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Convicted Murderer To Stand Against Dr. Paisley MP



Joe Cahill, murderer

An IRA man, sentenced to death in 1942 for the murder of a Roman Catholic policeman in west Belfast, has been named as the Sinn Fein candidate who will oppose Rev Ian Paisley MP, in the North Antrim constituency for a seat in the Northern Ireland Assembly.

Cahill had his death sentence commuted to life after the intervention of the Pope. Cahill was the commander of the Provisional IRA in west Belfast in the 1970s and, in 1973, he was jailed in the Irish Republic for bringing in a shipload of arms and explosives from Libya. Since then, he has remained active within

the republican movement in Northern Ireland.

Cahill was deported from the United States in 1984 after being accused of lying about his past.