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## Murder trial witness may take civil action

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STILL SEEKING JUSTICE: Catherine McCartney and family outside the Laganside Courthouse yesterday talking to the media about the verdict in the trial for their brother Robert's murder. Ms McCartney said the matter was "not over"

PICTURE: Seamus Loughran

A KEY prosecution witness in the Robert McCartney murder trial last night threatened to take a civil action against the man he believes attacked him on the night his friend was killed.

Brendan Devine – badly injured in the incident – said he was seeking legal advice about a possible civil case against Gerard 'Jock' Davison.

Davison, who has previously denied accusations about involvement in the attack, was not one of the three men on trial in connection with the McCartney murder.

McCartney, a 33-year-old father-of-two, was stabbed to death in a Belfast street after a row in Magennis's Bar close to the republican Markets area on January 30 2005.

Yesterday Mr Justice Gillen acquitted Terence Davison (51) the only man to be charged with Mr McCartney's murder.

He was also acquitted on two counts of affray.

Co-defendants James McCormick (39) and Joseph Fitzpatrick (47), were found not guilty of affray. Fitzpatrick was acquitted on a charge of assault.

Speaking yesterday Mr Devine said he was "devastated and appalled" at the outcome.

“I stand by the evidence I gave. I know who was responsible for Robert’s murder and the attempted murder of myself.


“There were two days of forensic evidence given to the court linking Gerard ‘Jock’ Davison to the attempt on my life.

“I am now going to take legal advice on how best to proceed with this.”

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