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**Omagh victim's mum welcomes ad campaign**

THE MOTHER of a Buncrana schoolboy killed in the Omagh bombing has backed a new advertising campaign appealing for information on the atrocity.

Bernie Doherty has welcomed police plans to run a series of newspaper ads help gather information on

the bomb car as "positive".

According to the PSNI, the decision to place the adverts was prompted in part by the change in attitude towards policing by Sinn Fein and a substantial part of the republican community.

Mrs Doherty - whose son Oran and his school friends Sean McLaughlin and James Barker died in the Real IRA blast while on an excursion to the County Tyrone town with a group of Spanish students who were staying in Buncrana, has told the 'Journal' that she hopes the new campaign will help bring those responsible for the atrocity to justice.

She is hopeful that some members of the mainstream republican family may have some knowledge about the events surrounding the blast.

"I don't see why someone wouldn't come forward now. I remember at the time someone from Omagh asked Gerry Adams if he could do something and he said they wouldn't co-operate with the police. I would hope now that more information will come forward.

"People who followed Sinn Fein now want to get justice for people who have been killed by loyalists in collusion with the police. I don't see why people who follow Sinn Fein and who may know something can't come forward now about Omagh. We want justice as well," she said.

The police will place adverts in daily and weekly newspapers in the North and the Republic asking people in border areas to "think again" about coming forward with information which would assist the investigation in the 1998 atrocity.

The officer leading the investigation, Detective Chief Superintendent Norman Baxter, said: "It's eight and a half years since the Omagh bombing but the investigation is continuing. In the light of recent changes in attitude from certain groups towards policing, I think it is important to ask everyone to think again about coming forward with information about what happened.

"I would encourage public representatives to use their influence in the communities which they represent, on both sides of the border, to ask people to come forward.

"We are particularly interested in the movements of the bomb car in the days leading up to the atrocity. We want to know about the movements of the red/maroon Vauxhall Cavalier between Thursday, August 13, 1998 and Saturday, August 15 1998, the day of the explosion which killed 29 innocent people.

"Anyone who knows anything about the movements of this car in the Carrickmacross area or the Louth/south Armagh area during this period is asked to contact the Incident Room at Omagh police station, telephone 028 8225 6682 (048 8225 6682 from the Republic). Any information will be treated in confidence."

So far, only one person, electrician Sean Hoey (36) of Jonesborough, has stood trial charged with the 29 murders. He is currently awaiting a judgement.

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