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**Inquest hears former INLA chief was shot 14 times**

**Inquest into Torney murder**

A former Irish National Liberation Army chief of staff was shot 14 times when he was cut down on a Co Armagh street during a feud within the republican splinter group, an inquest heard today.

Hugh Torney had fled his home in Belfast's Devonshire Close after being threatened with death when ousted as leader of the terror group.

He went into hiding in Lurgan but in September 1996 he was found and gunned down as he walked along a town centre street with a colleague. Both men were armed but neither had time to pull out their weapons, the inquest heard.

Torney, known as Cue Ball, is thought to have been responsible for many murders. He had survived a previous gun attack - a post mortem investigation revealed wounds that suggested he had been shot before.

Police Superintendent Mark Gilmore told the inquest it was "very possible" those responsible had since been killed in a bitter feud which claimed many lives.

Chief Northern Ireland coroner John Leckey said: "At this time in Northern Ireland there was a feud within the INLA which was well known and publicised in the media. There were tit-for-tats between factions in the INLA, is it your view that Mr Torney was part of the feud?"

The superintendent said: "That is my belief."

He said no one had been charged with the murder and a review of the

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case by the Historical Inquiries Team had yet to find any evidence which would lead to charges.

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