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Ann vows to fight releases

By BARRY DUGGAN

ANN McCabe, the wife of the slain Limerick detective garda Jerry McCabe, said she will oppose and protest against any early release of her husband's killers.

Det Garda McCabe was shot dead during an IRA post office raid in Adare in 1996.

It was revealed earlier this week that the four convicted of the killing had been due to walk free two weeks ago, but the failure of talks in the Northern peace process held up their release.

This Thursday, Mrs McCabe said she will oppose any moves to free the four men convicted of her husband's killing.

"I am totally against any release for these men and I will be making serious protests against it,"



Ann McCabe: there is no way that they should qualify for early release

she said.

It is believed that the release of the four men, Kevin Walsh 45; Michael O'Neill 49; Jeremiah Sheehy 39; all originally from Limerick, and Pearce McCauley 39 from Tyrone, was part of the peace

process. They are been held in a low-security prison at Castlerea, Roscommon.

"This is the first I have heard of it. We were told by the Government last Christmas that they would never be released. There is no way that they should qualify for early release," she said.

"This is an issue that has constantly concerned the McCabe family and Limerick gardai. We hear this every so often. It is not easy for us, but the bottom line is Jerry's killers should not be let loose. Neither should they be allowed weekend releases, but that does not appear to be the case," said Mrs McCabe.

She said that it would be an insult to all law-abiding citizens if the four men were released under any circumstances.

"They should serve their full sentence. What is the point in sentencing them otherwise?" she asked.

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