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Dear [REDACTED]

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION – INFORMATION RELATING TO THE MURDER OF ADRIAN CARROLL ON 8 NOVEMBER 1983

I can confirm that your request has been considered under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI(A)), and the process is now complete.

You asked for the following:

“please forward any documentation, minutes, references held by MOD in relation to the murder of Adrian Carroll and the arrest, charge, or discharge of any UDR personnel involved with the case.”

Despite an extensive search I have been unable to locate any information regarding the discharge of any UDR Personnel involved in the case, however, I can confirm that the MOD holds some information relating to the murder of Adrian Carroll. This information has been located in a range of documents which I have provided relevant extracts at Annex A. These would have been highly redacted as the remaining information they include is outside the scope of your request. If you wish to receive the documents in the redacted format we can provide on request.

All Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) cases remain open and if new evidence comes forward the PSNI will reinvestigate. Release of these documents must be carefully considered under Section 31 (Law Enforcement) of the FOI(A). I have completed this consideration through a public interest test including consultation with the PSNI who have advised that release of some of the information could adversely impact on any investigative process, and may jeopardise any future prosecutorial process. On this basis I am withholding some of the information under Section 31 of the FOI(A).

I appreciate that this incident took place 35 years ago and the passage of time can be a factor in diminishing the applicability of exemptions to information. However, in this instance the passage of time is less relevant as the PSNI continue to investigate Troubles-related murders and the overall balance is in favour of partial exemption.

In addition, some of the information falls within the scope of Section 38 (Health and Safety) of the FOI(A), as its release could endanger the physical or mental health of any individual, or endanger the safety of any individual.

Section 38 is a qualified exemption and we have conducted a public interest test to determine whether the information should be released or withheld. The factors for this public interest have determined that whilst disclosure would demonstrate openness and transparency this is outweighed by the detrimental effect disclosure could have on those mentioned in the documents,

or their family members and friends. I have concluded that whilst disclosure may be of historical interest, the health and safety of individuals must be taken into account especially where release would be likely to endanger, the physical or mental health of any individual. Some information has therefore been redacted under Section 38 of the FOI(A).

Some of the information contained within the disclosure constitutes personal information, such as names and addresses. Under FOIA 2000 this information is exempt under Section 40 (2) by reason of the first condition under Section 40 (3) (a) (i), as disclosure would contravene data protection principles under the Data Protection Act 1998 (DPA 98). This is an absolute exemption and does not require a public interest test to be conducted in order for this information to be exempt from disclosure. Therefore all information has been redacted.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

If you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may raise your complaint directly to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the FOI(A). Please note that the Information Commissioner will not normally investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website at <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely

38 (Irish) Brigade FOI Team

Verbatim Extracts From Various Documents – Murder of Adrian Carroll on 8 November 1983

Daily Operations Brief dated 8 – 9 Nov 83

39 INF BDE

4. 081636Z Civ shot dead, ARMAGH CITY.

CIVILIAN SHOT DEAD, ARMAGH CITY (2 UDR) PAF SFNI Sectarian

Tuesday 081636Z. [Redacted] ADRIAN CARROLL (RC) as he was walking past

[Redacted] ABBEY STREET, ARMAGH CITY.

CARROLL sustained GSW to head and was taken to

CRAIGAVON AREA HOSP.

Tuesday 081920Z. CARROLL died of his wounds. PROTESTANT ACTION FORCE claimed responsibility for the attack..

NAME, AGE AND ADDRESS (Civilian or ¹ SF member)	NAME OF HOSPITAL & WARD NUMBER	DATE, TIME ADMITTED	PARTICULARS OF INJURIES
Adrian CARROLL (CIVILIAN) DOB [redacted] [redacted] Abbey Street Armagh	Craigavon Area Hospital	8 11 83 1705 hrs	GSW to head

22.11.83 8 Nov 83 Mdr (Mr A Carroll), [redacted] Abbey St, Armagh UVF

[redacted]

[redacted]

¹ SF = Security Forces

Daily Operations Brief dated 8 – 9 Nov 83 (Continued)

Comment

At approximately 1635 hrs the IP was walking home from his work. [Redacted] He was about 10 yds from his door [Redacted]. In the FU one [redacted] bullet was found [Redacted]. The remaining [Redacted] bullets [Redacted] could not be located. At [Redacted] a coded message was received by Downtown Radio purporting to have come from the Protestant Action Force claiming responsibility for the shooting.

HQNI Log Sheets 8 Nov 83

Serial	DTG	To	From	Event	Action	Sign
2	1655Z	HQNI	39 INF BDE	<u>CIVILIAN SHOT, ARMAGH CITY</u> Adrian Carroll, a civilian/republican, shot in Armagh City in Abbey St at 1643 hrs. Greyhound 18 implemented 1647 hrs. Condition of cas NK	FCIC	[redacted]
3	1657Z	HQNI	FCIC	Carroll is not dead, condition NK	Int	[redacted]
4	1700Z	HQNI	Int	[redacted]	39 Inf Bde	[redacted]
5	1705Z	HQNI	FCIC	Leaving house [redacted] Abbey Street. [Redacted]. Taken to hospital with head injuries. [Redacted]	39 Inf Bde 8 Inf Bde	[redacted]
6	1745Z			Transferred to Craigavon Hospital. Not expected to live.		[redacted]
8	1756Z	HQNI	39 Inf Bde	Greyhound 18 cancelled		[redacted]
9	2020Z	HQNI	39 Inf Bde	Adrian Carol (<i>sic</i>) died 1920 hrs	Int SO2 G3 Ops	

2 UDR Log Sheets dated 8 Nov 83

Serial	Time	To	From	Event	Action	Sign
10	1640			Report Shooting Bde info 1645 Greyhound 18	QRF tasked to incident Abbey St ICP Grid – outside City Hosp	[redacted]
11	1656	0	RUC	Patient – Cas - In Hospital Believed to be Adrian Carroll of [redacted] Abbey St. Armagh	Adrian Carroll DOB [redacted]	[redacted]
12	1702	0	43c	Person shot outside rehabilitation centre	Person shot now Craigavon Hosp	[redacted]
13	1715	0	43c	ICP moved to top of Abbey St, Junction Dawson St		[redacted]
14	1854	0C	2 UDR	Greyhound stood down		[redacted]
16	1945	0	39 Bde	Adrian Carroll Dead	Bde Info. Int. Info Give Bde precise time when we get it 19:20hrs CO not informed until 2115hrs Ops Offr informed 2118hrs RUC informed 1937 UDR informed 1945	[redacted]

6 UDR – Details of Occurrence

Serial No	Date and Time	Reported by	Details of Occurrence	Action Taken	Signature of Duty NCO or Duty RPO	Initials of OC or Supervisor
07	08 1700	Ops	A PROMINANT (<i>sic</i>) REPUBLICAN HAS BEEN SHOT IN SOUTH ARMAGH		[redacted]	

Death Logs Volume 2

NAME	DATE OF DEATH	LOCATION
CARROLL, A	08.11.83	Armagh

Death Logs Volume 7

(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)	(J)
1632	08 NOV	MR	A	CARROLL	RC	24	ARMAGH	SHOT	PAG

Extract from letter entitled "THE UDR : SECTARIAN CRIMINAL OFFENCES"
 D/GS/66/12/3 dated 12 February 1985

Cases in the Pipeline

6. As well as the above there are several major cases where UDR soldiers have been charged with serious crimes and are still awaiting trial. In particular:

a. five soldiers of 2 UDR are charged with the murder of Adrian Carroll, and one soldier with aiding them. This was the crime-allegedly committed whilst on patrol – which lead to the complaints about the Duke of Edinburgh's visit to Drummard Barracks, Armagh in February 1984.

Extract from letter entitled "ALLEGED INVOLVEMENT OF UDR MEMBERS IN CRIMINAL ACTIVITY"
 CIVAD/36/1/1 dated 8 November 1985 – Annex A

Serial	Names of Accused	Details of Offence/Incident	Date of Offence	Trial Result (if applicable)	Remarks
3	[Redacted]	Murder of Adrian Carroll	8 Nov 83		[Redacted] are currently awaiting trial on a charge of murdering Adrian Carroll. [Redacted] faces charges of withholding information; [Redacted] was originally also charged but the charge against was later dropped. [Redacted] has been convicted of other offences.