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BRADLEY - NO LINK BETWEEN CRIMINAL UNTOUCHABLES AND QUINN MURDER

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SDLP Newry and Armagh MLA Dominic Bradley has said the Garda have contacted a local newspaper in Monaghan in relation to an inaccurate story regarding the Paul Quinn murder investigation.

Mr Bradley, who has supported the Quinn family in their quest for justice, said senior Garda sources have made it known that their inquiries into a criminal gang known as 'the untouchables' were unrelated to the Quinn case.

He said: "Senior Garda sources in Monaghan have contacted a local newspaper to state that a front page story in relation to the Paul Quinn murder investigation is inaccurate.

"They said there has been no major breakthrough relating to the exposure of a crime web involving a gang of "untouchables" has been made in the murder investigation.

"The Gardai wish to stress that they are not investigating any criminal activities, or individuals or groups involved in such activities, in the context of the Quinn murder inquiries.

"There is no connection between the murder probe and any gang of criminals or untouchables. While a "low level" criminal was questioned with regard to minor incidents, this had nothing to do with the Paul Quinn case.

"The 21-year old was beaten to death by a gang of men with iron bars, at a farm shed in Tullycoora near Oram, Co Monaghan on October 20th last. Since then, his family has mounted a high-profile campaign to bring the killers to justice. It has been alleged that members or ex-members of the provisional IRA ordered or were involved in the murder, but Sinn Fein has denied this."

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