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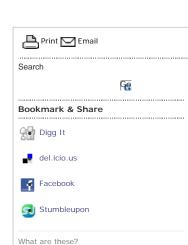
The parents of murdered south Armagh man Paul Quinn have held a private meeting with the PSNI Chief Constable.

Sir Hugh Orde travelled to Newry yesterday to brief Briege and Stephen Quinn on the progress of the police investigation into their son's brutal killing.

Twenty-one-year-old Paul Quinn was beaten to death by a gang at a remote farmhouse in Co Monaghan in October last year. The Cullyhanna man's death, which his parents believe was carried out by local IRA members, sparked widespread revulsion on both sides of the border.

A total of 12 people have been arrested but all have subsequently been released without charge.

However, Mrs Quinn told the Belfast Telegraph she still had faith in the investigation.



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- "They are doing great work. We don't expect miracles but they are working hard," she said.
- "The meeting went very well. They just updated us on how things were going and we were very happy with it. They are working well with gardai and anytime the gardai ask for anything they are more than willing to help.
- "The PSNI are also doing their own investigation as well. So we are all very happy with it.
- "They say they can't tell us exactly what's going on because they don't want anything to leak. But they said they would leave no stone unturned and they are working constantly."

It is thought up to 10 people were involved in the savage attack. Mr Quinn's heartbroken family have said he was killed for defying an IRA order to leave the country. However, Sinn Fein has denied any republican involvement.

Mrs Quinn said the support from the local community was helping them through their grief.

"We are just living every day as it comes and getting great comfort from people all over the north and south of Ireland.".

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