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'MISSING FOR YEARS'

'HOUSE OF HORRORS' MURDER PROBE

Child sex abuse case gardai fear secret burial



NIGHTMARE THAT
NEVER ENDS: Andrew
McGinley with his
beloved kids Conor,
Darragh and Carla

Triple child killer mum allowed out on her own



KILLER mum
Deirdre Morley has
been let out of the
Central Mental
Hospital alone for
day trips just five
years after killing
her three kids.
Andrew McGinley,
father of her tragic
three children —
Conor, 9, Darragh, 7,
and Carla, 3 — says
he is aware of her
leave, but insists his
kids could be alive
today had he
been advised of her
treatment.

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EXCLUSIVE

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GARDAI probing a house
of horrors where several
children suffered horrific
sexual abuse now believe
a young woman who has
vanished from the same
property is dead.

It comes after three men were
arrested and questioned by
officers who searched the home
in Leinster in a probe into child
rape, sexual abuse and neglect.

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GRIM TASK:
Gardai are
desperate to
find a young
woman they
fear may have
been attacked
and killed in a
house where
kids suffered
horrific abuse



HEARING Lynda O'Doherty and, below, Jimmy McKenna

Woman, 66, charged over man's death

BY **STEPHEN MAGUIRE**

A WOMAN has appeared in court charged in connection with the death of a young man in a road traffic collision.

James 'Jimmy' McKenna, 25, was killed as he was walking home from a function near Moville, Donegal in the early hours of June 9, 2024.



He was struck by a car at Ballynally and pronounced dead at the scene.

Lynda O'Doherty, 66, of The Links, Greencastle, is charged with driving without due care and attention thereby causing the death of Mr McKenna.

Judge Eiteain Cunningham granted bail.



JAILED Ian Connaghan Killer fails in appeal bid on sentence

BY **FIONA MAGENNIS**

A KILLER who carried out a "vicious" and "cowardly" attack on a man who died 13 days later has failed in an appeal against his eight-year sentence.

Ian Connaghan, 35, had gone on trial in July 2023 alongside his brother Daniel Connaghan, 44, accused of the murder of Michael 'Mick' Mulvey, 55.

Both were found not guilty of murder but Ian Connaghan, from Ashington Rise, Navan Road, Cabra, Dublin 7, was convicted of manslaughter.

Dismissing the appeal yesterday, Mr Justice John Edwards said given the "sheer viciousness" and "intensity" of the attacks perpetrated on Mr Mulvey, the sentencing judge, Mr Paul Burns was correct to place it within the "high culpability" bracket.



TRAUMATIC It's feared that several children at the home in Leinster had been abused and neglected (Pic posed)

GARDAI probing a 'house of horrors' fear a woman who vanished from the same property is dead.

Sources have told us the woman disappeared several years ago – and has not been seen since. It's understood investigators suspect the woman is dead and has been secretly buried.

And they suspect she was killed – but have not found enough evidence to officially upgrade her missing person's case to a murder inquiry.

"The suspicion has long been that she is dead, but there is no evidence," a source told us. "She has been missing a long time. The only credible theory is that she is dead."

Gardai have mounted repeated searches for the woman since she disappeared several years ago, but have been

Disappeared years ago from property where suspected child abuse probed

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unable to locate any trace of her.

It comes after gardai searched a home where she used to live – as part of an unconnected sexual abuse and neglect case that has shocked hardened officers and was first revealed by The Star.

"It is a real house of horrors case," a source told us.

We revealed that that on Monday, detectives in a Leinster town arrested

three men over the suspected sickening campaign of sexual abuse in the home.

Officers believe the abuse has been going on for years.

The three men, aged between 30s and 50s, were arrested in a town as part of a long-running Garda investigation.

Investigators fear several children at the home had been sexually abused for years at the home, as well as being neglected and assaulted.

The three suspects were questioned on offences ranging from rape and

sexual abuse to neglect – and covering up the crimes. All three were released without charge last night.

Sources say officers will now prepare a file for the DPP, who will decide if anyone is to be charged.

Gardai searching the property were horrified by what they saw. "It was nothing short of squalor," a source said.

It's understood the house was littered with dirty nappies and other soiled sanitary items. Toilets were blocked and sinks were overflowing. There were also mattresses on the floor that had clear signs of human waste on them.

"It was just horrific," one source said. As well as children allegedly being abused in the house, gardai also suspect a vulnerable adult in the same property was subjected to degrading treatment.

'PRAY FOR MY SON AFTER IRON BAR ATTACK'



SURGERY Charles Dooher Jnr; right, his dad Charles Snr was also injured

THE mother of a young man fighting for life after being beaten with iron bars at his own home has appealed for people to keep him in their prayers.

Charles Dooher, who is in his 20s, received a brutal bashing when a gang of five hooded men broke into his home in Lifford, Co Donegal, on Monday morning.

Charles and his father were both badly beaten at the house by the men at Coneymur Road close to the border with Co Tyrone at around 10.30am.

The young man was airlifted to Royal Victoria Hospital in Belfast for emergency surgery on a serious head injury.

His father Charles Snr, aged in his 60s, suffered less severe injuries and is being treated at Letterkenny University Hospital.

Charles's mother Annmarie Dooher has pleaded with family and friends to send

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prayers for her son's recovery as she began a bedside vigil at her son's hospital bed.

She said on social media: "I am asking for prayers for my beautiful, brave son who fought off five men with steel batons who broke into our family home and left my son laying for dead."

DESPERATE

"My poor son is fighting for his life and needs your prayers. I sit here desperate with my son's life in God's hands."

"I am asking you to join your hands together for my son and pray for his recovery. Pray for his healing. Pray for my son, my

beautiful, wonderful son."

Mrs Dooher added that her son did not deserve what happened to him.

She added "My son is a good man, a strong man, a hard working man but he is still my baby."

Because of these evil people, my brave son is fragile and fighting for his life."

A full Garda investigation has been launched into the brutal attack while CCTV footage from the surrounding area has been harvested as part of the investigation.

Gardaí are appealing for any witnesses to this incident to come forward.

