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BRADLEY CRITICISES KENNEDY'S REMARKS ON JOINT INVESTIGATION

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SDLP Assembly Member for Newry and Armagh has condemned criticism of the joint Garda Síochána / PSNI investigation into the murder of Paul Quinn in South Armagh. Responding to comments made by UUP Deputy-Leader Danny Kennedy that Gardaí operating with PSNI personnel north of the border was unacceptable, Mr Bradley said:

"I am disappointed with the comments of Mr Kennedy in the context of the investigation into Paul Quinn's murder. In the immediate aftermath of Paul Quinn's murder it is simply good practice that the two police services on this island co-operate in an investigation taking place so close to the border.

"I met with both police services and called for close co-operation between An Garda Síochána and the PSNI in the investigation and I welcome the fact that this is happening. It is disingenuous of Mr Kennedy to make these comments in the midst of this very serious investigation.

"The priority for all politicians at this particular time should be the apprehension of those responsible for Paul Quinn's murder and not petty political point scoring. What Mr Kennedy should be doing is encouraging the public to co-operate fully with the investigation by bringing any information which may be of use to the enquiry to either the Gardaí of the PSNI." ENDS 01-11-07

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