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UNDERCOVER GARDAI MET TRAGIC EVAN BEFORE STING

Carlow shooter had face-to-face meeting in Dublin pub

UNDERCOVER gardai had a face-to-face meeting with Carlow shopping centre shooter Evan Fitzgerald at a Dublin pub nine days before they arrested him and two friends in a covert sting operation, the Irish Mail on Sunday can reveal.

EXCLUSIVE

By **John Lee** GROUP POLITICAL EDITOR

Investigators took photographs of Mr Fitzgerald and put the troubled young man under surveillance after the

meeting, leading to his identification.

Yet the boss of the undercover officer who met Mr Fitzgerald in the pub said in court documents that the male who was trying to procure firearms and ammunition remained 'unidentified'

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The late
Evan Fitzgerald

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'It was clear Evan

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following the interaction with the garda at the face-to-face meeting.

The statement is contained in the book of evidence – seen by the MoS – submitted in the trial of Mr Fitzgerald's two friends, Daniel Quinn Burke and Shane Kinsella.

This week, Mr Kinsella, 22, from Tynock, Kiltegan, Co. Wicklow, and Daniel Quinn Burke, 22, from Allendale Lawn in Baltinaglass, Co. Wicklow were both given three-year sentences, suspended in full for five years. Both men had pleaded guilty to possessing a rifle, a semi-automatic pistol and ammunition in March 2, 2024 – the day of the Garda sting operation – near Straffan in Co. Kildare.

After their sentencing at Naas Circuit Court, Judge Elva Duffy noted it was a 'very unusual' case and that the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) had taken the 'unusual step' of accepting the offences did not warrant the mandatory sentence of five years.

However, the book of evidence in the case reveals previously undisclosed details of the complex undercover operation to arrest Mr Fitzgerald and his friends – and that the firearms they paid for were guns previously seized by gardaí.

Last year, the MoS reported how a pro-

**'I can get anything...
customers come back'**

tected disclosure made by a senior garda detailed that a foreign intelligence agency contacted gardaí after they became aware of an Irish citizen trying to purchase firearms on the dark web and that the gardaí proceeded to supply them with guns previously seized by An Garda Síochána.

Details of what happened at the face-to-face meeting were not offered directly in evidence by gardaí, but are contained in the Garda interview of Evan Fitzgerald on the day of his arrest which forms an exhibit in the book of evidence.

The undercover garda who met him face-to-face weeks before the sting was not listed on the schedule of witnesses in the book of evidence.

Witness statements in the book of evidence signed on June 5, 2025 – four days after Evan Fitzgerald took his own life at Carlow Shopping Centre – reveal how a member of the Garda National Cyber Crime Bureau and dark web expert first engaged with Mr Fitzgerald after gardaí received a tip-off from the FBI.

Posing as a firearms dealer, he set up a proton email address, Irishdeliveries@protonmail.net, to communicate with Mr Fitzgerald, who was then identified through a username, DefCon8, a US military reference to nuclear war preparedness.

In his Garda interview, the young man told how the person he believed to be an arms dealer 'got me to download proton mail' and 'asked me to get a burner phone'.

In an email dated January 22, the undercover garda offers to sell 'DefCon8' a 'G3' Heckler and Koch battle rifle for €1,300, a Serbian-made Zavasta 76m automatic rifle also for €1,300, two Tokarev handguns for €1,000 each and a 9mm automatic pistol, also

for €1,000. The garda also tells the unsuspecting buyer he 'can get anything and customers tend to come back for more'.

On February 2, the case was handed over to a senior detective inspector with the Garda National Drugs and Organised Crime Bureau and an undercover agent referred to in the documents as 'ES' (Undercover Officer FG).

The statement from the Garda supervising the undercover operation, referred to as 'ES' details how the investigation continued: 'On the 8 February, authorisation was granted for the deployment of undercover resources for the

TROUBLED: Evan Fitzgerald, who died by suicide in 2025

purpose of identifying the person(s) attempting to purchase firearms and ammunition on the dark net.'

The senior undercover officer's statement makes repeated references to gardaí being aware of potential accusations of 'entrapment'.

He noted: 'Throughout these conversations [with the assembled team] I considered all available tactical options and detailed my members accordingly, all the while being conscious of the rules of engagement between the undercover officer and the unknown person(s) as they related to agent provo-

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RENDEZVOUS POINT: Fagan's pub in Drumcondra

ARMED SWOOP



STING: Men were arrested near Straffan in Co. Kildare

SUSPENDED SENTENCES



cateur, entrapment and the potential to infringe on a person's human rights.'

'ES' said of the planned meet up: 'A face-to-face was arranged to take place on the 22 February 2024 in the Dublin City area. I was aware that the purpose of the meeting

**'He was a young man,
without a criminal record'**

was to build trust between the UCO [undercover officer] and the operator of DefCon8. And I provided tactical advice around how best to proceed with and manage the face-to-face meeting with the person... and any discussions that may take this meeting around the purchase of firearms and ammunition.'

FG arranged to meet 'DefCon8' at Fagan's pub in Drumcondra, the

well-known bar associated with former Taoiseach Bertie Ahern.

In his statement, Evan Fitzgerald confirms he met his contact at the pub: 'I did a meet up with them in Dublin just to talk. That was outside of Finnigan's [FAGAN's] pub. There was like a small park outside of that. They wanted to see if I could turn up. Nothing was really said. He had a Covid mask on him. Just one person. To talk better he removed it and I saw his face.'

A senior Garda source this week-end confirmed undercover gardaí followed Mr Fitzgerald as he left the pub to a train station in Dublin, where he boarded a train to Carlow. Undercover officers boarded the train, while other gardaí followed by car.

The source told the MoS: 'They lost him at Carlow but were able to identify him by photograph thanks the face-to-face meeting and were aware that he was a young man, without a criminal record or any

Gun that undercover tragic Evan had been



Rifle used in sting was stolen from a Norwegian military base by a terror unit in the mid-1980s

AN assault rifle sold to the late Evan Fitzgerald by undercover gardai in a controversial operation had been seized from the IRA years beforehand.

Last year, the MoS revealed in a protected disclosure from a Garda whistleblower that was redacted for legal reasons, that weapons supplied by gardai in their sting operation came from the firearms stores at Garda headquarters. The weapons were disabled before undercover officers sold them to Mr Fitzgerald and his friends.

In a protected disclosure, a senior serving garda claimed one of

'I tried to purchase a G3 rifle with ammo'

the guns supplied to Mr Fitzgerald, a Heckler and Koch G3 assault rifle, was stolen by members of a Provisional IRA unit in Norway in the mid-1980s.

The whistleblower says in his protected disclosure: 'The firearm was originally stolen from a Norwegian military reserve base by a Provisional IRA active service unit.'

The unit was based in Germany and was suspected of committing the theft of 100 Heckler and Koch rifles in the mid-1980s.

The guns were subsequently recovered by the gardai in an operation in the early 2000s and stored at Garda HQ in the Phoenix Park.

On March 2, 2024 the Heckler and Koch rifle was delivered to Evan Fitzgerald, along with a cache of weapons, by undercover gardai.

Senior Garda sources, uneasy

By **John Lee**

GROUP POLITICAL EDITOR

about the manner of Mr Fitzgerald's arrest, this weekend stressed that no weapons were imported into the State by the young man, and that they were supplied from the controlled weapons store.

In his first statement, contained in the book of evidence in the case, Mr Fitzgerald takes full responsibility for the sourcing and purchasing of the weapons.

He also admits he deceived his two friends, Daniel Quinn Burke and Shane Kinsella, who were convicted for their role in the weapons offences.

In statements taken hours after his arrest, Mr Fitzgerald talks openly about his learning difficulties. He comes across as highly articulate, while displaying a disturbingly encyclopaedic knowledge of lethal weapons, and

stressed he had no intention of hurting others or himself with the guns.

During the subsequent trial of his two friends, investigating gardai confirmed they did not regard the young men as terrorists or serious criminals.

Evan Fitzgerald was just 20 years old on the day he was interviewed by gardai at Naas Garda Station on March 2, just hours after his dramatic arrest by the Emergency Response Unit.

Opening the interview, a Garda asks the young man: 'Evan, do you understand the reason for your arrest here today?'

Mr Fitzgerald answers: 'Yeah, I do. It's self-explanatory.'

Asked in his own words, why he

FIREARMS: A Heckler & Koch G3 assault rifle and a semi-automatic pistol similar to the ones supplied by gardai

was arrested, he replies: 'I went on to a form of the dark web and tried to purchase a G3 rifle with 20 rounds of ammunition.'

A G3 rifle is a Heckler and Koch battle rifle that was used by NATO forces. It was originally developed by the Germans at the end of World War II.

Immediately, exchanges display a vulnerable young man, or what

'I would basically just shoot it maybe twice'

Senator Michael McDowell described this weekend as, a 'naive, innocent young man'.

Asked about any 'medical conditions' he had, Mr Fitzgerald said he suffers from 'dyslexia, difficult to read things and spell them. Dyspraxia. I'm a bit clumsy but it

effects my writing mostly. Dyscalculia, I'm terrible with numbers. That's it, I don't have autism or ADHD or anything like that.'

When the interviewer asks him if he understands 'right from wrong', the then 20-year-old replies: 'Yeah.'

Asked what he would think if he 'picked up a newspaper tomorrow and read "man buys guns from man", he answers: 'I think it would be news. It would depend on the circumstances.'

Displaying a sort of childlike innocence, albeit with a disturbing interest in the mechanics and history of firearms, he tells the garda: 'I got the ammo, for it [assault rifle] so that I could basically shoot a tree. I couldn't go into a random field and fire randomly. I would basically just shoot it maybe twice and put it away forever.'

'The reason I chose to have the G3 rifle was because it's historic. It's only used in militaries to a very small extent... I wanted it for its historical purpose.'

Naas-based solicitor Tim Kennelly was present at the Garda Station for the March 2 interview. He also represents one of the other young men, Shane Kinsella, who was convicted of firearms offences this week.

Speaking to the MoS this weekend, Mr Kennelly said: 'In my opinion, Evan was a virtuous young man who had many quali-

Court not told of guns'

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District Court hearing in the immediate aftermath of the Garda sting operation. Presiding judge is Desmond Zaidan. He questions gardai who are giving him details of the circumstances of the charges so that he can decide appropriate bail conditions.

JUDGE: When you say the dark web, do you have a rough idea who was selling these things on the web?

GARDA: Judge, in relation to that, that is an ongoing investigation. At this point I suppose I wouldn't want to...

JUDGE: Compromise the trial.
GARDA: Compromise the trial, compromise an ongoing investigation in relation to where they purchased the firearms or what the circumstances were around that.

JUDGE: But they were purchased on the dark web?

GARDA: Yes, they made contact with persons on the dark web.

JUDGE: Is that the dark web in the Republic of Ireland or outside the Republic?

GARDA: Eh, eh...

JUDGE: If you don't want to answer it, don't answer it.

GARDA: I don't fully as I don't want to mislead the court.

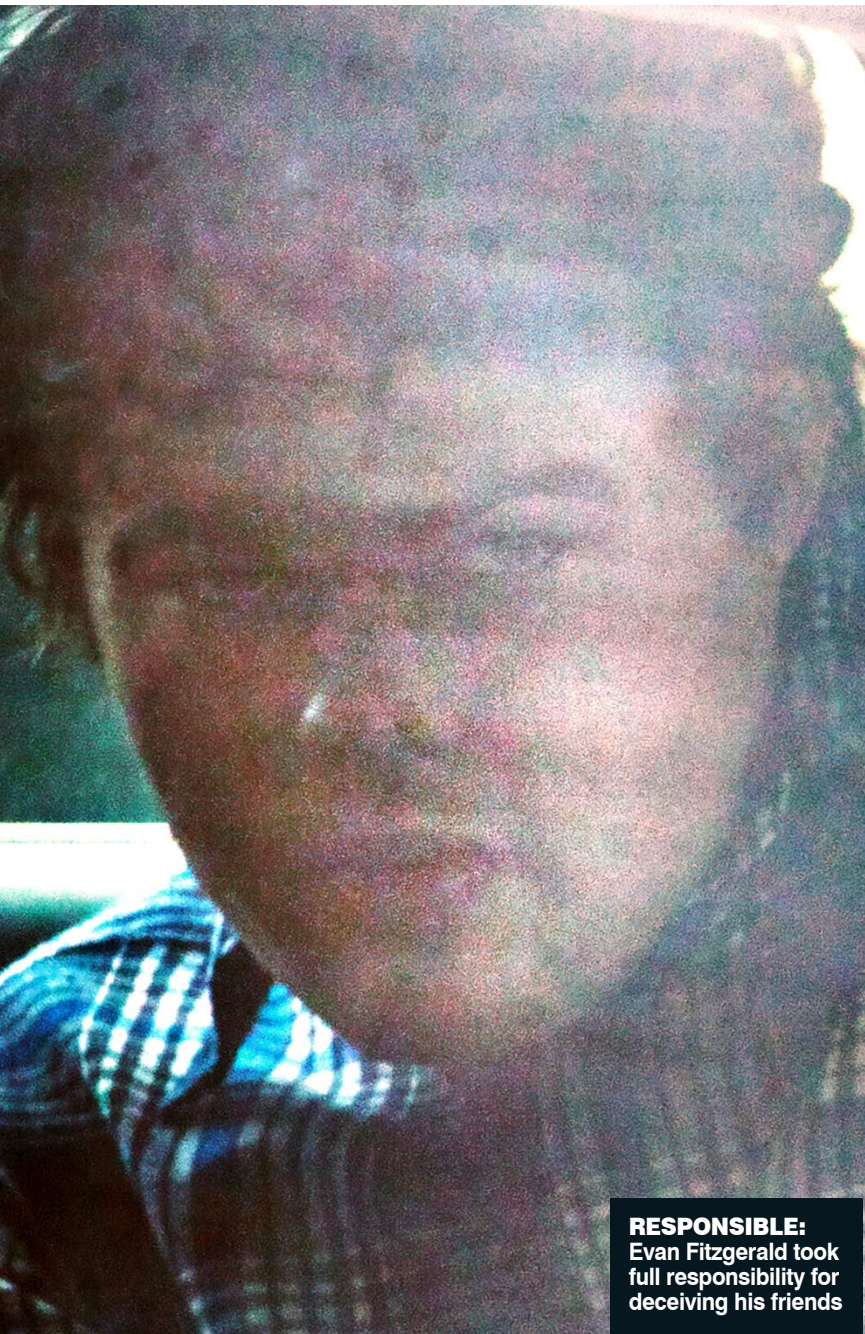
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SENATOR MICHAEL McDOWELL (SPEAKING IN SEANAD ÉIREANN): It is a shocking thing, I



QUESTIONS: Judge Zaidan

gardaí delivered to seized from the IRA



RESPONSIBLE:
Evan Fitzgerald took full responsibility for deceiving his friends

ties that include courtesy, integrity and most importantly, loyalty. A trait which was abundantly clear up to his

final days.'

The Garda Ombudsman, Fiosrú, this weekend confirmed the controversial undercover Garda operation 'remains open and under investigation'.

A spokeswoman told the MoS: 'Fiosrú, Office of the Police Ombudsman, received a referral from An Garda Síochána on Monday 2 June 2025, under Section 203(1) of the Policing, Security and Community Safety Act 2024.'

'The referral was made by a Garda Superintendent in relation to the death of a man at the Fairgreen Shopping Centre, Carlow, which had occurred the previous evening. Upon receipt of the referral, Fiosrú appointed a senior designated officer to conduct an investigation under section 208(1) (b) of the PSCS Act 2024.'

'This matter remains open and under investigation by Fiosrú.'

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Chose to provide the three young men with weapons

THIS is the protected disclosure which was published last year by the Irish Mail On Sunday in heavily redacted fashion for legal reasons as the case of the young men we now know to be Evan Fitzgerald, Shane Kinsella and Daniel Quinn Burke was before the courts.

FIREARMS already in the possession of An Garda Síochána for a significant number of years were delivered to three young males from Wicklow in order for the Garda National Drugs and Organised Crime Bureau (GNDOCB), with the likely assistance of the National Surveillance Unit (NSU) and the Emergency Response Unit (ERU), to arrest the three unsuspecting young men with an interest in firearms.

The young men in question had gone online to enquire about firearms.

Their activity was picked up on by a foreign intelligence service who, via established intelligence channels, alerted An Garda Síochána as to the online presence of the young men and their inquisitiveness regarding firearms.

It is understood that the three young men of college age were not previously known to gardaí in a criminal context and nor were they associated with criminal or subversive groups.

It is understood that, having been alerted by the foreign security service, An Garda Síochána started to monitor the three young men, during which time they were further engaged with in the online environment in regard to their firearms enquiry. Rather than

Commissioner Drew Harris and relevant senior Garda managers, including those leading the areas of Organised & Serious Crime (OSC) and GNDOCB, considering an outreach or a non-arrest intervention strategy (a form of restorative justice) aimed at dissuading the young men from engaging in such behaviour, they rather chose to provide the three young men with weapons so they could then arrest them.

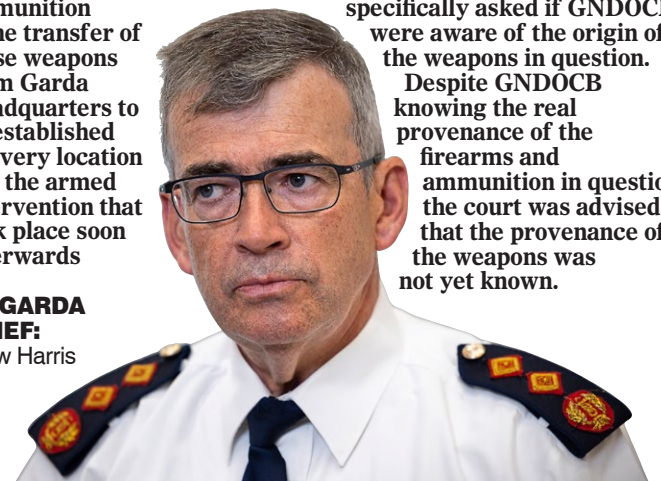
While it was implied by Garda management at the time that the three young men had illegally imported firearms into the Irish State, in reality senior Garda management had instructed that firearms and ammunition already held by An Garda Síochána for significant periods of time be handed over to GNDOCB in order for that bureau to deliver these Garda-held firearms, thus allowing the three young men to collect them.

Included in the alleged cache were:

- An M1911 handgun
- A G3 Heckler & Koch military rifle, capable of semi-automatic and fully automatic fire, and
- Forty (40) rounds of ammunition

The transfer of these weapons from Garda Headquarters to an established delivery location and the armed intervention that took place soon afterwards

EX GARDA CHIEF:
Drew Harris



would have come at considerable cost to the State given the various specialist units involved and for what?

Merely to retrieve the firearms and ammunition which were already in the possession of An Garda Síochána for a significant number of years and for such items to be returned to Garda Headquarters from where they had originated.

Oh and of course to destroy the futures of the three young men in question.

While a controlled delivery by AGS in the event of illegal weapons actually being smuggled or imported into the State or where such firearms were being actively sought by criminal or terrorist organisations would of course be warranted, serious questions arise in respect of this particular issue and the arrest of three young men without any criminal or subversive links.

Not only was the public deceived by Drew Harris's need to create a positive narrative for the media, the courts, and in particular Judge Desmond Zaidan, were also deceived given that the court (Judge Zaidan) specifically asked if GNDOCB

were aware of the origin of the weapons in question.

Despite GNDOCB knowing the real provenance of the firearms and ammunition in question, the court was advised... that the provenance of the weapons was not yet known.

origins

have to say, that untrue and misleading evidence would be given to a judge of the Irish District Court in these circumstances, leaving him in the dark that these were decommissioned weapons supplied in a controlled delivery by members of An Garda Síochána in a setup of one naive man and his two childhood friends.

I believe that is a shocking thing which needs investigation.

THE following is a transcript of a video message that was on a USB stick that Evan Fitzgerald stuck to his friend Shane Kinsella's front window. The USB stick contains a number of videos to friends and family members, some complementary written notes to the same people, his will and other notes that clearly demonstrate his anguish in the weeks and months leading up to his death. We are publishing this transcript and extracts from notes to his friends because it reveals the basic humanity of Evan Fitzgerald, who he was, and his genuine concern about the impact of his actions would have on his two closest friends, Shane Kinsella and Daniel Quinn Burke.

I HOPE that my death somehow gives you less time in jail or something like that. That the main person who was in charge, a crazy b****d who was in charge, you guys [were] just misguided, because that's exactly what I was. I was a giant manipulator and misguider. Complete brainwash, basically. Borderline brainwashed you guys. I put ideas into your heads. Those ideas were just straight up poison. Yeah, so I'm sorry with how that turned out. I'm sorry for being such a case.

There's not really anything I can say, and I say this in every single video. I've retaken so many of these videos and just trying to go over them again and again and again to try and find the exact f***ing perfect words to say, but I can't find them because they don't exist.

Yeah, ahem...

I've f****d up your lives so badly and I feel like the least I can do is kind of die. Now, this whole dying, committing suicide isn't your fault.

Ahem, it's not like, 'Oh, if I talked him out of it,

'I don't want to hurt any more people than I have'

then he wouldn't have got arrested and gone suicidal and killed himself.'

This has been in my brain for... for years, this whole wanting to die thing, and it's just reached a breaking point, because I've just, I've realised so many different things.

You know, that's from being in my head too much, but also I just, I'm not gonna get any better. I'm not gonna become a better person. I'm just gonna get worse and worse and worse.

And... yeah. I don't want to hurt any more people than I already have. And I don't know what I'm going to do. I don't know if my death is going to be a violent one or if it's going to be a peacefully one. [SIC] I haven't made up my mind yet.

Yeah.

Anyway... [groans]

I hope my death is at least a bit beneficial in the eyes to court. The... court.

You guys better stay friends after this. I know it was a bit of a, you know, last time we were all together for a whole day was a bit of a disaster, barring all the court dates and stuff. But you guys, you know, stick it through. Read my will and all of the little notes I left you guys there. I was able to think then. But I just want to give you a... a visual. And I know this is like a 'Great we get to see Evan as a dishevelled lump of...' whatever the f*** I am now. But yeah, I feel like it's a bit more personal if I were just to say that I'm sorry in a video.

And that you guys gave me such a... you guys were the best friends



ANGUISH: Evan Fitzgerald left a number of video messages to friends and family members

I could have ever asked for. Completely sporadic, crazy b****ds. We had the best f***ing parties. Anytime I was playing video games with you guys, it was always some stupid s*** would happen. It was fun. I miss doing that on the weekends.

Oh here's another thing. I play a bunch of PUBG [A VIDEO GAME] to try and distract myself from the world, and it didn't work. But if you guys can log onto my steam [??] and use the same PUBG account, you know you can see my

guy all dressed up. It's really cool. [LAUGHS]

Yeah, I've lost it. completely and utterly, lost my mind. And I have been destroying myself, and I've been doing it on purpose, because I don't deserve to get better, and I

His thoughts from beyond the grave reveal Evan Fitzgerald's sincere love for his friends I don't deserve to get better... I hate the way I think, so I am going to die

You can't deny a dead person's last wish

SHANE (EXTRACT)

I know my untimely death sucks and i really considered you and Dan my brothers. im so sorry for what i did, you can forgive me but i will never have the strength to forgive myself

Keep the good memories make more with dan... but you guys cant make anymore with me i apologies but its for the best. Just

promise me that you will leave the country at least once. go and be free escape this place and never ever follow in my footsteps if you do stupid s*** my ghost WILL haunt you ok and you cant deny a dead persons last wish's right

so don't f***ing die and get out of the country go with Dan for nights out at pubs an s*** bro branch out cus god damit life is to short.

It was beyond an honour knowing you and im

sorry for the pain i caused i guess i was more unstable then i thought. Your going to be ok man just keep real and take it easy. i cant put myself back together but i know you can i know your going to be ok.

you couldn't have changed my outcome this sorta thing was bound to happen eventually you still have time to fix stuff on your end bro, you can forget me and things will get better.

your a good person shane you were a brother to me and you were an amazing friend i couldn't have asked for anyone better. dont carry weight on your shoulders man.

talk it out and let your life go onward you were my brother and i betrayed you.

its better with me like this dont be sad im gone man.. its honestly the best outcome for me

And I wish I could convey more on how sorry I really am. It's like saying thanks a million. You know, like saying a million, like, thanks a million times, but just saying it through a couple words, like, 'Thanks... a million.' It's like, a thanks a million times, but just saying to a couple words like,

don't think... I don't know, I just don't think.... I hate the way I think. I hate the way I am, and I don't want to be that anymore, and so I'm going to die for the best. [SARCASTICALLY] Yayyy.

I'm sorry, guys, for everything.



TRAGIC: Evan Fitzgerald left suicide notes and videos

Thanks million it's like, doesn't convey how much thanks there is. And it's said so loosely. But if I said 'I'm sorry a million,' even that doesn't convey how f***ing sorry I am that I f***d you guys over and almost got you shot and potentially put in jail. And I don't know if you guys are in jail because I'll probably be dead by the time the decision is made, or if the decision is made, I'll be dead. I don't know. I'm just gonna be dead. I know that much, because it's what is needed.

Sorry guys. There's nothing you guys could have done. There's nothing anybody could have done. This is just the way it's supposed to go.

Yeah. And I've made these videos so many times. Just keep deleting them because I can't find the right things to say, or I say things wrong, or I just... my brain is too scattered and I can't do it anymore.

But you guys have bright futures. You have places to go. You've got people to be. You guys got to go off and see the rest of the world. OK? Because it's not just this s***hole

of Ireland, OK? There's lots of different countries out there, lots of different opportunities. Go out, see the world. If you're somewhere and you're miserable, change it. Be better. Be determined. See it through, OK? And don't get arrested. [CHUCKLES] I know. Ironic.

I kind of made these videos in a rush, because the day... the days that I can take anymore, is reaching its limit, and so I'm pretty much gonna pass on any day now, and I just keep deleting the videos because I'm just like, "No, that doesn't convey anything," because I just go on crazy rants like I am right now. So I wish I... I wish things could have ended differently for all of us. But friendships change, mistakes get made, and I'm a crazy person. Yeah. Sorry for all the s*** I put you through. Sorry for all the s*** I put your families through. It hurts. It's like... I remember Elaine, your dads, Suzanne, all of your parents being so nice to me. And this is how I repay them. Great. It's f***ing

great. Your siblings were so nice to me. Lisa was... she was nice. She was like, you know, so polite all the time. And your siblings, Daniel, they're all f***ing messers. They're great. They were so nice to me. Your parents were so nice, making me dinner and letting me stay over. Both of you parents doing s*** like that for me and I

'I wish things could've ended differently for us'

fuck up their son's life. Yeah, great, thanks Evan.

Like, I can't convey how... how sorry I am. [SIGHS] If I wasn't a nut case.... Sorry, sorry, sorry, sorry, sorry... but it's not enough. Sorry is not enough, and I'm not gonna get better. So... yeah. Sorry that the story has a bad ending. But it's... it's a needed ending. It's a deserved ending. Yeah... I'll ahem.... You guys take care of yourself, OK? Take care of your-

Let my death set you free, it's better that I ended everything

DANIEL (EXTRACT)

When i first met you... it was the first few days of school in first year and we played like a two player version of Tetris on your phone or some s***... god i wish then you knew what i was and the amount of s*** i would cause you. No apology will ever be enough. i dont know what to say Dan you and shane were like brothers i never had. i valued you and after a year of isolation from people in general and dealing with so much loss the self hatred i have is to much and if it got to me it means your reading this im sorry man you shouldn't have the pain but you will be ok. you gave me some of the best memories i could ever ask for the adventures the dedication you gave. You and shane were brothers to me i would done what i could have to help you but i did the opposite

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Im an idiot and its unfair in how i used you and betrayed you. im also so sorry for what i put

your family trough your mam and dad were so nice to me and i repay your friendship and their kindness with my actions.

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so yeah this ends... worse mistake i ever made was introducing myself to you. i wish you never knew me you would be so much better off never even looking in my direction.

now that im gone explore the world for me Dan. go see the things i never seen. i will be with you and Shane on the journeys. i will be beside you in spirit

please take me to amazing places. do good things for me dan let my death set you free don't grieve me its better that i ended everything like this.

* * * * *

be stronger than me.
be better than me.
both of you were my brothers
i didn't deserve your kindness
but thanks for being there for me
in the past
enjoy your life and stay frosty
dan
your going to be ok

selves. Be kind to yourselves. Don't do anything that I would do. If you see something and you're like "Oh man Evan would love that," then f***ing stay away from it. [CHUCKLES]

All right guys. I wish there was more that I could say more than I could convey but I'm just so... tired. I've just gone over, what will I say to them? My last words, over and over again in my head, and there's nothing that I can say that is the right thing to say. So I'm gonna end it at this. Yeah... I'm gonna end it like this.

[SHAKING HEAD] F***. F***. I'll see you guys later, and ahem... Yeah. Stay strong. Be stronger than I am. Stronger than I was. Stay determined, because we'll see it through to the other side. I just wish I... wasn't such a mess.

[SIGHS]
It's frustrating... How I wish I could just.... [GROANS]

OK. That does it. I'm sorry guys. I just can't go on anymore, and I hope you will forgive me. And I hope... you know.... don't mourn my death, celebrate it. I don't want people to be crying. I don't want people to be sad when it comes to like, 'the Evan anniversary' or some s***. I want y'all to get completely f***ing slashed on drink, listen to some really good f***ing music. Don't even reminisce about me. Just, you know... you know... just talk.

What am I even saying? I don't know. I'm so frustrated with myself.

Anyway, Shane, Dan, you were the best friends I could have ever asked for. Like brothers to me. Like, honest to God, you guys were like brothers to me. And I want to thank you. I want to thank you guys for being... for being my brothers. We went through thick and thin until it got too much. And to think that to keep us all apart, to keep the brothers apart [MAKES BICEP FLEX SIGN WITH ARM], took a court order and the police

with guns to stop us. Yeah. We had a strong bond, and I'm sorry that I betrayed that trust, and that... that value that we had.

Yeah. OK. I think I conveyed all I want to. You guys were like brothers to me, and I wish I could have ended things on a better note.

But it's half drunk up in a lovely camping spot up in Glenmalur.

But... yeah. I hope you can forgive me for the arrest, and for the... suicide. I hope you can forgive me. So, yeah.

And it's OK if you don't, if you want to be mad at someone. Just know there's nothing you guys could have done to change this outcome. That history has written itself, and this was always going to be how I ended up, because... you know... I'm not going to get any better. I'm just... I'm just sick. And I can't be cured. So take it in solace.

Yeah. OK. You guys can read the will, I've written it out. You guys have all those... those things. And ahem... Yeah. Don't let my death go to your heads. All right? You'll forget about me in a year or two, and that's OK. You don't have to remember me. And I think... I think it would be better if this was just a crazy story that happened in your normal, peaceful lives. So, yeah, don't do anything I would do and stay frosty, guys.

OK, that's it, that's... that's it, that's it. I don't have any more words. I don't know what else to say. A million sorrys will never be enough. A million thank yous will never be enough. So I just end it with one last... Thank you... and goodbye.

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