

## **Father murdered for telling yobs to keep quiet**

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**A young father was stabbed to death outside his home after asking a gang of rowdies to keep the noise down because his baby was asleep.** Kevin Johnson, 22, was brutally attacked by the three teenagers, who are all believed to have been armed.

As he lay bleeding to death a few feet from his front door, the thugs fled – before launching another knife attack just minutes later. Their second victim, who had not been named last night, was stabbed as he walked down the street. He was recovering in hospital.

**Mr Johnson's devastated fiancée Adele Brett, 26, was too distressed to speak.** The couple had only recently moved into their home in the Pennywell area of Sunderland with their sevenmonth old son, Chase, and were planning to get married in the near future.

**Police cordoned off the murder scene.** A neighbour, aged 20, who did not want to be identified, said: *"All Kevin did was go out and ask them to stop making so much noise. He didn't stand a chance. We've heard that the three people who attacked him were all armed. I just can't believe what's happened. They seemed such a happy couple. We'd often see them walking their young son up and down the street in the pram."*

It is believed the three youths were shouting and swearing when Mr Johnson, who worked in the demolition industry, confronted them shortly after midnight on Saturday. Ignoring his pleas to keep the noise down, the three began arguing with Mr Johnson before attacking him.

**The PPP comments.... In our last bulletin about the Police Federation we referred to the deaths of citizens on our streets and we are shocked to hear of another such tragic incident. Despite record numbers of Police officers and police staff and record financial investment there is no deterrence. Despite paying over and over again for CCTV, PCSOs and wardens there is no deterrence or protection for vulnerable citizens or businesses.**

**The Police falsely claim to be an emergency service that is responsive. If Mr Johnson had been trapped in a house fire OR had suffered a heart attack, the real emergency services would have been there in minutes with the best of techniques and technology. What is the Police response time to such a threatening situation in Sunderland ?.... we are not talking about their response time after a murder has been committed ....We much prefer the PREVENTION to DETECTION of HOMICIDES.**

**WHY didn't the couple call the Police about the noise and nuisance? ... in North Wales people don't call because they claim it is a waste of time. Father's generally feel responsible for the safety of their families, it's a very basic (and sadly dangerous) survival instinct.**