Team Builds Up Terror Case

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The Stevens Inquiry has been building up a case against a UDA boss who they believe was targeting Pat Finucane for murder.

DCI Graham Taylor claims his team has intelligence that William "Winkie" Dodds targeted and "had been keen to assassinate Pat Finucane".

Describing Dodds as the "military commander" of the UDA unit that killed Mr Finucane, he says: "This information is already known to the investigation team from intelligence but the investigators have no admissible evidence which could be used in criminal proceedings."

However, he also adds that they are still keen to obtain "admissible evidence that Winkie Dodds targeted Pat Finucane".

In 1985 Dodds, now 48, was freed from jail after serving six years for robbing a post office.

In July, 1991, he was jailed again for six years for possessing and recording information likely to be of use to terrorists.

A year later he was named as a killer at the trial of Army agent Brian Nelson who helped set up the Finucane murder.

In 1999 the UDA chose him as one of its representatives to hold talks with weapons decommissioning supremo General John de Chastelain.

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