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Statement issued by the PIRA on



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The statement read as follows:

The IRA has concluded its investigation of the robbery in Newry which resulted in the tragic death of Frank Kerr. We have established that

- 1. IRA volunteers acting on instructions were involved in this incident.
- Responsibility for this incident lies with an identified problem [in] the army's chain of command and not with the volunteers involved. This has now been rectified.
- 3. The Newry operation was not sanctioned by the IRA leadership.
- 4. We have also established that Frank Kerr was shot in the midst of an intense scuffle with one of our volunteers and we take this opportunity to offer sincere applopies to his family, friends and colleagues.

In conclusion we wish to again underline our commitment to the success of the peace process.