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Arms found near scene of policeman's murder

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TWO guns have been recovered by police close to where Constable Stephen Carroll was murdered in what may be a major breakthrough for the investigation.

It is understood the firearms were found during a planned search by officers beside a small stream in the Ardowen area of Craigavon a short distance from the fatal shooting.

Meanwhile, the only person thought to have witnessed the murder of both his mother and father in separate incidents during the Troubles was last night being questioned by police about the killing of two British soldiers.

Dominic Og McGlinchey jnr is understood to have been arrested after walking into Antrim police station on Saturday evening in the company of a solicitor.

Earlier that morning his brother Declan was arrested in south Co Derry.

They are among four men last night being questioned about the Real IRA murders on March 7 of soldiers Mark Quinsey and Patrick Azimkar.

Four people were injured in the gun attack in Antrim.

Lurgan republican Colin Duffy is one of those being questioned about the attack.

Officers have been granted a further five days to question Duffy, Declan McGlinchey and another man aged 21.

They are expected to seek an extension to allow them to continue to hold Dominic Og McGlinchey jnr in connection with the killings.

In January 1987, McGlinchey, then aged eight, and his brother Declan, aged nine, witnessed the murder of their mother Mary when gunmen burst into their home at Sliabh Foy Park in Dundalk and shot her nine times as she bathed her sons.

Seven years later McGlinchey, then aged 16, watched as his father, Dominic McGlinchey snr, was shot 14 times as he stood inside a telephone kiosk at Drogheda in Co Louth.

Dominic Og McGlinchey jnr and Colin Duffy had been prominent at recent protests organised by the eirigi pressure group.

However, at the weekend eirigi distanced itself from the men, claiming that none of those arrested were members of the group.

Earlier yesterday police arrested two men, aged 31 and 27, in Craigavon in connection with the murder of Mr Carroll (48) as he answered a 999 call in the town on March 9.

So far there have been seven people arrested in connection with the murder.

On Wednesday March 12 police arrested former Sinn Fein councillor Brendan McConville and a 17-year-old youth in connection with the the killing.

They were granted a five-day extension, which is due to run out today, to question them.

However, under new anti-terrorism laws detectives can be granted extensions totalling up to 28 days to question suspects.

On Thursday March 13 police arrested a 21 year-old man in connection with Constable Carroll's murder.

A five-day extension was later granted, allowing police to hold him until March 20.

On Saturday police arrested a 37-year-old male and a 30 year-old female in connection with the policeman's murder.


A handgun and ammunition were recovered during the police operation.

Police must decide today whether to charge the pair, release them or seek an extension for further questioning.

Meanwhile, today's St Patrick's Day parade in Lurgan was cancelled after the town was beset by violent scenes in recent days following the police search-and-arrest operations.

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