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Pearse Jordan case to be raised at Policing Board

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Sinn Féin spokesperson on Policing Alex Maskey has said that the decision of the Chief Constable Hugh Orde to appeal a court order to hand over documentation to the Pearse Jordan Inquest is 'completely unacceptable and sends out entirely the wrong message with regard to dealing with state killings'

Mr Maskey said:

"In recent times Mr Orde has been in the media wrongly claiming that the PSNI were the only organisation making a positive contribution to dealing with the past through the HET. His comments lack credibility when placed beside the continuing efforts he is making to withhold information from a series of inquests of people murdered by the RUC.

"Yesterday Mr Orde went to the court of appeal to challenge a ruling instructing him to hand over documentation relating to the murder of unarmed IRA Volunteer Pearse Jordan in 1992. This approach is entirely unacceptable, has caused deep offence and sends out entirely the wrong message with regard to dealing with state killings.

"At tomorrow's Policing Board I will be raising the decision to once again resort to the courts in an attempt to withhold evidence from the Jordan inquest and also the entire approach being adopted to these sorts of inquests which smacks of cover-up and concealment, practices which should have no part in this new policing dispensation." ENDS

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