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I stand over book claims

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By Stephen Breen

The crusading sister of Robert McCartney last night defended her decision to pose the question that Gerard 'Jock' Davison was a police agent.

And Catherine McCartney, whose sisters have brought their campaign for justice to the White House, told Sunday Life how she was "standing over" the contents of her new book.

The Belfast woman, who considered leaving Northern Ireland after her brother's murder, insisted her book will not have an impact on the trial of the man accused of murdering her brother, Terence Davison.

Two other men - Jim McCormick and Joe Fitzpatrick - have also been charged in connection with the killing.

Although she believes a number of informers may have been involved in the brutal killing, she does not believe the police probe has been impeded.

Said Ms McCartney: "We do not think that Jock Davison has one iota of credibility and we could have met him on numerous occasions.

"But the only place we wanted to see him was in court because he is a potential witness in Robert's case.

"There's plenty I could have put in the book, but couldn't because of legal reasons. "The only thing he is right about is that Robert should not have been killed. He needs to know that nobody lives in the IRA bubble anymore and Jock and his cronies need to come down to earth over my brother's murder.

"It's frustrating to know so much because very little of this can be turned into evidence.

"I stand over the book's claims because of the information we have received from the people who were present the night Robert was killed."

Catherine McCartney also backed the police investigation into her brother's killing, adding: "At this time we have faith in the investigation, but if it emerges after the trial that informers may have been protected, we won't hesitate to take the matter further.

"There were a lot of republicans down the street that night Robert was killed and there have been people the police have been unable to touch.

"In the nature of the place we live, we have every right to ask the question if informers were involved and acted outside the law. We have spoken to a lot of people and we know more than they know.

"What the book has done is tell the truth about what we have been through for the past three years."

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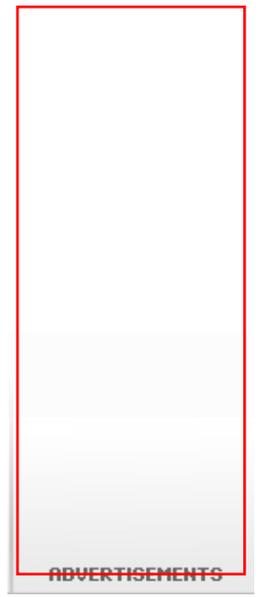
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