

REAL-LIFE BROOKSIDE PATIO BODY HORROR

GRISLY scenes on Channel 4 tonight will echo Brookside's "body under the patio" plot.

Officers unearth human remains from a shallow grave in a back garden. The footage on 24 Hours In Police Custody shows forensic of

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ficers finding a skull belonging to Natalia Doherty - who vanished in 2006 - two years ago in Luton. A similar plot on the Scouse soap in 1993 gripped the nation as Mandy Jordache stabbed husband Trevor to protect daughter Beth, played by Anna Friel. The

real-life case led to various people being interviewed, including Natalia's estranged husband Gerald Doherty - who later committed suicide - and his brothers Daniel and Joseph. Det Insp Jerry Waite says the show highlights how difficult it is for murderers to get rid of a body. He said: "We see it in films, it's

made to look very easy. To actually cut somebody up and then dispose of them without being caught, it's not the easy option. "The easy option actually is to bury them somewhere." Det Sgt Graham McMillan added: "She's just been dumped and rubbish piled on top of her."



SOAP: Mandy and Beth



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A TRUE MURDER MYSTERY Natalia Doherty's body was left under a pile of rubble in a suburban garden back in 2003



SHOCK: Det Sgt Graham McMillan, Gerald Doherty and Gerald's brother Daniel

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