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MCDONNELL: SOMEONE MUST ACCOUNT FOR FINUCANE MURDER

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SDLP Deputy Leader Dr Alasdair McDonnell MP said someone, somewhere within the policing and security establishment must be held to account for the killing of Pat Finucane.

He said: "The whole system of policing, justice, security and even politics stands indicted if it fails to hold those with responsibility for this murder to account. That senior people within the policing and security establishment collaborated systematically with those directly responsible for the killing was firmly established by one of their own, John Stevens. People cannot be allowed to get away with murder just because they are well connected.

"We have got to get to the bottom of this collusion. How could police handlers give back weapons, deactivated or not, to William Stobie? How could they be so incompetent – or worse – as to hand over weapons that could be reactivated? Now we learn that one of these weapons was used to kill or injure constituents of mine, friends and acquaintances of mine.

"It is utterly pathetic that the prosecution service cannot bring charges on the basis of all the evidence gathered by Stevens and others. This case cannot rest here. This decision renders Tony Blair's moves to prevent a proper public inquiry even more reprehensible."

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