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By Staff reporter

The report this week from the Police Ombudsman, Nuala O'Loan on the possibility that the RUC were aware of what was happening before the Greysteel massacre in 1993 concluded that this was not the case. The matter was raised after SDLP Assembly man, John Dallat claimed he had given information to the police after the Castlerock shootings in March that year which, if acted upon, could have prevented the Greysteel shooting.

Nuala O'Loan's report was quite categorical that there was no evidence to support Mr. Dallat's contention and she stated that the RUC had no prior knowledge that could have prevented the Greysteel shootings.

However, on the question of the role of one of the main perpetrators of the Greysteel shooting, Torrens Knight the Ombudsman was much less categorical. On the issue of whether or not Knight was a security force agent the report said that this matter was outside their remit but surely this is the crux of the whole matter. if Knight was an agent for the security forces then he must have tipped off his handlers as to what was going to happen at Greysteel. It is not possible to state categorically that the RUC had no prior knowledge of the shootings unless the question of Knight's role is clarified. O'Loan's report points to Knight's conviction for Greysteel and the Castlerock shootings as evidence that he was not above the law but unfortunately in our society this does not prove he was not an agent.

There have been numerous allegations that Knight was a security force agent and these have to be addressed fully before anyone can state that the RUC had no prior knowledge. it is inconceivable that if Knight was an agent that he did not alert his handlers as to what was going to happen at Greysteel. The Ombudsman's report raises as many questions as it answers.

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