

Gerry Armstrong  
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**Dear Richard Haass**

The 8<sup>th</sup> November 2013 will be the 39<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the death of our young brother Paul Armstrong. He was brutally tortured and murdered by the UVF in 1974. The UVF abducted Paul and his body was later found in a derelict building in Byron Street off the Oldpark Road in Belfast. Paul had been beaten and then shot four times. I met the Historical Enquiries Team (HET) when they carried out their review into my brother's murder. I received a 30 page HET report into Paul's killing in 2011. However, I came away with more questions than answers after I read the HET's report into the murder of my brother.

Thirty nine years ago RUC detectives assured our late father James that no stone would be left unturned in the search to bring justice the UVF gang that murdered our young brother Paul. Then to add insult to injury the HET was set up to investigate what the RUC in our opinion had failed to investigate in the first place. As a family none of us are getting any younger and the last thirty nine years have been difficult for all of us. It is easy to say draw a line under the past, or get over it and move on. As a family we have not been able to close the chapter on Paul's death because we have never had a proper investigation either by the RUC or the HET. We have been left in limbo too long and we hope that this new process of dealing with the past will finally give us some closure.

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