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ATTWOOD – ATTACK ON OMBUDSMAN CARRIES LITTLE CREDIBILITY

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SDLP Policing Spokesperson Alex Attwood MLA has said that today's attack from retired RUC officers on the Police Ombudsman carries little credibility. Speaking today Mr Attwood stated: "This report alleges that an injustice has been done to many ex RUC officers. At the heart of the Police Ombudsman report is the fact that the RUC's own intelligence assessment stated that it was 'reliable and probably true' that Mark Haddock was involved in a number of murders. Despite this, those responsible in RUC Special Branch kept him on as an agent and, after one murder, increased his payment. Taking this as just one example, those who now strongly complain about the Ombudsman's report need to answer many questions about the actions of some in Special Branch, including the RUC's own assessment of Mark Haddock's activities."

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