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## McDONNELL - HYPOCRITES ATTACKING PAUL QUINN INVESTIGATION

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SDLP Deputy Leader and South Belfast MP Dr Alasdair McDonnell has accused those who have attacked the investigation into the murder of Paul Quinn as hypocrites.

Speaking after accompanying the Quinn family to a meeting with Gardai Commissioner in Dublin, Dr McDonnell said he believed the investigation to have been evidence based.

Dr McDonnell said: “I want to join with the Quinn family in commending An Garda Síochána for their vigorous investigation, particularly over the summer months. And I want to commend the family for their courage and strength over the last year.

“This has been a horrendous time for the family, not only because of the brutality of the murder, but because of political attacks on Paul which began before his body was cold. The family has also been subjected to unjustified political attack, as has their campaign for truth and justice. More recently political accusations have been made against the Gardai and the PSNI for the way they conducted their investigation.

“Those who make these claims are hypocrites and we all know who these hypocrites are.

“We made it clear to the Commissioner that we believe the investigation has been evidence-based at all times, that we reject these political attacks and we hope that people on both sides of the border will continue to come forward with information.

“Today’s meetings have been very positive and the Quinn family were well received during their visit to the Dail where they met TDs from all sides including Fine Gael leader Enda Kenny.

“The family have made it very clear that their quest for truth and justice will go on. There may be some who still want to hold their hand over the murderers, but for the sake of our own families we owe the Quinn family our full support.”

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