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Taoiseach told of Fullertons' concerns about 1991 murder

(Valerie Robinson, <u>Irish News</u>)

Taoiseach Bertie Ahern has been given a dossier on the 1991 murder of Co Donegal councillor Eddie Fullerton.

Mr Ahern met the Sinn Féin councillor's family in Dublin yesterday (Thursday) to hear their concerns about the original Garda murder inquiry and suspicions that northern security forces colluded with the loyalist killers.

The family believe that gardai did not make adequate efforts to track down the UDA gunmen who burst into Mr Fullerton's Buncrana home and have questioned how the killers managed to cross the border without detection.

Mr Fullerton's daughter Amanda described the meeting with Mr Ahern and his officials as "very positive".

"We laid out the status of the case as it is and spoke about how we were totally dissatisfied with [a recent] Garda review by Chief Superintendent John White of the investigation," she said.

"The Garda should not be investigating the Garda. There needs to be an independent review of the case."

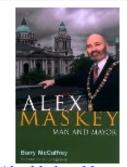
Ms Fullerton said the taoiseach had agreed to put pressure on British prime minister Tony Blair and Secretary of State Peter Hain to cooperate fully with any future inquiries.

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