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KELLY - OMAGH FAMILIES DESERVE MORE FROM FLANAGAN

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SDLP Policing Spokesperson Dolores Kelly MLA has said that the Omagh families deserve and demand more than a belated apology from Sir Ronnie Flanagan. Speaking today Mrs Kelly stated:

“It has taken Ronnie Flanagan almost ten years to apologise for his and the RUC’s manifest failings in respect of the Omagh investigation. The Omagh families demand and deserve much more than this. Indeed, Ronnie Flanagan should also apologise to the wider public and the Police Ombudsman after comments he made publicly in relation to her damning report on his inquiry.

Serious questions remain around Ronnie Flanagan in respect of the investigation and the series of disastrous failures that occurred during the police inquiry. The simple demands of the Omagh families for truth and justice were institutionally and systematically frustrated and let down. Their grief and loss was only compounded by the botched police investigation. Ronnie Flanagan should reflect very deeply on that. His credibility in his existing role and in any future role he may have must also be brought into question.”

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