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## New evidence found in 1977 murder of village sergeant

Wednesday, 25 February 2009

New evidence has been uncovered by a team reinvestigating the murder of a policeman shot dead in a small County Antrim village more than 30 years ago, it was revealed yesterday.

The Police Ombudsman has called on people in Cushendall with any information on the murder of RUC officer Joe Campbell to come forward.

The father-of-eight was shot dead at around 10.30pm as he locked the gates of the local RUC station on this date 32 years ago.

After his office received a number of complaints alleging police misconduct in issues relating to the murder, the Police Ombudsman's Office began investigating the murder.

Although the office will not disclose the nature of the new evidence discovered in the course of its investigation, today they are making an appeal to people in the town for information.

A spokesman said he accepted some memories will undoubtedly have faded in the 32 years since Sergeant Campbell's murder, but said: "Cushendall is, and was, a small and close-knit community. It is my hope that this appeal will prompt a memory, any memory, of anything unusual in the area on the evening of 25 February 1977."

It is understood there was a bingo session and a theatrical event being held in the village on the night Sgt Campbell died.

"Sergeant Campbell walked the short distance from his house to the Police Station. The person who shot him must have had to lie in wait. Did anyone see someone acting suspiciously in the village at around 10pm?"

"Sergeant Campbell (49) was well regarded by all who knew him and rarely had to wear his service weapon it has been claimed, but his behaviour changed in the days leading up to the shooting.

"We want to know if he confided in anyone about what may have been on his mind, and in particular if he thought his life was at risk.

"Sergeant Campbell locked up the police station, even though he was off-duty. Did he mention that he was planning to meet anyone at the station?"

No-one has ever been convicted of the murder A spokesman for the Ombudsman yesterday said of

ongoing speculation about police involvement in the murder: "It is in the interests of both the Campbell family and policing in Northern Ireland that we do all we can to discover the truth about whether or not there were any police issues related to the murder."

Anyone with any information should speak to Police Ombudsman investigators who will be at The Old School House in Mill Street, Cushendall between 9am — 9pm until Friday, or phone the



Murdered RUC Sergeant, Joseph Patrick Campbell

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