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### Mark Durkan MP MLA

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#### DURKAN - MC CORD REPORT WILL CONFIRM COLLUSION

A report on the UVF murder of Raymond McCord junior will confirm collusion was a reality during the Troubles, SDLP leader Mark Durkan has predicted. Speaking before the publication of the Police Ombudsmans report into the murder Mr Durkan stated:

"I think the report will show that we had an RUC informer who was allowed to murder again and again and again - Catholics, Protestants, paramilitaries and civilians.

"It absolutely stinks. But we also have to ask why are we only getting to this now.

"We are only getting to this now because some of us insisted on the Police Ombudsman having the powers to investigate these things and investigate the past. an important question is what happens now. Those who let these murders happen again and again must face the full rigours of the law. The file recommending prosecutions should not be allowed to gather dust in the DPPs office and there must be no dirty deals done like the On The Runs legislation that would let state killers and paramilitaries alike off the hook."

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