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Nuala O'Loan

Mother claims police know who killed son

The mother of a Dungiven man murdered by loyalists in North Belfast in December 2000, has claimed that police know the UDA members who carried out the killing.

Marie Moore, the mother of Gary Moore (30) - who died after being shot twice in the back while working on a Monkstown building site - made the claim after a report this week found that police officers colluded in up to 16 UVF murders in the area. Police Ombudsman Nuala O'Loan concluded in her report that Special Branch had recruited, paid and protected "serial killer" Mark Haddock as an informant.

Mrs. Moore has demanded to know if the police also colluded with UDA assassins operating in the area at the time.

Mrs. Moore said she watched a TV programme detailing Mrs O'Loan's revelations with "disbelief".

"Myself and my husband at in disbelief watching insight - I actually felt sick looking at it. My husband kept saying 'what did I tell you'. We don't have any faith now in what the police told us at the time - you're thinking back asking yourself 'were they telling us the truth'? Or were they covering it up? What do they really know and who are they protecting.

"Gary was shot twice in the back and they know exactly who did it. In my heart of hearts I know they know."

And Mrs Moore and her family have doubts over whether a full and adequate investigation in to Gary's killing was ever carried out. After the murder the family had little or no contact with the police while Gary's brother - who also worked on the Monkstown building site - was not interviewed.

"My son had no involvement with any organisation - he was another innocent victim. If we are going to have peace here we have to know the truth about all of this - I believe someone knows who killed my son and I would appeal to anyone who does to pass that on.

"December 6 was Gary's sixth anniversary - and there still isn't a day that goes past that I don't think about him. We're sitting here now wondering who killed him and if they were protected by the police - the problem is we just don't know."

Meanwhile, a Donegal-based Peruvian man whose wife was murdered by the UFF near Mount Vernon in Belfast has admitted he suspects that police colluded in the killing. Maxile Mongero has called on Nuala O'Loan to investigate to wife's murder.

"My wife answered a knock to the door and was shot twice to the face and neck, she died instantly. The UDA/UFF said that I was the intended target - probably because I rent property to Catholics."

Mr. Mongero said he received a warning from police a month prior to the murder.

"I will now ask the ombudsman's office to look into my wife's murder and expose the truth," he said.

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