



News Release

22 November 2013

DIRECTOR REQUESTS CHIEF CONSTABLE TO INVESTIGATE ACTIVITIES OF THE MRF

The Director of Public Prosecutions, Barra McGrory QC, in exercising his powers under section 35(5) of the Justice (NI) Act 2002, has today requested the Chief Constable to initiate an investigation into the activities of the MRF, a unit of the British Army operating in Belfast in the early 1970s, on the grounds that criminal offences may have been committed.

Commenting on his decision to require the Chief Constable to investigate, the Director said: **"I viewed with great concern the Panorama broadcast last evening documenting the activities of the MRF.**

"Former members of this unit appear to have claimed on camera that they considered themselves to have been authorised to operate outside the law of Northern Ireland. This raises the clear possibility, if not probability, that serious criminal offences were committed.

"Accordingly, I have asked the Chief Constable to initiate an investigation into the activities of this unit, to include the authority upon which the unit and its commanders acted".

Media Enquiries please contact the PPS Press Office (028) 90 897187 or 07799 115253