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"NOBODY IS ABOVE THE LAW" – McCREA SECURES COMMITMENT FROM SECRETARY OF STATE

Democratic Unionist Party MP for South Antrim William McCrea has raised the matter of the killing of Paul Quinn at Northern Ireland Question Time today. Dr. McCrea sought assurances from the Secretary of State that "regardless of any political consequences" the people responsible for the murder of Mr. Quinn would be brought to justice. In replying to Dr. McCrea's question, the Secretary of State Shaun Woodward stated that "nobody is above the law". Speaking today, William McCrea said:



"Let's be perfectly clear about this matter. The DUP takes the murder of any person in Northern Ireland extremely seriously. We have stated that the murder of Paul Quinn, if shown to have been the responsibility of the Provisional IRA, would have serious repercussions. That remains the case. It was the DUP who made support for law and order a central pillar to the process. There will be no blind eye turned to any violence in the Province regardless of the political consequences. Everyone is equal under the law and should be equally subject to the law.



I welcome the fact that the Secretary of State confirmed in the House of Commons today that nobody is above the law and that the full apparatus of the state will be used to find and prosecute those responsible for this wicked and heinous crime. I hope that the killers of Paul Quinn will soon be brought to justice. During Question Time, I also raised the issue of the IRA Army Council and the need for it to be stood down."

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