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McCord hits out after Allister meeting

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VICTIMS campaigner Raymond McCord last night hit out at what he claimed was MEP Jim Allister's "head in the sand attitude" towards collusion between police and loyalist paramilitaries.

McCord met the former DUP man in Strasbourg last week during a trip to the European Parliament to win support for his campaign to expose his son Raymond jnr's killers and the cops who allowed them to get away with murder.

But following the meeting, Mr Allister claimed that Mr McCord's trip to the European Parliament was being used by Sinn Fein to "peddle their vindictive vendetta against the police".

Said Mr McCord: "Sinn Fein are not using me or manipulating me and at the Press conference the words concerning my son's murder and Nuala O'Loan's report came from me.

"They have given me a platform, but it's a platform for Raymond McCord to talk about the Police Ombudsman's report and my son's murder."

When he returns to Ulster he has arranged to meet with Mr Allister's former DUP colleagues, justice spokesman Ian Paisley jnr and North Belfast MP Nigel Dodds, in whose constituency most of the murders carried out by the UVF gang that killed Raymond McCord jnr took place.

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