



ARREST: Sean McGovern

Plea for Kinahan No₂ not to be tortured in prison

THE Government asked UAE officials to ensure suspected Kinahan cartel boss Sean McGovern would not be subjected to torture or other human rights abuses upon his arrest, we can reveal. Top diplomats held meetings in Dubai for months to hash out the details of how McGovern could be handed over.

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Roche tells of nerves in last game

FOOTBALLER Stephanie Roche has admitted it was "an emotional day" when she hung up her for the final time

On Saturday, the Shamrock Rovers match in Tallaght. Dublin.

Speaking to Miriam O'Callagha on her RTE Radio 1 show yesterday, the 35-year-old said: "Yeah, it was an emotional day overall. I think for me it was difficult because I'm so competitive.

"I was actually quite nervous, which is a strange feeling."



'Bro spoke to me from afterlife'

MOCK The Week star Ed Byrne believes his dead brother reached out from beyond the grave to help make his latest show a hit.

The Irish comedian is on the road with Tragedy Plus Time until April

He uses humour to tell the story of his brother Paul who died of liver failure aged just 44 in

Ed says he was struggling to get the show right - until a stranger who saw his early version sent him advice on Twitter that he used.

'That was an odd experience," he said



Star flogs Florida home for €1.4_M less than asking

EXCLUSIVE BY SANDRA MALLON Showbiz Editor

MRS Brown's Boys star Brendan O'Carroll has sold his luxurious waterfront beach home in Florida for €4.1 million - €1.4m less than his original asking price.

The creator of the award-winning BBC comedy series flogged his 4,178-square-foot home at 1610 Beach Trail in Indian Rocks Beach on February 9, according to

Pinellas County property records.

The sale came months before Hurricane Helene devastated the Indian Rocks area at the end of September, killing retired Irish lawyer Aidan Bowles and 11 other residents in the area.

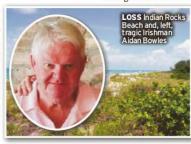
residents in the area. In 2023, Brendan and his wife Jennifer put it on the market for \$6m (€5.5m) – but in February of this year, property records show they sold up for \$1.5m (€1.4m) less

than their asking price for \$4.5m (€4.1m). The home sits on a 0.27-acre lot and was built in 2013. It features five bedrooms and six and a half bathrooms and has several

six and a hall dailrooms and has several terraces overlooking the Gulf of Mexico. According to the estate agents, the kitchen has a large centre island and top-of-the-line appliances. The home also includes an office and media

The site includes 75 feet of beachfront, and its outdoor amenities include a heated pool with a hot tub, a large gazebo and a putting green. The property has a private walled and gated entry and a two-car

The stunning beach front home was built in 2013 and Brendan and Jennifer purchased the estate in 2016 for \$2.85m (€2.6 m), according to property records.





The star also snapped up a row of six more adjacent houses in a street in Davenport and is said to have paid €4m on the even properties in total

It was reported at the time that two of the homes were registered to Brendan and his wife Jennifer.

A third was reportedly registered to Brendan O'Carroll alone, a fourth to his daughter Fiona O'Carroll and her now ex-husband Martin Delany, while the other two houses were reported to be in the names of Brendan's sons Danny and Eric.

SURGE

We can reveal the sale just a month after a storm surge 2.4 metres high hit Indian Rocks Beach during Hurricane Helene. Corkman Mr Bowles was found in the

bedroom of his home in the locality by detectives, having apparently drowned in "rising water that entered the residence", according to the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office in September.

In a Facebook post at the time, Sam Bowles, the deceased's son, described Mr Bowles as a "hero".

"Unfortunately my father didn't make it through Hurricane Helene last night and

assed away in his home early this morning, he wrote on

Saturday.

"This guy
was the
strongest and person I've ever met in my life, he truly made an impact in his life."