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QUINN FAMILY TO MEET GARDA COMMISSIONER

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The Quinn family of Cullyhanna will meet with Fachtna Murphy, Commissioner of An Garda Síochána in Dublin on Thursday 23rd October to discuss the investigation into the murder of their son, Paul, on 20th October 2007.

The meeting was arranged by SDLP Deputy Leader Dr Alasdair McDonnell MP MLA. The family will also be accompanied by Jim McAllister, chair of the Quinn Support Group, and Newry and Mourne Councillor Geraldine Donnelly.

Ahead of the meeting, the delegation will meet in Dáil Éireann with a cross-party group of TDs who have supported their campaign.

There will be a doorstep opportunity at 4:15PM at the Kildare Street gate of Leinster House.

Dr McDonnell said: “I want to join with the Quinn family in commending An Garda Síochána for their vigorous investigation, particularly over the summer months. And I want to commend the family for their courage and strength over the last year.

“This has been a horrendous time for the family, not only because of the brutality of the murder, but because of political attacks on Paul which began before his body was cold. The family has also been subjected to unjustified political attack, as has their campaign for truth and justice. More recently political accusations have been made against the Gardai and the PSNI for the way they conducted their investigation.

“We will be making clear to the Commissioner that we believe the investigation has been evidence-based at all times, that we reject these political attacks and we hope that people on both sides of the border will continue to come forward with information. The family have made it very clear that their quest for truth and justice will go on. There may be some who still want to hold their hand over the murderers, but for the sake of our own families we owe the Quinn family our full support.”

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