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Garda hold man over murder of Paul Quinn



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A MAN in his 50s was being questioned by Garda detectives in Monaghan last night about the murder last October of 21-year-old south Armagh man Paul Quinn.

He was arrested in the Dundalk area and taken to Monaghan Garda station yesterday morning.

Since late July, a total of 11 people have been arrested in connection with the beating to death of Mr Quinn in a barn in Co Monaghan.

Six were arrested in Northern Ireland and five in the Republic. No one has yet been charged with Mr Quinn's murder.

The family of Mr Quinn, who was from Cullyhanna, blamed the IRA for the murder. The Independent Monitoring Commission found that former or current members of the IRA were involved in his killing but that this was contrary to the policy and instructions of the IRA leadership.

The commission said it was not attributing the killing to the IRA for a number of reasons. These included the "local and personal nature of the roots" of the murder, the absence of any indication of any organisational sanction for the murder, and because the killing was contrary to the peace process policy the IRA was following for the previous two years.

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