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## **Special Branch Securocrats attempting to** assassinate Rosemary Nelson's character

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Sinn Féin Assembly member for Upper Bann John O'Dowd has branded attempts by a faceless British securocrat to slander the memory of murdered Lurgan solicitor Rosemary Nelson as 'outrageous'. Mr O'Dowd's comments came after a former RUC man hiding behind the cloak of anonymity alleged without a shred of evidence that Mrs Nelson passed information to the IRA and was having an affair with a Lurgan republican.

## Mr O'Dowd said:

"While it is unusual to comment on ongoing legal proceedings the attempt by a faceless British securocrat to slander the memory of a much loved wife, mother, daughter and sister cannot pass without a robust challenge.

"The British State directly and through its pseudo gangs planned and carried out the murder of Rosemary Nelson. Having being widely exposed their defence at the Inquiry now seems to be that not satisfied with murdering Rosemary they are now trying to assassinate her character.

"It is telling that the individual who made these allegations without producing a shred of evidence is cowardly hiding behind the cloak of anonymity and that says more about his lack of character than anything else." ENDS

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