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SF should denounce Paul Quinn's killers - SDLP

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SINN Fein should denounce the killers of Paul Quinn in the same terms used for the dissident republicans who

murdered three people last week, the SDLP has said.

The 21-year-old from south Armagh was beaten to death in an outhouse on a farm in Co Monaghan in October

2007.

No-one has been convicted of the killing.

Mr Quinn's parents Breige and Stephen blamed the IRA in south Armagh but Sinn Fein has denied republican involvement.

Yesterday SDLP assembly member Dominic Bradley said: "Martin McGuinness, Gerry Adams and Conor Murphy must be consistent in their approach to murder and call publicly on those with information about the members of the IRA and all others who were involved in Paul Quinn's murder to pass that information to the police.

"There can be no further equivocation or no double standards on murder, regardless of who was involved or when it happened. Sinn Fein leaders must speak out and say clearly in public that those IRA members who murdered Paul Quinn are also traitors and murderers."

A Sinn Fein spokesman said: "It is a sad reflection on Dominic Bradley that, at this time of unprecedented leadership and unity being displayed within the political system here, he chooses to step outside the mood of the general population to attempt to score cheap party political points.

"Sinn Fein has made our position in relation to the murder of Paul Quinn clear on numerous occasions. Dominic Bradley knows this well."

The party said earlier this month there should be full cooperation with the PSNI and Garda to put Mr Quinn's murderers behind bars.

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