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### Quinn family alarmed over threat to witness

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By Deborah McAleese

The family of murdered Cullyhanna man Paul Quinn today said they are very concerned about a threat against a potential key witness in the case.

The IRA has been blamed for issuing the death threat earlier this month against Mr Quinn's friend who was in the barn where he was savagely beaten to death in October. IRA members have been blamed for Mr Quinn's murder, but Sinn Fein denies any republican involvement.

Mr Quinn's father Stephen said he was worried about the young man's safety.

"He was with Paul that evening. It was an awful experience for him to be with Paul," he said.

"I'd say he's very scared since, and now to get this, it's an awful blow to him, his family, friends and everyone in the area.

"It is very difficult for us. We would not like to see anything happening to another young lad. There is still some fear among young people (in the area). It is time that is gone.

"I want to see an end to that so these young people can go about their business without being afraid," he told the BBC Radio Ulster.

South Armagh SDLP MLA Dominic Bradley accused the IRA of being responsible for the threat.

"The only people with vested interest in threatening this young man's life are those who were responsible for Paul Quinn's murder and we know from Garda, the PSNI and the IMC that this is the Provisional IRA," he said.

Mr Bradley added: "This young man has been through enough trauma having been present at the murder scene where his friend met his death and I think a threat like this only adds to the trauma.

"It doesn't help the Quinn family come to terms with Paul's murder.

"It obviously gives people in the area the message not to co-operate with the investigation. It is blatant intimidation."

Sinn Fein MLA Conor Murphy said his party has encouraged anyone with information about the murder to share it with police.

However, he refused to withdraw Sinn Fein allegations that Mr Quinn had been involved in criminality, even though Taoiseach Bertie Ahern told the Dail that the Irish government never held the view that he was involved in criminality of any kind.

"The Irish and British government aren't on the ground in the area. I have been honest in my assessment," said Mr Bradley.

Mr Quinn (21) died after being attacked and beaten at a shed near Castleblaney in October.

It emerged earlier this month that detectives are following about 1,200 lines of inquiry into the murder.

Gardaí said they were resolved to bring the perpetrators to justice but needed their family and friends to examine their consciences.

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