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## BRADLEY: MURPHY MUST RESPOND TO PROVO DEATH THREAT

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SDLP Newry Armagh MLA Dominic Bradley said the explicit death threat from the Provisional IRA against a potential witness in the Quinn murder investigation requires a response from the MP, Conor Murphy.

He said: “It is deeply disturbing for the family of a young man who has already undergone trauma that the PSNI have had to issue an official warning that his life is in danger from the Provisional IRA. It is also a concern for the whole community that this organisation, which most people believe was responsible for the murder, is now setting about preventing a successful police investigation.

“Conor Murphy has been silent on the Quinn murder recently, but his constituents have a right to hear from him now. He intervened in this investigation before Paul’s body was cold in an effort to exonerate the Provisional IRA. He told us he had received ‘very solid assurances’ from Provo leaders in South Armagh that they were not involved in Paul’s murder. He now needs to go back and ask them why they are issuing death threats against a witness in a murder they were supposedly nothing to do with.

“He should also ask them how their death threat is supposed to square with his call for people to help the police. How can one wing of the Provisional movement want people to go to An Garda Siochana with information while the other tells them they will be shot if they do? Who is right? Who is in charge?

“Our whole community needs convictions in the Quinn murder case if we are to have a lawful society. The Provos don’t want convictions and they are clearly prepared to use lethal force against our community to get their way. Conor Murphy needs to let us know what side he stands on.”

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