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Two guns found near Stephen Carroll murder

Weapons seized near scene of officer's murder

Tuesday, 17 March 2009

Police investigating the murder of a policeman last week have seized two guns close to the spot where he was killed.

Trouble flared in the Craigavon area after the firearms were recovered following a search by police yesterday evening, with officers coming under attack from bottles and stones from a 30strong crowd.

The search followed the murder of Constable Stephen Carroll a week ago.

Constable Carroll was shot dead while answering a call from a distressed woman who had a window in her home broken.

The guns were taken away for further examination by forensic officers. A police spokeswoman last night said that it was too early to say if they were linked to the killing of

Meanwhile, police were last night still questioning 11 people in connection with the murders of Constable Carroll and two soldiers.

Two men, aged 31 and 27, were detained in Craigavon yesterday morning, joining nine people who were already being held by |police probing the deaths.

Seven people are being held in connection with the attack on Constable Carroll last Monday, which was claimed by the Continuity IRA.

Four arrests were also made in connection with the Real IRA murders of two soldiers at an Army base in Antrim last weekend.

Police were last night granted a further five days to question three of the men arrested in connection with the attack at Massereene barracks. The men are aged 41, 32 and 21.

Among them is high-profile |republican Colin Duffy, who was detained at his Craigavon home on Saturday

Duffy (41) is a former IRA prisoner who split from mainstream republicanism over the decision of Sinn Fein to support the PSNI.

Another of those in custody is Declan McGlinchey, son of the notorious republican leader | Dominic McGlinchey who, before his death, was dubbed the most wanted man in Ireland

The arrests and discoveries were made against a backdrop of civil unrest in the Craigavon area.

Bottles and stones were thrown at police after trouble flared in the Meadowbrook, Pinebank and Moyraverty areas last night.



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