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By Deborah McAleese

Abusive comments about murdered Cullyhanna man Paul Quinn are being posted on the internet.

Web users are utilising a popular UK political commentary site to insult the 21 year-old who was beaten to death by a gang in Co Monaghan almost two weeks ago.

Logging in under names like Local, Local 2 and Anon, they have posted comments stating that Mr Quinn was an "anti-social scumbag" and one user said that while he did not deserve to die he deserved a "severe hammering".

Mr Quinn's heartbroken parent's have pointed the finger of blame for their son's murder at the IRA saying he had defied an order to leave the country. However, Sinn Fein has denied republican involvement.

Although there have not yet been any arrests in connection with the murder the PSNI said yesterday that the community in south Armagh is being very co-operative in their hunt for those involved in the killing.

"House to house enquiries are being carried out in south Armagh involving both PSNI and Garda officers. No police officer has been refused entry. Co-operation has been of very high standard," Assistant Chief Constable Peter Sheridan told the Northern Ireland Policing Board yesterday.

He added: "For the most part, most of the witnesses, the suspects and so on will be on this side of the border, when in actual fact to a large extent it was on the southern side of the border where there is a crime scene."

DUP Policing Board member Jeffrey Donaldson said he was concerned there were no reports of arrests on either side of the border and added that the case has political implications.

He added: "What I have heard is that the police have a clear picture of who is involved. It is slightly disconcerting that there is no information in the public domain."

However, Deputy Chief Constable Paul Leighton said he did not want to give many details about the case because he did not want to prejudice what was essentially a Garda investigation.

"We are helping the Garda in a murder enquiry and we will continue to do that. I am not giving out public information that might prejudice the investigation," he said.

Mr Leighton added: "We are co-operating with Garda very actively on a day-to-day basis and we will continue to do everything we can."

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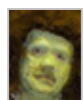
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