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Suspect charged in Nairac kidnap case

Thursday, 5 February 2009

The Public Prosecution Service has taken the decision to prosecute the man accused of being involved in the kidnap of British Army undercover agent, Robert Nairac, more than 30 years ago.

Kevin Crilly (58), of Lower Foughill Road, Jonesborough denies charges of kidnapping and falsely imprisoning Captain Nairac on a date unknown between May 14 and 15, 1977.

Twenty-nine-year-old Captain Nairac was an SAS-trained officer who was abducted by the IRA in Jonesborough, Co Armagh, on May 14, 1977.

He operated undercover but it is believed the IRA identified him as he sat in a bar in Dromintee.

It is understood he was abducted from the bar and was taken across the border then shot dead.

During a short hearing at Newry Magistrates' Court yesterday a prosecution solicitor said the PPS had decided to prosecute the accused and preliminary enquiry papers were currently were being prepared.

District Judge Paul Copeland granted an application from Crilly's defence solicitor to amend his bail.

The case was adjourned until March 18.

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