

Amnesty International is also disturbed to learn about reports that Rosemary Nelson has received death threats, relating to her current representation of Colin Duffy. The organization requests that you provide us with information about what measures are being taken to protect Rosemary Nelson.

In addition Amnesty International is disturbed about reports received alleging that prior to Colin Duffy's arrest, while interviewing a woman who went to the police station to make a statement about the shootings of the officers in Lurgan, the police asked her if she was sure that she did not know the names of the people who committed the murders, and then asked her whether she knew Colin Duffy. We would appreciate it if you would inform us whether an investigation is being carried out into this allegation, and if so, the findings of such investigation.

Please also be advised that Amnesty International has written to the Director of Public Prosecutions to express concern that the prosecution is proceeding and the DPP continues to request that Colin Duffy be detained on remand despite substantial evidence to support his alibi, statements by eyewitnesses to the shootings of Constable Graham and Reserve Constable Johnston that Colin Duffy is not of the height or build of the people whom they saw carry out the shootings in broad daylight, and evidence indicating that the as yet unidentified witness, who purportedly identified Colin Duffy as having been one of the perpetrators, was not at the scene of the crime at the time that the two officers were shot and killed. In view of the fact that such evidence has been provided to the police and DPP, Amnesty International has requested information about the basis on which a decision has been made to continue the prosecution of Colin Duffy and to request that he continue to be held without bail on remand. In doing so Amnesty International called to the attention of the DPP Principles 13(b) and 14 the (UN) Guidelines on the Role of Prosecutors which provide that prosecutors shall protect the public interest, act with objectivity and pay attention to all relevant circumstances regardless of whether they are to the advantage of the suspect and have a duty not to initiate or continue prosecutions when an impartial investigation shows the charge is unfounded.

I look forward to the receipt of your reply.

Yours sincerely,

Secretary General