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DROGHEDA 'FEUD BOSSSES'

**Brothers whose
gang chopped
up Keane fume
at being named
openly in court**

THE two brothers named in court as Drogheda feud gang leaders are 'fuming', sources say.

Despite hiding out in Dubai and Thailand, Keith Boylan (30) and brother Josh (26) hoped to stay under the radar and keep running their drugs empire from abroad.

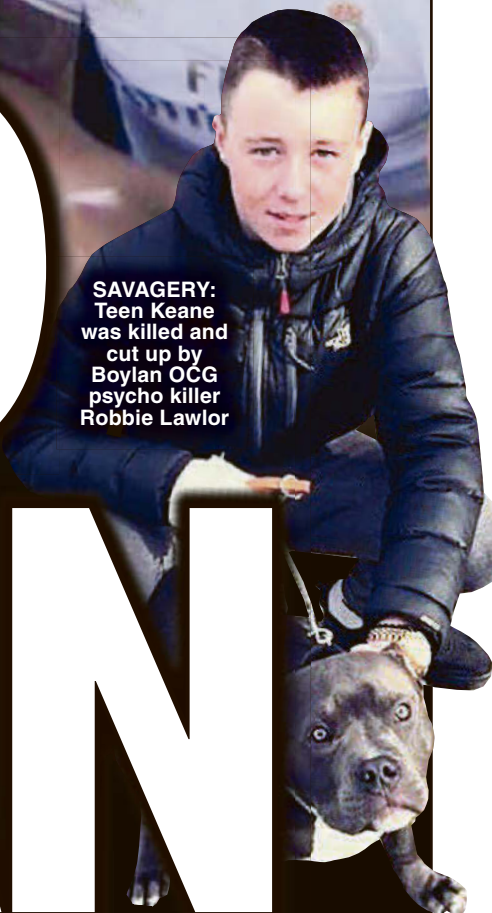
Their gang was linked to the brutal murder and dismemberment of teen Keane Mulready-Woods.

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HIDING IN DUBAI AND THAILAND: Brothers Keith (right) and Josh Boylan were named in court as the heads of the 'Anti-Maguire' faction in bloody Drogheda feud



SAVAGERY: Teen Keane was killed and cut up by Boylan OCG psycho killer Robbie Lawlor



BLOOD BOYLAN



MURDERED: McCarrick

**Annie
suspect
rakes in
mansion
money**

THE suspect in the murder of Annie McCarrick has been offering up a plush country property to punters — as a holiday rental.

The man, who is in his 60s, is married to a woman who is registered as the owner of a large house that has been let out to members of the public for several years.

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**Slimming
WORLD**

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COURT Paul Murphy yesterday; right, Joseph Cloherty

No jail over throat slit threat to TD's wife after apology

BY TOM TUITE

A MAN who threatened Paul Murphy TD with slitting his wife's throat has been spared trial and jail after apologising and citing a psychotic episode.

Dublin District Court had sought fitness-to-plead psychiatric reports on the accused, and yesterday, Joseph Cloherty's non-jury hearing was expected to go ahead.

Mr Cloherty, 42, of no fixed address, had earlier indicated he would contest the charge, requiring Murphy to come to court and testify.

However, Judge John Hughes heard the prosecution was not proceeding and instead applying to withdraw the case.

Judge Hughes noted that this followed a letter being sent by Cloherty to the Dublin South-West TD, apologising to both him and his wife, councillor Jessica Spear, and explaining the incident happened when he was going through a psychotic episode.

The apology was acceptable to the TD, who was not required to give evidence and left the court as Judge Hughes struck out the proceedings.

Defence solicitor Emer O'Sullivan also furnished a medical report on her client, who pleaded guilty to unrelated public order offences, resulting in a one-month suspended sentence.

Cloherty had nine prior convictions, mainly public order and motoring offences.

The threatening encounter with the politician occurred after the politician canvassed about abortion laws in Tallaght on May 23, 2023.

Cloherty faced a charge under section 5 of the Non-Fatal Offences Against the Person Act.

Mr Cloherty was accused of having, without a lawful excuse, made a threat to Paul Murphy, intending him to believe it would be carried out that he would kill or cause serious harm to Ms Spear.

MAN SAID HE'D KILL & RAPE EX & WIPE HER FAMILY OFF MAP

A DAD-OF-THREE has been jailed for a year and a half for threatening to kill and rape the mother of his children and wipe her family off the map.

He also assaulted her in front of their two younger children, aged eight and 10, Dublin Circuit Criminal Court heard.

The 40-year-old, who cannot be named to protect the identity of the children, was before Dublin Circuit Criminal Court yesterday, where he pleaded guilty to threatening to kill or cause serious harm to the woman on April 1, 2022, and to assaulting her outside her home three days later.

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BY NATASHA REID

Judge Orla Crowe noted the defendant had assaulted his former partner in the presence of their two young children, and described this as an aggravating factor.

She noted he had described the threats as a type of joke.

The judge said: "They were no joke, but really serious, vile threats against a former intimate partner."

"These have to be marked with a custodial sentence," she said. "It was not all just words. They were nasty, menacing humiliating and insulting and very violent threats."

'FEUD GANG LEADERS FUMING AT BEING UNMASKED'

BOYLAN POINT..

» Drogheda brothers left furious but 'vow to keep flooding town with drugs'

» Deadly turf war saw four murders



MAGUIRE MOB

Paralysed mob boss Owen Maguire, who was shot in 2018, and, right, henchman Cornelius Price, who died of illness in 2023

THE Boylan brothers - named for the first time in court as alleged leaders of one of the two gangs involved in the dangerous Drogheda feud - will be fuming at their unmasking, sources have said.

Keith Boylan, 30, of Moneymore in Drogheda, Co Louth was named as "the head of the Boylan Organised Crime Group" by a Garda witness at a sentencing hearing at Dundalk Circuit Court on Wednesday of three female money launderers for the gang.

His younger brother Josh, 26, also of Moneymore, has been named "as second in command".

It was the first time the brothers have been publicly identified as the alleged gang leaders.

We also revealed exclusive images of the Boylan brothers, including some from their now-deleted social media accounts. Others show the brothers outside Drogheda District Court during the height of the deadly feud in 2019.

The Boylan group, also known as the Anti-Maguire faction, has been at war with paralysed mob boss Owen Maguire and his associates since early 2017 when an

EXCLUSIVE BY NICOLA DONNELLY



initial drug trafficking gang split into two warring factions trying to control the illegal drug trade in Drogheda.

Sources have now revealed the naming publicly of the Boylan brothers "won't stop them in their tracks with their drug supplies to the town" - but "they will be fuming at their unmasking".

"They managed to stay unnamed for over seven years since the feud started but I would imagine they are fuming now," a source told this paper.

HORROR

The brothers, sources say, will find it harder to secure drug mules to import drugs on their behalf to the town.

"Josh is based in Thailand, and over the past while mules have been caught trying to bring drugs in from his base," the source added.

"For example, Jamie Mahon, from Drogheda, was jailed for three years recently in Norway for importing 29.9kg of cannabis from Thailand. Those drugs were destined for Drogheda."

Four people lost their lives in the turf war between the Anti-Maguire faction and the Maguire gang, led by Owen Maguire along with thug Cornelius Price, who died of illness in 2023.

They included the horror dismemberment of teenager Keane Mulready-Woods. Suspected serial killer Robbie Lawlor, who was himself later murdered,



ANTI-MAGUIRE FACTION

Josh, on left, and Keith Boylan are alleged to be leaders of Drogheda gang; right, the pair at court during height of deadly feud



THE SCENES

Clogherhead caravan park where Brannigan was shot dead; below, gardai searching some land in Drogheda for slain Keane's remains



THE VICTIMS

Top l-r, Richie Carberry and Keith Brannigan; bottom l-r, Keane Mulready-Woods and hitman Robbie Lawlor



is thought to have been behind the gruesome killing.

The first fatality was Keith Brannigan, 29, who was a close pal of Keith Boylan.

The newly married man was shot dead in broad daylight while working on decking at a caravan park in Clogherhead on August 27, 2019.

Brannigan is believed to have been targeted by associates of Owen Maguire because of his close friendship with Keith Boylan.

The second victim was Dublin drug trafficker Richie Carberry, 39. The father-of-two was shot six times outside his home in Bettystown, Co Meath on November 4, 2019 after getting out of his car in the Castlemartin Drive estate at 11.40pm.

Carberry, who was originally from Coolock and was Lawlor's brother-in-law, was classified as one of the senior players in the feud - with suspected links to the Boylans.

The third murder was that of Keane, 17, who was known to gardai for his involvement in the feud.

He was believed to have been murdered and dismembered by Lawlor at a house in the Rathmullen estate on January 12 or 13, 2020.

Serial killer Lawlor was the fourth victim of the feud. Originally from Dublin but

lived in Co Meath, he was heavily involved in organised crime, including siding with the Boylan group.

In April 2020 he travelled to Belfast and was shot dead.

As well as being a suspect in the murder of Keane, he was also suspected of being responsible for a number of other killings.

The Boylan brothers' trusted lieutenant and a main antagonist in the deadly feud, Paul Crosby, 30, of Rathmullen, was jailed in 2023 after he pleaded guilty at the Special Criminal Court to facilitating Keane's murder along with another associate of the brothers, Gerard "Rocky" Cruise.

VIOLENT

Crosby was jailed for ten years while Cruise was jailed for seven years.

The feud had escalated in 2018 following the shooting of Maguire and saw over 100 violent incidents, including several shootings, a kidnapping, houses being petrol-bombed and

people being assaulted.

Maguire was shot several times by Lawlor and survived but was left paralysed and wheelchair-bound.

The gang violence led to the Emergency Response Unit being deployed to the town, while 25 new Garda recruits were also assigned to Drogheda during the height of the feud.

The violence was brought to an end following successful Garda operations, the deaths of key figures, the jailing of several members and the fleeing overseas of several members from both sides of the feuding gangs.

Gardai have had significant successes against the Boylan group with large seizures of drugs and cash in recent months as well as many associates being convicted of gang-related offences.

"Gardai are also examining a suspected connection to the Boylan OCG of a large stash of pipe bombs discovered recently at a property in Ardee," a source said.

That find was part of an intelligence-led operation by the Drogheda Divisional Drugs Unit.

However, gardai suspect the Boylan group is still supplying the town with drugs from the brothers' overseas bases in Dubai and Thailand.



BEHIND BARS From left, Paul Crosby, Jamie Mahon and Gerard Cruise have all been jailed for Drogheda-linked offences