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PRESS STATEMENT

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ROSEMARY NELSON'S FAMILY CALL FOR NON RUC INVESTIGATION

Paul Nelson, husband of murdered solicitor Rosemary Nelson, today called for the investigation of his wife's murder to be undertaken by officers from outside the RUC. Mr Nelson said that he was making his first public statement on his wife's case after reading a document provided to him by the Independent Commission for Police Complaints (ICPC).. This document contained concerns which the ICPC had in relation to an investigation undertaken by the RUC into alleged death threats made against Mrs Nelson.

"I was very shocked when I read the catalogue of hostility, obstruction and dishonesty which the ICPC identified in the RUC investigation into the threats against Rosemary. The inadequacy of the investigation was such that for the first time ever the ICPC brought their attentions to the Secretary of State", Mr Nelson said.

"If the ICPC had no confidence in the ability of the RUC to investigate the death threats against Rosemary how can my family be expected to have confidence in their ability or indeed their willingness to effectively investigate her murder" Mr Nelson added.

Mr Nelson will not be responding to requests for interview or any further queries as a result of this statement.

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