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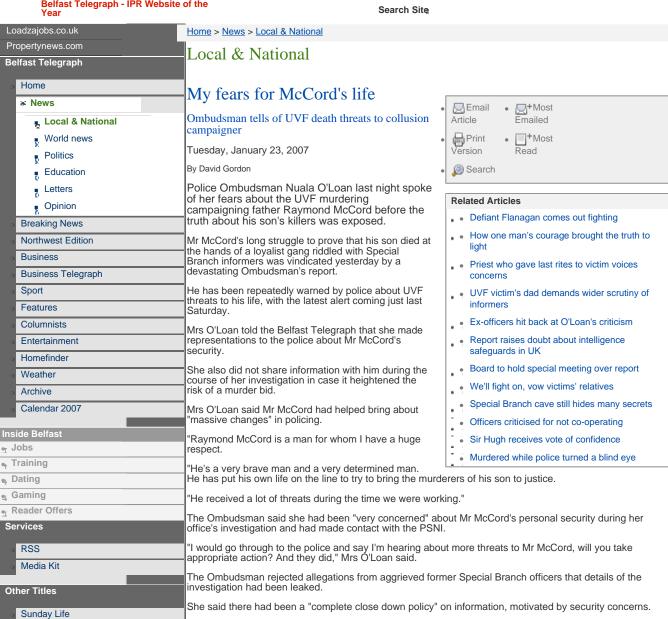
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"To be quite blunt, I wouldn't tell anybody anything and I certainly wouldn't tell Raymond.

"I was afraid that if people thought he knew, they might try and come and get him, and it might make the

The Ombudsman's report yesterday linked the UVF in Mount Vernon, north Belfast, to between 10 and 15 murders, including the 1997 killing of Raymond McCord Jnr.

Haddock, a police agent between 1991 and 2003, is suspected of ordering the McCord murder to cover up

A number of the UVF gang's senior members, including its leader Mark Haddock, worked as Special

Police intelligence has also linked him to other killings, as well as attempted murder, extortion, drug-

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threat to him worse.

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his involvement in the drugs trade.

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The Ombudsman's report accused officers of "collusion" and said Special Branch's actions had "consolidated and strengthened" the UVF in North Belfast and Newtownabbey.

It said police failings identified in the probe are "highly likely" to have been replicated with other informants. The implications of this are "very serious", the report added.

Haddock is currently serving a 10-year jail sentence for a vicious assault on a Newtownabbey pub doorman. That offence was committed in December 2002 - when the UVF man was still a Special Branch informer.

Families of victims of the Mount Vernon UVF have slammed the fact that no prosecutions are to follow Mrs O'Loan's report.

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