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No retaliation say Quinn supporters

(Barry McCaffrey, Irish News)

Supporters of murdered south Armagh man Paul Quinn have condemned an attack on the home of a man linked to the killing in the House of Lords.

Paul Quinn (21) was beaten to death by an armed gang as an isolated farmhouse in Co Monaghan last month.

His family blamed the IRA for the murder, claiming he had defied an order to leave the country. Sinn Féin has rejected republican involvement. No-one has been arrested or charged with the killing.

Earlier this month Ulster Unionist peer Lord Laird used parliamentary privilege to link south Armagh man Vincent Treanor to the murder.

Mr Treanor this week denied any involvement in the "'horrific crime", saying the killers should be brought to justice and he himself had co-operated fully with police.

The 58-year-old also said his house had been repeatedly attacked since being linked to the murder and police had warned him he was under a death threat.

Last night (Tuesday) a group set up to support Mr Quinn's family condemned the attack on Mr Treanor's home.

"The family called for no retaliation when the murder happened and repeated the call at the funeral.We reiterate our call for no public finger-pointing. All information should be fed into the Garda and police investigation only."

The group also welcomed confirmation by Mr Treanor that he had "words" with a sister of Mr Quinn and then an altercation with him before the murder, saying it was an advance on a statement he issued earlier this month.

The group added that he would be welcome to a public meeting being held in Mr Quinn's home village of Cullyhanna tonight.

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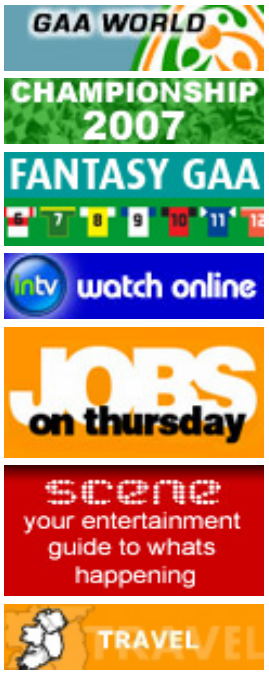

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