife and two young children. It’s not fair.”

The gunman was described as short and blocky, wearing a red and white striped hoody with a black Adidas tracksuit. He was also wearing a balaclava to hide his identity. The driver is said to have black, tight shaved hair and was wearing a plain blue hoody. They drove a black BMW with a registration of 05-D-9417.

If anyone has any information please phone Finglas Garda station on 01-23-58-72-19.