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## Quinn murder probe fed false information

(by Suzanne Breen, *Sunday Tribune*)

Sinn Féin and Provisional IRA supporters are deliberately feeding wrong information to gardai investigating the murder of Paul Quinn to put them on a false trail, sources have claimed.

Quinn (21) from Cullyhanna in south Armagh was beaten to death in October. He was lured to a farm in Oram, Co Monaghan, where eight men set upon him with iron bars and nail-studded cudgels.

Despite Sinn Féin denials, local people insist the Provisional IRA was involved.

Detectives investigating the murder are following up 1,200 lines of inquiry and have taken 400 witness statements on both sides of the South Armagh-North Monaghan border.

Sources said that, despite receiving false information from some interviewees, gardai were very pleased with progress in the investigation and believed it would lead to charges. The *Sunday Tribune* was told that the barn, where Quinn was beaten, was not subjected to the meticulous forensic clean-up by the IRA as was initially suspected.

Sources said enough DNA evidence was found in the barn to assist prosecutions. Meanwhile, the Quinn support group is to hold a public meeting on the murder in Newry, Co Down, next month.

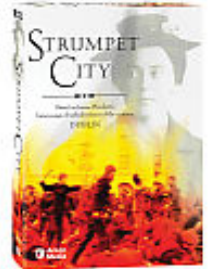
Other meetings, some of which have been heated, have already taken place in Cullyhanna, Crossmaglen, and Castleblaney. Sinn Féin has a strong presence in Newry and the gathering could be volatile. It will take place in the town hall at 7.30pm on February 20.

The chairman of the Quinn support group, Jim McAllister, said: "At every meeting, the crowds are getting bigger. We are delighted that our campaign for justice for Paul is now coming to Newry."

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