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Rosemary Nelson

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Nelson inquiry challenge dismissed

A High Court judge has dismissed a legal bid by the PSNI to be allowed to question witnesses at the inquiry into solicitor Rosemary Nelson's murder.

The force was also seeking a ruling that any convictions or criminal associations they had should be considered by the tribunal as part of a test on their credibility.

Lawyers wanted permission to cross-examine up to nine witnesses, described as complainants, who have made allegations about police threats or abuse directed at Mrs Nelson before she was killed in a loyalist paramilitary bomb attack in March 1999.

Earlier this year the Inquiry, which was set up to examine claims of security force collusion, refused to allow any cross-examination by counsel for the PSNI.

It stressed that the proceedings were an inquisitorial - rather than adversarial - process aimed at establishing the truth.

Seeking a judicial review of that decision John Larkin QC, for the PSNI, had warned of the potentially serious consequences for officers` reputations if the claims made against them were backed by the tribunal.

But Lord Justice Girvan dismissed the application, arguing the court should not interfere with the Inquiry`s original decision.

Mrs Nelson, 40, who represented a number of high profile clients in the nationalist Garvaghy Road residents involved in the Drumcree marching dispute, died in a booby-trap car bomb explosion near her home in Lurgan, Co Armagh.

Retired judge Sir Michael Morland is chairing a three-member panel which must determine whether the then Royal Ulster Constabulary, Northern Ireland Office, Army or other state agency facilitated the murder, or blocked attempts to investigate it.


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