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Sensitive information about a former republican prisoner and leading figure in Orange Order marches was on a disk lost by the Rosemary Nelson inquiry. It is understood the man, who was a target in the past for loyalist paramilitaries, has been told of the security breach.

Solicitor Rosemary Nelson died after a bomb was left under her car by the Loyalist Volunteer Force in March 1999. She was targeted because of her work with a number of nationalist residents' groups opposed to loyalist marches passing through their area. Her family and human rights organisations have long campaigned for a public inquiry into the killing. They have alleged that people in the security forces aided her killers.

In a statement the Rosemary Nelson inquiry team said it deeply regretted 'the serious breach of secure data handling protocols within the inquiry'.

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