

# McBride denies assault claim

Ipid head says he chided daughter

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Independent Police Investigative Directorate head Robert McBride has denied assaulting his daughter and says he had only “admonished” her.

“I admonished one of my daughters. She is my daughter from a previous relationship and I obtained custody of her a few years ago as I realised that she was being neglected.

“Lately, I became concerned that her marks at school had dropped substantially and her behaviour was somewhat rebellious. That was my reason for admonishing her,” McBride said in a statement.

The statement was released

after reports last Sunday that he assaulted his daughter.

In an interview with the Sunday Times, the girl claimed McBride threatened her life after throttling her and punching her in the face.

“He looked directly at me, saying that he wasn’t finished with me. He told me he would kill me,” the 15-year-old was quoted as saying.

McBride has denied that he assaulted the girl.

“She was seated directly behind me in the car, it would have been impossible for me to drive and ‘assault’ and ‘throttle’ her at the same time.

“I deny that I assaulted her and that she had any injuries when I left her at home,” McBride said.

He said he had found a letter his daughter had written which suggested a possible “experimentation with drugs”.



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“I expressed concern about all this as it could possibly explain the recent change in personality,” he said.

“I would like to get help for my daughter so that she can get back to her former bubbly self.”

McBride said the incident was a “normal family disagreement” which has been turned into a “public spectacle” to get at him.

“I have noticed that other people, including those investigated by the Independent Po-

lice Investigating Directorate, have inveigled themselves into my family matters and have no concern for the wellbeing of my children – only for their own scores to settle with me, which is why the story has seemed newsworthy...”



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