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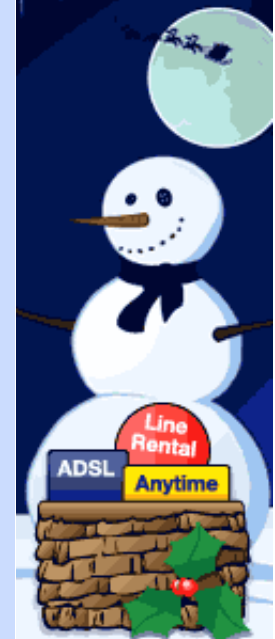
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Police ordered to hand over files

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Judge orders PSNI to release files

Chief Constable Sir Hugh Orde has been ordered to disclose a list of documents to the parents of an IRA man shot dead by police.

A High Court judge ruled that Hugh and Teresa Jordan, whose son Pearse was killed in west Belfast 16 years ago, should be given all non-sensitive files supplied to a coroner.

With a long-delayed inquest into the shooting due to open next month, Mr Justice Stephens gave Sir Hugh two weeks to comply with his direction.

Mr and Mrs Jordan were seeking a judicial review over the PSNI`s decision not to provide them with all material supplied to the coroner in relation to their son`s death.

Pearse Jordan, 22, was gunned down by the RUC in disputed circumstances following a car collision on the Falls Road in November 1992.

Applications for two Public Interest Immunity (PII) certificates over certain material are to be considered before the inquest fixed for January 14 opens.

Police officers and soldiers due to give evidence at the hearing are also understood to be seeking anonymity.

But the Jordan family wanted the High Court to compel the Police Service to hand over everything that was not covered by PII or legal professional privilege - regardless of the perceived relevance to issues likely to emerge at the inquest.

Issuing an order of mandamus compelling the PSNI to disclose the documents, Mr Justice Stephens excluded investigating officers` reports.

Their relevance and disclosure would be a matter for the coroner to consider, he ruled.

The judge said the form of his order was *"informed by the confusion that has been created by the fragmented production of documents over the years"*.

Mr Justice Stephens also made clear that Mr and Mrs Jordan were to give an undertaking to the court that disclosure of the documents was on a confidential basis solely for use in relation to the inquest.

Outside the court the Jordan family`s solicitor, Fearghal Shiels, claimed the Chief Constable had to meet his legal obligations.

Mr Shiels said police had conceded back in 2000 that the RUC had to comply with a force order requiring that all documents provided to the coroner should be given to the bereaved family too.

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