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McCord killers brought to book

North Belfast News

Aine McEntee

The father of UVF murder victim Raymond McCord will launch his explosive new book 'Justice For Raymond' in the Cathedral Quarter tonight (Thursday).

Justice for Raymond gives a moving and heartfelt account of the day police officers called at his home to tell him his son had been killed and his body dumped in a quarry in Newtownabbey.

Battle for justice

For more than ten years Raymond McCord Senior has been campaigning to bring those responsible for his son's brutal murder to justice.

In the book he tells the story of his long and frustrating fight for justice; death threats and attacks on him and his family; moves by Special Branch to block the police investigation and how he eventually turned to former Police Ombudsman Nuala O'Loan for help.

The foreword to the book is written by Nuala O'Loan, whose January 2007 report about the murder caused a sensation, carrying claims of collusion between senior police officers, Special Branch operatives and a notorious North Belfast UVF gang.

In the book, Mr McCord names high level members of the UVF whom he believes were responsible for several of the murders, including that of his son.

O'Loan Report

He also writes about Special Branch agents and police officers he believes were complicit in many of the killings.

The book also deals with a number of murders detailed in the O'Loan report, some ten killings dating back to the early 1990s for which no one has ever been brought to justice including Newtownabbey woman Sharon McKenna and Bawnmore man Peter McTasney.

Justice for Raymond is available now, priced £9.99, from all good book shops.

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