



DEATH Deepa Dinamani

Man 'shocked when pal said he killed wife'

A MAN has given evidence at a murder trial of being "shocked" after a friend told him that he had killed his wife and that her body was in their home.

Regin Parithapara Rajan, 43, denies the murder of Deepa Dinamani, 38, at their home in Wilton, Cork city, in 2023.

Mahesh Murali first became acquainted with Rajan in India. He told the trial yesterday that he was standing outside the home of the accused on the evening of July 14, 2023 when Rajan stated that he had killed his wife.

Mr Murali said: "Regin wanted to talk to me in private. He told me 'I killed my wife and you can call the police and she is on top.' I understood from this she was on the first floor.

"I was just shocked and shattered."

Mr Murali gave evidence that Rajan said he had "stabbed her with a knife." He said he asked his friend to call the police. He indicated he also called 999.

Mr Murali said Rajan spoke to him about concerns he had about his marriage. He allegedly told him he and Deepa were "quarrelling" and that she was "looking for a divorce".

The trial also heard evidence from Mr Murali's wife Sreeja who said she was with her husband when Rajan allegedly confessed.

Ms Sumangala said she asked Mr Rajan: "Why did you do that?" She indicated the accused replied: "She [Deepa] was not good."

The trial continues.

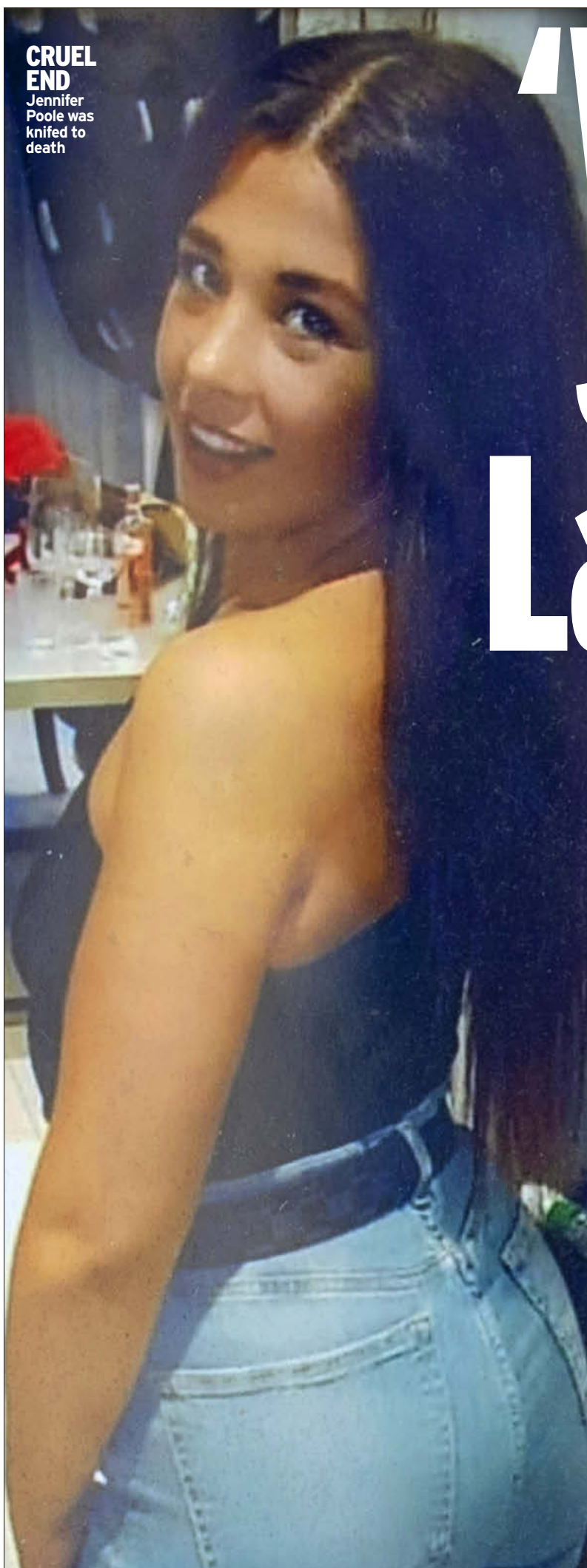
5 hurt as car, trucks collide

FIVE people were hospitalised following a collision yesterday involving three trucks and one car.

The crash occurred on the N25 at Ballyhobert near Youghal, Co Cork at approximately 6.55am.

A large number of gardai, firefighters and members of the National Ambulance Service responded to the incident.

The injuries are believed to be non-life-threatening, while Gardai said they are investigating the incident.



CRUEL END
Jennifer Poole was knifed to death

'We need Jennie's Law now'

A MAN whose sister was murdered by her former partner has launched a petition for a domestic violence register.

Mum-of-two Jennifer Poole was just 24 when she was stabbed to death by Gavin Murphy in her home in Finglas, north Dublin in 2021. He was jailed for life.

Jennifer was unaware Murphy had a history of abusive behaviour, including a conviction for assaulting a former partner.

She believed he had just returned from Spain, when in fact he had been in jail.

Jennifer's brother Jason has been campaigning for a domestic violence register, which would allow those with concerns to ask authorities for information about a partner's past.

MEASURES

He has been calling on the Government for measures under "Jennie's Law" to keep women safe.

Jason said if there had been a register, his sister would still be alive today.

Earlier this year, he was reassured by Justice Minister Jim O'Callaghan there is "no issue" with the register and meetings will take place between gardai and the Attorney General.

With no timeframe as to when "Jennie's Law" will become legislation, Jason has now launched a petition.

He said: "We are going to local supermarkets, online, posting petitions out to

CAMPAIGN Brother Jason Poole and, above, killer Gavin Murphy



Brother's petition bid after murder

BY NICOLA DONNELLY

people who request them.

"We have 'Jennie's Law' car stickers as well to up the campaign and build awareness and support for it.

"We want to keep the momentum going and we are pushing for the proposal for Jennie's Law to be brought to Cabinet.

"We need to keep the pressure on and need Jennie's Law to be brought into law urgently.

"Our plan is to submit the petition of signatures to the Department of Justice."

CONTROL

Jason added he wants all domestic violence issues – and not just coercive control – to be included on the domestic violence register. He said: "It can't be one element – it has to be all elements of domestic violence."

And speaking to the *Irish Daily Star* earlier this year, Jason said he wants clarification on the timeframe for the introduction of the register. He added: "I want to know if it will be part of the first-year Government plan or part of the five-year plan."

Thug who attacked his ex has jail term reversed



HEARING Court in Bray

A MAN who choked his ex-partner and hit her with a plank of timber in her own home has had his custodial sentence overturned.

The 27-year-old, who cannot be named for legal reasons, was appealing against the severity of a nine-month jail term. He admitted assault causing harm at a house in

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Co Wicklow on October 26, 2023.

Yesterday at the District Court Appeals Court, sitting in Bray, Sgt Paul O'Sullivan said the thug went to the home of his ex-partner and "put his hands around her neck, chased her with a plank of timber and hit her with it".

He also punched her and injured her wrists.

In a victim impact statement, the woman said she was put into a "very dark place mentally".

She said she feared for her life when her former partner put his hands on her neck as she "almost lost consciousness".

Judge Patrick Quinn said the victim impact statement made for "harrowing reading" and the seriousness of the assault was at the "higher end".

He imposed the maximum on summary conviction of 12 months imprisonment but suspended it for two years.