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Rosemary Nelson

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Nelson client loses legal bid

One Rosemary Nelson's clients has lost a legal bid to stop secret intelligence on his alleged role in serious crime being revealed at the inquiry into

her murder.

The man, named only as Witness X, challenged a decision to disclose security service dossiers on a number of incidents, including at least one shooting.

His lawyers told the High Court in Belfast it would increase the threat to his life if the material was released to parties at the tribunal, as planned.

But Mr Justice Treacy refused leave to apply for a judicial review after ruling that the inquiry applied the correct test in concluding this would not lead to a real and immediate risk.

He said: *"The applicant has not demonstrated any flaw in the tribunal`s reasoning and has failed to demonstrate, even arguably, that the decision to disseminate certain sensitive material is unlawful."*

The public hearings were set up to probe the circumstances surrounding Mrs Nelson`s assassination by loyalists in a car bomb attack outside her home in Lurgan, County Armagh in March 1999.

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