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## Sinn Féin welcomes verdict in McIlveen trial

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North Antrim Sinn Féin MLA Daithí McKay has welcomed the verdict in the Michael McIlveen case. Mr McKay said that the murder had devastated the local community and it was important that justice was delivered.

Mr McKay said:

"This murder not only had a devastating impact on Michael McIlveen's friends and family but an entire community and it is vitally important that justice is seen to be done.

"Sectarianism is a terrible scourge on our society and the Criminal Justice system needs to ensure that justice is served and seen to be done. The case has no doubt been very traumatic for the family of Michael McIlveen who have conducted themselves in a very dignified manner throughout the proceedings.

"In the immediate aftermath of the murder schools from different backgrounds in the area came together and many people became involved in work to try and tackle sectarianism in Ballymena. This work should continue and be built upon to ensure that such a terrible crime never takes place here again." ENDS

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