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## Orde turns down second request to meet McKennas

North Belfast News

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Chief Constable Hugh Orde has turned down a request for a meeting from the brother of a North Belfast woman murdered by UVF informants. Paul McKenna, whose sister Sharon was shot dead by RUC agent Mark Haddock on the Shore Road in 1993, wrote to the PSNI boss asking for a meeting to discuss the case. However, Mr Orde refused the grieving brother's request.

Mr McKenna told the North Belfast News he was "disgusted" by the snub. "I don't understand it, Mr Orde has met the relatives of other victims of paramilitary violence but he won't meet me," said Mr McKenna. "This is the second time he has turned down a request for a meeting.

"I am really disappointed. You would think that with what has gone on he would be writing to the victims of the Mount Vernon UVF looking to meet with them, and not the other way around."

A Police Ombudsman report published last month into UVF/RUC collusion found Special Branch agent Mark Haddock and two other UVF informants murdered Sharon McKenna. It revealed that a tearful Haddock later told police officers Trevor McIlwrath and Jonty Brown he carried out the killing, however they were prevented from charging him by Special Branch. Haddock went on to be involved in 15 other murders. The families of his victims argue that had he been charged with the McKenna killing their relatives would still be alive.

A spokeswoman for the PSNI denied Mr Orde had refused to meet with Mr McKenna. She said the Chief Constable advised him to first meet with the Historical Enquires Team which is responsible for re-examining murders during the Troubles.

Meanwhile, Raymond McCord Snr – whose son Raymond Jnr was killed on the orders of Haddock – will meet Hugh Orde on Friday. This is the second time the campaigning father will speak personally to the Chief Constable. Mr McCord told the North Belfast News he plans to raise the Sharon McKenna case during the meeting.

"I'll be raising a whole range of collusion cases including the McKenna murder," he said. "The Historical Enquires Team will also be at the meeting and they will give me an update on the investigation into young Raymond's murder."

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