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MCDONNELL: THE QUINN FAMILY MUST HAVE JUSTICE

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SDLP Deputy Leader Dr Alasdair McDonnell MP said the family of Paul Quinn deserve to have the truth about his murder and to have justice done to those who killed him.

He said: “Even by the standards of thirty years of dirty war, this was a horrific, brutal killing. All our sympathies must be with the Quinn family as they lay Paul to rest, but sympathy will not be enough. We must offer them our full support in their demand for truth about Paul’s murder and for an end to the spin and speculation which would seek to excuse his killing or mitigate in any way the terrible crime of murder.

“The family must also have our full support in their quest for justice. The people of South Armagh who have suffered so much have spoken very clearly in favour of a lawful society and they must not be denied it. The call is coming from all sides for anyone with information on Paul’s murder to share it with the Garda Síochána and PSNI, and that call must be taken at its word. There can only be one law in a democracy, and no person or group can be above the law.

“The time of strongmen and warlords is over. Now there are only the law-abiding and the criminals. No matter what they may call themselves, the criminals shall not prevail.”

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Notes to Editors:

Dr McDonnell will be attending the funeral of Paul Quinn in Cullyhanna this morning.

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