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Raymond McCord: I will name Haddock's handlers

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By Stephen Breen

Anti-collusion campaigner Raymond McCord last night vowed to name the RUC Special Branch officers who protected UVF serial killer Mark Haddock.

He issued the warning after security minister Paul Goggins confirmed he would meet him to discuss his son Raymond jnr's case.

Although the north Belfast man had hoped Tony Blair would meet him, he welcomed the opportunity to raise the victims' issue with the senior NIO official.

Crusading Mr McCord - who'll be joined at his meeting with Mr Goggins by North Down MP Lady Sylvia Hermon - will discuss the findings of Police Ombudsman Nuala O'Loan's controversial report.

He said: "I'm pleased Paul Goggins has agreed to meet me - I just hope he doesn't fall asleep the same way Peter Hain did when he met me!

"I had hoped to meet Tony Blair, but I think he's forgotten about the O'Loan report into my son's case because he is leaving soon.

"I'll be giving Mr Goggins the names of these officers and it's up to him to take appropriate action. So far, nothing has been done about it.

"Victims still have a right to know why people were allowed to kill while they were working as police informers.

"My son was murdered as a result of collusion and the Government - just like the new Assembly - cannot be allowed to bury its head in the sand over this issue."

Mr McCord says he will also name the high-ranking UVF informers during the Troubles.

He added: "I know their names and I will give them to the Government in the hope they do something about it.

" These people were paid huge amounts of money and we still haven't been told the reason why this happened.

"I am confident that I will see the informers who murdered my son in court, but this won't stop me from continuing to highlight the issue of collusion."

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