

CRIME PALS TURN ON EACH OTHER IN DEADLY GANG WAR

PARTY ANIMALS



Forensics . . . cops at work following steakhouse hit

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TWO notorious crime pals turned on each other in a fatal gang war feud — months after they were snapped partying together.

The Irish Sun on Sunday today publishes a photo of Jason ‘Jay’ Hennessy and ‘Mr Flashy’ Glen Ward on a night out in Dublin in March 2018 as they posed for the camera. However, by the end of that year their respective gangs were actively trying to kill each other.

What started as a localised feud in the Corduff housing estate soon spiralled out of control into a myriad of violent incidents across north-west Dublin.

This ultimately claimed the lives of Hennessy’s father Jason Snr and the gunman who blasted him to death in a steakhouse hit on Christmas Eve 2023.

A source told us: “The picture shows just how quickly things can change among local criminals. They’re all out together one night and then all of a sudden they are sworn enemies.

“It often starts over very minor matters and just spirals — as it did in this case.”

The Hennessy gang’s five leading members — siblings Devon, Jason and Brandon Hennessy along with father and son Kenneth and Dean Fitzsimons — were caged this week.

The men admitted to their roles in a horror attack which saw a man waterboarded, threatened with rape and repeatedly branded with the word ‘RAT’ on his face back in February 2025.

‘Mr Flashy’ Ward, 33, is currently serving five-and-a-half years for firearm offences after he was sentenced last year.

The reign of terror of both groups, which operated layers below Ireland’s top gangs, are at an end after causing years of mayhem and fear in the communities they grew up in.

The Hennessy mob and Ward’s ‘Gucci Gang’ were separate, but sources say there was “an alliance of sorts” between them in west Dublin at one stage.

This came at a time when there was a void left behind by senior Kinahan figures who were under severe pressure from Gardai.

The Hennessy group was very much tied to the Corduff area, and was led by Jason Hennessy Jnr, his older brother Devon and their father Jason Snr, who was seen as the only calming influence his two brute sons had.

They ruled the area through a fearsome reputation for violence and gathered local, younger men from their late teens into their early 20s to carry out much

Battered . . . Sherry



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MARTIN CUNNINGHAM

JASON HENNESSY & GLEN WARD (FRONT)

JAMES WHELAN

Night out . . notorious crims pose for photo in March 2018 — just months before their gang war broke out

● **First pic of Flashy & Jason**

● **Feud led to Steakhouse hit**

of their dirty work. Mr Flashy had a link to the Kinahans through crazed Trevor Byrne, who had to leave the country after becoming heavily involved in the early stages of the Kinahan and Hutch feud.

His Gucci Gang were based in Finglas but were also emerging in other areas of north Dublin.

Gardai believe it was the actions of the Hennessy group, and Jason Hennessy Jnr in particular, that started the Corduff dispute.

His behaviour became increasingly “out of control”, according

to one source. He was reckless and erratic — dishing out beatings on a whim — but he also terrorised innocent people.

This caught the attention of a former member of the infamous Westies gang, who took it upon himself to put the Hennessys “back in their box”.

After the dispute kicked off, Martin Cunningham — who’s also pictured on that night out in 2018 — became a central player against the Hennessy group.

Before long, Ward’s Gucci Gang weighed in behind Cunningham as

the feud led to assaults, a shootout on the streets, houses being set alight, innocents targeted and shots fired outside a primary school.

In one attack Gardai suspected was ordered by the Hennessys, Ward’s innocent relative’s home was firebombed with two people inside lucky to escape unhurt.

A major spark in the gang war was when Cunningham’s home was shot up and its windows smashed in with hammers while an innocent family member was inside.

In a cocaine-fuelled revenge mission, the gangster attacked a

member of the Hennessy mob — Kenneth Fitzsimons — with a machete in April 2019 outside Finglas Garda Station.

Cunningham was given refuge for several days by Flashy’s mob in Finglas, but he was eventually arrested and later jailed.

The following month, Hennessy Jnr’s brother Devon was subject to an attempt on his life as he drove through Mulhuddart village.

Although Tristan Sherry — who was closely tied to Ward’s one-time best friend — was a prime suspect for shooting at Devon’s car, he was

never arrested or charged. Later that month, Hennessy henchmen Kenneth Fitzsimons and his son Dean were stopped in a stolen car armed with loaded pistols and ammunition as Gardai suspected they were on their way to carry out a hit.

They later served jail time over this incident.

In June 2019, Hennessy gang members targeted a completely innocent Lithuanian man as he sat in his car in a case of mistaken identity. He was lucky to survive as a bullet skimmed his head. Cops

believed it was former members of the Westies crew they were looking to kill.

The feud violence died off due to Blanchardstown Gardai’s work as part of ‘Operation Run Off’.

Ward also had more pressing matters at hand as his Gucci Gang lost key pillars from Garda probes and also in the Coolock feud, where associates were killed.

By 2023, the Finglas feud had taken over his agenda as his power was challenged from his one-time good pal James ‘Whela’ Whelan, who had split from the Gucci Gang

to create a rival faction. Whelan — who also parted with Flashy, Hennessy and Cunningham in 2018 — paid the ultimate price of gang violence when he was shot dead.

Also in 2023, Tristan Sherry — who had previously targeted Devon Hennessy — was injured in a knife attack.

Sherry, 26, later went on his own revenge mission as he stormed the Hennessy gang’s get-together in Brown’s Steakhouse, Blanchardstown, on Christmas Eve that year.

Targeted . . . Jason Snr

He blasted Jason Hennessy Snr, 48, three times before he was disarmed and stabbed and beaten to death. Jason Snr died 11 days later.

Following the shocking branding attack in February 2025, Jason Hennessy, 29, and Dean Fitzsimons, 26, were this week jailed for 8.5 years.

Kenneth Fitzsimons, 46, was handed an eight-year term, Brandon Hennessy, 24, was jailed for six years, and Devon Hennessy, 30, got a three-year term.

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Shootout . . . Browne’s Steakhouse saw fatal attack on Xmas Eve 2023