

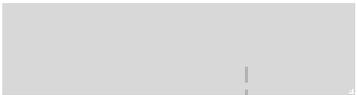
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Three arrested in Paul Quinn murder inquiry

Three men have been arrested in connection with the investigation into the murder of Armagh man Paul Quinn.

The 21-year-old from Cullyhanna was beaten to death in an isolated Co Monaghan barn last October.

The three men, who are in their 20s and 30s, were arrested during a planned operation this morning. They are being held at garda stations in Monaghan and Carrickmacross under Section 30 of the Offences Against the State Act.

A garda spokesperson said a number of searches was also carried out but gave no other details as the investigation is ongoing.

A Police Service of Northern Ireland spokeswoman said: "Police are supporting the ongoing investigation by the Garda.

"There will be a number of searches today in south Armagh and Co Monaghan."

In May, the Independent Monitoring Commission found that the IRA organisation did not kill Paul Quinn although "local members or former members" of the republican group were involved in his murder.

The inquest into Mr Quinn's death was opened briefly before being adjourned last month.

Speaking afterwards, his father Stephen said he was hopeful the killers will be caught and pleaded for anyone who could help the ongoing inquiry to get in contact with the authorities.

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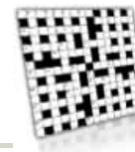
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