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Garda Representative Association Statement by President, Jim Mulligan

GRA appalled at mistreatment of Majella Moynihan

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The Garda Representative Association (GRA) has today expressed its highest admiration for the dignity and bravery of former Garda Majella Moynihan who this weekend revealed details of her mistreatment at the hands of An Garda Síochána in the 1980s.

In speaking publicly about her ordeal as a pregnant single woman, Majella laid bare a litany of shocking and disgraceful behaviours on the part of the Garda Síochána – including some of her colleagues.

Majella's experience was a product of a time in which people in a position of power were influenced by social values which had profound disregard for women.

We are also seeking a full recording of the interview broadcast this morning in which our former General Secretary Jack Marrinan spoke to an RTE programme in 1985.

The GRA of today distances itself from any implication that Majella had done anything wrong and would robustly defend any attempt to victimise a woman on the grounds that led to the disciplinary hearing against her.

We also note the child's father was subject to a disciplinary hearing in which Majella was called as a witness, which is another disgraceful aspect of this shocking episode.

The GRA will not be commenting further at this time.

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