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SDLP MLA for Newry and Armagh Dominic Bradley has condemned has the murder of a young South Armagh man as 'brutal'. 21 year old Paul Quinn was lured to his death at a remote farm just over the border at Oram in Co. Monaghan. Mr Bradley said,

'My thoughts are with Paul's family who are totally devastated by his murder. I am sure the whole community will join me in expressing deepest sympathy to them. They will need our prayers, support, and solidarity in the days, weeks, and months which lie ahead.

'Two young men who knew Paul were tied up at the farm and forced to telephone him with a message to come to the farm. When Paul and a friend arrived there he was taken to an outhouse and beaten savagely with iron bars on the limbs and head. Paul died later in hospital in Drogheda. This brutal murder was a planned, co-ordinated, and organised operation which involved up to 15 masked men.

'There is utter revulsion in the local community at this act and we need to have a thorough investigation into it in both jurisdictions with an Garda Síochána and the PSNI working closely together to apprehend those responsible for this terrible deed and bring them to justice. The community in Monaghan and South Armagh must work with an Garda Síochána and the PSNI by giving them the information they need to bring these people to justice.

'There can be no justification or excuses for murder. The community here has suffered enough down through the years and it is time that suffering ended once and for all. I sincerely hope that all civic, political, and religious leaders will, without equivocation, condemn this act for it is – murder.

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