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Sinn Féin respond to Loughinisland arrest

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Speaking after an arrest was made in England of a person suspected of involvement in the 1994 Loughinisland massacre, South Down Assembly Member Caitriona Ruane has said the Ombudsman Report into the killings must be published immediately.

Ms Ruane said:

"The families who lost loved ones in the 1994 shooting in the Height's Bar in Loughinisland, which left six people dead, are determined to find the truth behind this terrible atrocity and the Ombudsman investigation into the people who organised and carried out this shooting must be published.

"The families have for many years courageously campaigned for the truth behind the death of their loved ones and they have waited long enough for this investigation to be completed.

"It remains to be seen how significant today's arrest will be in the overall context of the investigation. This case needs to be thoroughly examined in order to find out the role of police informers in what was a terrible outrage. Not least there must also be full disclosure into the failure of the RUC to properly investigate what happened, and bring the killers before court.

"Justice delayed is justice denied and Sinn Féin will continue to press the British Government on this matter." ENDS

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