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Heckler interrupts former Sun editor Kelvin MacKenzie at the Leveson Inquiry

A protester has been ejected from the Leveson Inquiry after repeatedly demanding Kelvin Mackenzie be questioned about jailed Northern Irish loyalist Michael Stone.

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Whilst giving evidence to the Leveson Inquiry on media ethics and phone hacking, Mr Mackenzie was interrupted by an unidentified man who repeatedly shouted: "Ask him about Michael Stone."

The former editor of The Sun newspaper, Mr Mackenzie was at that moment stating that he believed certain stories warranted the use of phone hacking when the heckler brought proceedings to a halt.

Lord Justice Leveson urged the man to sit down or else leave as he continued his outbursts. The heckler then asked the judge, "Am I in contempt?"

"I'm not going anywhere there, please sit down or leave," the inquiry chairman replied.

The man then repeated his demand for questions regarding Stone before revealing he had written Lord Justice Leveson "a long letter" about the matter. The heckler was eventually ejected.

Convicted loyalist killer Michael Stone was sentenced to 16 years in jail in 2006 for the attempted assassinations of Gerry Adams and Martin McGuinness at Stormont on the day the Sinn Fein leaders were due to be nominated as Northern Ireland's First and Deputy Ministers.

At the time of the incident he was out on licence, having been sentenced in the late 1980s for the murder of three mourners, including an IRA member, at the funeral of three Provisionals killed by the SAS in Gibraltar.