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Missing Amy

MYSTERY Amy Fitzpatrick and pal Alan Quieros



Exclusive Pal reveals distraught messages night before she vanished

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HUTCH WANTED FEUD CEASEFIRE

BY ALISON O'RIORDAN and EOIN REYNOLDS

GERRY "The Monk" Hutch wanted to end the bloody feud with the Kinahans, the Special Criminal Court heard yesterday.

In conversations captured by a garda bugging device, he labelled Daniel Kinahan as "weak" but he wanted it "put it to bed".

Hutch, 59, added: "It's the best option or go to war."

He is on trial accused of the murder of David Byrne in 2016.

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WEAK How Hutch saw rival Daniel Kinahan

Murder accused recorded by Garda bugging device



Brill Japan silence Germany

World Cup pullout inside

AMY FITZPATRICK: PAL'S FINAL CHAT WITH MISSING TEEN

'Amy was distraught that night..she told me the Ireland move had been cancelled. She said I love you.. don't worry about me

Alan on last messages before 15-year-old disappeared



EXCLUSIVE
BY DANNY DE VAAL

A PAL of missing Amy Fitzpatrick has told for the first time about "distraught" messages from the teen the night before she vanished.

Alan Quieros chatted with the Irish girl on a daily basis in the months before her disappearance nearly 15 years ago and said she was like a "little sister" to him.

They had their final exchange on New Year's Eve in 2007 – less than 24 hours before she was last seen.

Alan said Amy hated living in Spain and was set to move back to Ireland within a matter of weeks. But she said the move had been cancelled because her passport had been "destroyed".

Her father Chris has previously said she was still on her mother's passport.

Alan, now 39, also revealed the 15-year-old, who was originally from Coolock in Dublin, was being bullied in school.

Speaking for the very first time, Alan told the Irish Mirror: "All Amy wanted to do was leave Spain, go back to Ireland and live with her dad Christopher.

"She was told she could go back to Ireland and she was counting down the days, but was devastated when it cancelled."

Amy vanished from Calypso, in Mijas, on the Costa del Sol in Spain on New Year's Day 2008.

She was last seen when she left Ashley Rose's home at 10pm where she was helping babysit her pal's brother in Riviera del Sol, near Mijas

From there she was to return to her own villa – a 10-minute walk away.

At the time, Amy was living with her mum Audrey, her stepdad Dave Mahon and her brother Dean.

Tragic Dean, 23 was stabbed to death by his Mahon on May 25, 2013.

Alan, who now works as a mechanic, said he was in a band and was preparing for a gig on New Year's Eve when he had his last interaction with Amy.

He explained: "I was trying to get ready for the show. I was messaging her in between getting ready on MSN.

"I was calling my mates to arrange for equipment to be moved to the venue so I had all sorts going on.

"But Amy was distraught that night. She told me the Ireland move had



TOGETHER
Ashley Rose and Amy Fitzpatrick

been cancelled. She was a bit vague about it but said her passport had been destroyed.

"The conversation went on for a bit longer so I said, 'Aimz, I really need to go as I'm running late. I'll speak to you tomorrow. Don't worry about anything I'll sort it out'.

"Have a Happy New Year. I love you to bits." He said Amy responded: "I love you, Happy New Year, and don't worry about me, I've got a scheme."

Alan, who first met the teenager through another pal Kim Simpson,

pressed Amy about what she meant and he told her not to "do anything silly" before reassuring her everything would be "sorted".

He said she responded with "you'll find out". At the time, Alan said he didn't think too much about it until she was reported missing a couple of days later.

Speaking from Broadstairs in England, he added: "After she was reported missing, I went straight back to that conversation and thought, 'F****ing hell Amy what have you done'.

"I was thinking what did she

mean by having a 'scheme'. I phoned the Spanish police at the time about it but nothing ever came about from it.

"But I began to get really worried when nobody heard from her.

"I started to think, 'There's something more to this than meets the eye because there's no way with all these appeals that Amy wouldn't have reached out to her dad Christopher."

Alan said at the time it emerged a Ford Fiesta which belonged to a family friend had gone missing.

He added theories started circulating she was driving herself back

through and she was extremely upset. She spent New Year's Day at the house of her best friend Ashley Rose, helping to babysit.

Shortly after 10pm she left there to walk home via a dirt track, which should have taken about 10 minutes. According to her mother, Audrey, she

never arrived. Her disappearance sparked a major appeal from her family in Spain and in Ireland.

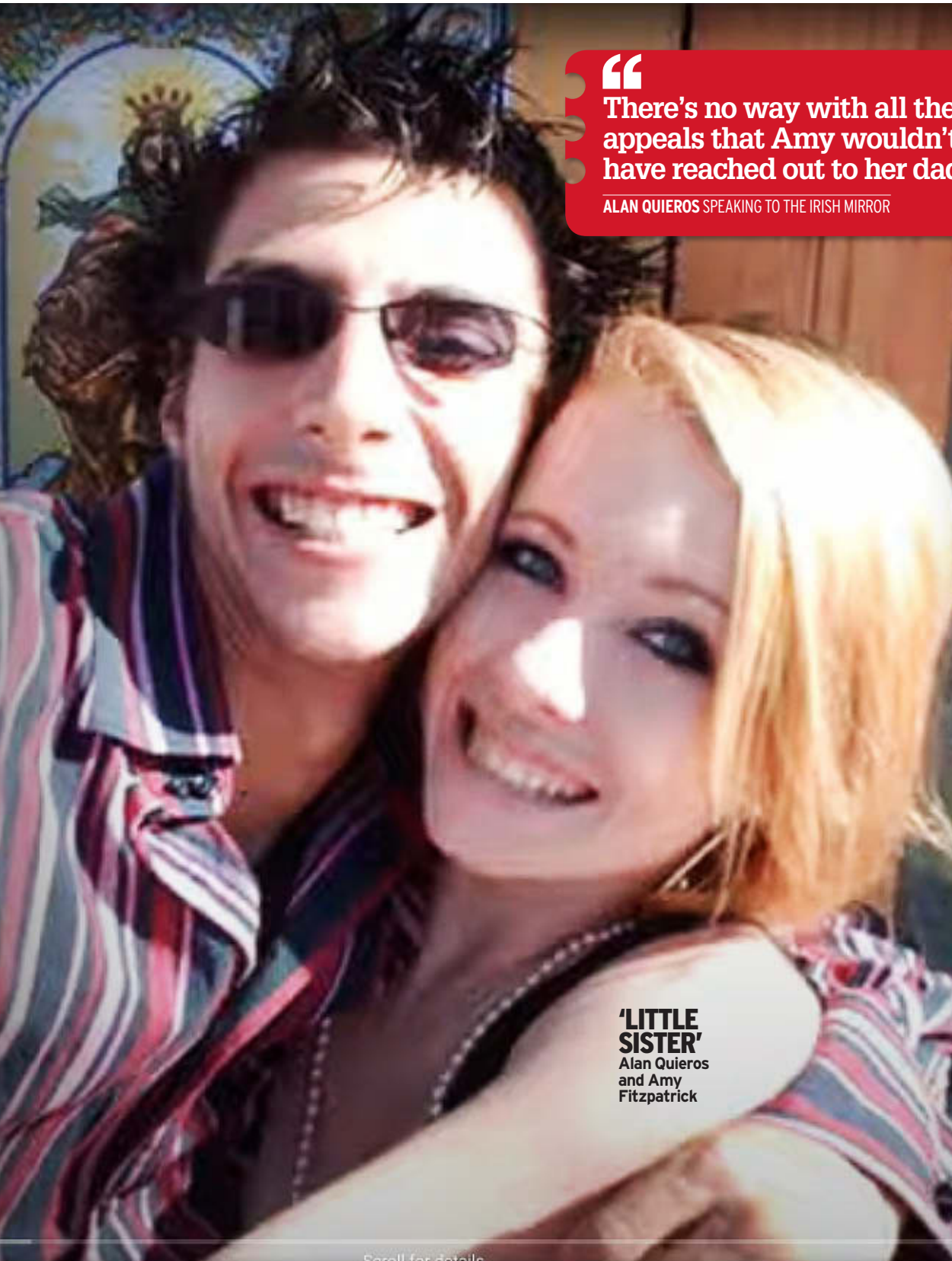
Yet there has been no sign of Amy since she vanished almost 15 years ago.

Some investigators believe there could be a Dublin

gangland connection, with suspicion falling on the hitman Eric "Lucky" Wilson (currently in a Spanish prison for shooting a British criminal dead) and the unnamed friend of a Kinahan cartel bagman. More recently, it's

been reported that Amy had started visiting the home of a man later jailed for child sex abuse. However, despite several leads, nothing concrete over what happened Amy has ever emerged. Spanish police maintain they have not closed the teenager's file and they

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ALAN QUIEROS SPEAKING TO THE IRISH MIRROR



'LITTLE SISTER'
Alan Quieros and Amy Fitzpatrick



MESSAGES
Alan Quieros speaks to the Mirror



BACK HOME
Mum Audrey & partner Dave Mahon



CONCERT Actress Atack

Emily's mum had Atack of the giggles

BY MIRROR REPORTER

ACTRESS Emily Atack has revealed her parents got kicked out of a school concert for laughing too hard at her inability to play the cello.

The 32-year-old's parents, Kate Robbins and Keith Atack, were removed by the headmaster after they cracked up at their daughter "pretending to play" the instrument.

The inbetweeners star, who was educated at Parkfields School near Luton before Harlington Upper School, told the Safe Space podcast she was too "lazy" to learn, so she mimed the entire performance.

She said: "I could see my parents' shoulders shaking. I wondered what they were laughing at and carried on. But they were escorted out."



BOTS Singer Justin

1/3 of star's followers are Timberfakes

BY MIRROR REPORTER

NEARLY one-third of singer Justin Timberlake's Instagram followers are fake, a study out yesterday revealed.

Researchers at security firm Scams.info found 29% of the former NSync icon's fans were "bots", which can endanger security.

Timberlake, 41, has just over 67 million followers – meaning around 20 million are not genuine.

The study found that despite Timberlake having the highest percentage of fake followers, the celeb with the largest number of bogus followers was Kylie Jenner.

The 25-year-old influencer has 372 million followers, although 27% were found to be fakes, meaning 108 million are not real people.

Baffling case file still open

AMY Fitzpatrick's sudden disappearance is one of the most baffling missing person cases in Irish history.

Amy, who was 15 at the time she vanished, seemingly hadn't an enemy in the world.

The blue-eyed girl from Coolock in

Dublin went missing from Riviera del Sol in Mijas Costa, near Fuengirola on New Year's Day 2008.

She was last seen as she walked home from her friend Ashley Rose's house in Calahonda on Spain's Costa del Sol.

The pretty teen was living with her

brother Dean, mum Audrey Fitzpatrick and stepfather Dave Mahon at the time.

She had moved to Spain in 2004 but was unhappy living there and had wanted to return home to Ireland.

Amy had been due to visit her father, Christopher, in Dublin on St Stephen's Day 2007, but the trip fell



STABBED Dean Fitzpatrick

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DAY 1 OF OUR LOOK AT LIMERICK AS IT MOVES ON FROM VIOLENCE



EXCLUSIVE
BY DANNY DE VAAL in Limerick

GARDA chiefs vowed yesterday to do everything in their power to ensure gang violence that plagued their city will never return.

They insisted Limerick had been cleaned up and its "Stab City" nickname was "unfair".

Supt Andrew Lacey of Roxboro Road Garda Station was a frontline officer when the war between the Keane-Collopy and the McCarthy-Dundon mobs was at its peak between 2000 and 2013.

He said he is thankful the city has moved on – but admitted every officer has those dark days, when 13 people were killed, at the back of their mind. In an exclusive interview Supt Lacey said: "It's a bit of a memory now. There are still incidents between criminal gangs of course – but back then I think it was the frequency of it. "It was just the sheer frequency of it, you would go to work on any given day and nearly expect to be at the scene of a shooting, an arson, or a murder, or something of that level of violence.

"That became the norm and was completely normalised across the city back then but now as a comparator, we're getting complaints from people in relation to anti-social behaviour, thefts, and offences associated with a city of its size and demographic.

CHALLENGES

"General public order complaints and anti-social behaviour trends that you would always associate with large urban areas but go back 15 years and those complaints probably weren't made.

"They weren't vocalised because the population of Limerick realised the level of violence and challenges that we faced.

"In one way it is a sign of progression that here we are dealing with those kinds of mid to low-level issues regularly which of course are extremely important to people but going back to that time, I suppose the complaints wouldn't have even been reported because the people knew the level of challenge and the seriousness of violence that we faced. "That alone reflected the togetherness the city had to put the difficult chapter behind us."

It is believed the bloody feud claimed the lives of up to 20 people – but both gangs have been effectively dismantled after gardai placed a number of key players behind bars.

The death toll included the horrific murder of innocent man Shane Geoghegan who was brutally gunned down on November 9, 2008, in a case



HOPEFUL Supt Andrew Lacey with Mirror's Danny

“ You'd go into work & expect to be at scene of shooting

SUPT ANDREW LACEY LIMERICK YESTERDAY

» Top cop says city scarred by gang feud won't face war again

» Gardai ready to root out the criminals at first sign of trouble

» And he says the nickname is unfair after huge progress



SOUTHILL



MOYROSS

Stab City is history

of mistaken identity. Dublin man Barry Doyle, who is believed to have been working on behalf of the McCarthy-Dundons, was convicted in 2012 of the murder and was given a life sentence.

John Dundon was also convicted of the murder the following year.

Earlier this month, notorious gangster Ger Dundon, was caged for 15 years in the UK for his role in an extortion plot.

Supt Lacey said Limerick has been on a "remarkable journey" over the

past 10 years and paid homage to the dedicated gardai who ensure the streets are safe.

He added: "There are many different reasons why we're thankfully living and policing in what's a different city to the one in the 2000s right up to 2013 and 2014."

Supt Lacey said proactive and high

visibility policing along with intelligence-led raids were key to dismantling the gangs' power.

He added: "That was the bread and butter of it back in the day, as everyone knows, it was the same during feuds in Dublin and Drogheda. "It was the use of the Armed Support Unit and other specialised units in our division that were a huge part of the success."

"One part of it is the real high-visibility in your face policing, sometimes that

can be intrusive on communities but is necessary to ensure a quality of life is returned. "But there also is a lot of specialist work going on in the background and coordinated efforts that you probably don't hear or see.

"Gardai do tremendous work in the background in identifying when these risks and these trends arise and then to go target the right people and bring them to court."

Areas such as Moyross, Ballinacurra Weston, Southhill, and St Mary's Park – particularly affected by the feud – are all going through regeneration projects to help communities rebuild.

The McCarthy-Dundon gang was based out of Ballinacurra Weston but they had also had a stronghold over Southill and Moyross.

The Keane-Collopy side operated in and around the St Mary's Park area.

Supt Lacey said, like the majority of cities and towns around Ireland, Limerick has a problem with drugs but insisted gardai would ruthlessly pursue gangs to ensure none ever gets a hold like in the past.



CONVICTED
Ger Dundon jailed 15 years in UK

GUN THUG

Barry Doyle shot Shane



“ There are certain people...you have to go after them

SUPT ANDREW LACEY LIMERICK YESTERDAY



NOTORIOUS
John Dundon jailed for murder



MURDER Doora Doyle where Shane died



SHOT DEAD

Shane Geoghegan

DAY 2 OF OUR LOOK AT LIMERICK GARDAI ON FRONTLINE OF CRIME

Deaths on road lead cops to be 'ruthless'

A GARDA said he is "ruthless" in his role because he has told "far too many" families their loved ones have been killed in traffic accidents.

Roads Policing Unit Sergeant Tony Minter said if motorists could see what he does on a daily basis they would understand what drives him to do his job "as effectively as possible".

He told the Irish Mirror: "The job of letting loved ones know that their son, daughter, mother or father has been killed falls on us.

"It's probably one of the toughest things we have to do. I've had to do it far too many times and I can remember every one of them.

"It's really difficult. I tend to be ruthless in what I do and a lot of my colleagues tend to be ruthless but people don't understand the reason for it.

"When you have to look someone straight in the eye and explain to them that their son or daughter has been killed in a road traffic accident, that does have an impact on you.

"That does drive me to make our roads as safe as possible."

Sgt Minter, of Henry Street Garda station, added: "People just see us out doing a checkpoint for speed, drug or drink-driving and don't know the backstory behind it.

"Cars can be fixed, situations can be resolved but lives can never be brought back.

So when we are out patrolling and doing high visibility checkpoints, and doing some covert work in unmarked vehicles, there's one goal and that's to make our roads safer for everyone.

"It's not just catching people that are driving at speed, it's to protect people - sometimes from themselves.

"I'm ruthlessly trying to make these roads as safe as possible. I just wish people would understand that it can happen to anybody."

Kids of 13 being used by dealers to deliver drugs

Teens ride e-scooters to supply coke & heroin

Trade set up on apps as cops pledge to strike back



BASE CAMP
Henry St Garda station, Limerick

EXCLUSIVE
BY **DANNY DE VAAL** in Limerick

GARDAI are pushing back against drug dealers who are using teenagers to deliver their deadly wares.

Runners as young as 13 are riding electric bikes and scooters to ferry heroin, cocaine and cannabis to Limerick's addicts.

Business is set up using social media before the young mules are dispatched but gardai are responding their activities.

Superintendent Andrew Lacey, of Roxboro Road Garda station, said drugs are still a problem in Limerick but his team was pro-active in their strategy.

He told The Irish Mirror: "The one significant problem which hasn't gone away and I think is reflective of all of Ireland is drugs.

"The use of scramblers, e-bikes, and scooters as transportation for the sale and supply of drugs in our own city centre is real and problematic.

"There is a major issue there and it's a big basis of complaints we get."

Supt Lacey added a new Bill governing the use of e-bikes and scooters will help gardai and he declared it is needed urgently.

When asked about the ages of perpetrators, he said: "I would estimate from reviewing incidents and experience over the last two to three months, that it is those in their early teenage years - from about 13 and up."

Speaking about the use of social media apps for drug dealing, Supt Lacey said that causes "challenges".

He explained: "You have to move with the innovations of the times as well. That type of drug policing is all about the seizures and interceptions.

"There's a bit of luck involved but you have to try and keep up with them in the way they go about their business. There is a bit of making sure that we're on par with them."

Meanwhile, Inspector Pdraigh Sutton, who is in charge of road policing and major emergency management and events, said nothing surprises him.

He explained: "The thing about working in a large city but particularly Limerick you could see pretty much anything.

"I've been here 20 years and I came to Limerick when policing here was really challenging. "It is still challenging but not as much as it once was. "We have an excellent police service here and an



TESTS
Breathalyser



HARM'S WAY
Man is arrested under Public Order Act

Pictures: MICK O'NEIL

"The thing about being in a city is you could see almost anything"
INSPECTOR PADRAIGH SUTTON LIMERICK



INQUIRY Wilton Manor, Cork

Man wounded after gunman 'fires 5 shots'

BY **DANNY DE VAAL**

A MAN drove himself to hospital after he was shot in the stomach yesterday morning.

The 42-year-old father-of-three was walking to his car at Wilton Manor in the southside of Cork city shortly after 5am when a gunman fired five shots at the victim, who was on his way to work, and was only struck once.

The victim then drove himself to the A&E at Cork University Hospital where he collapsed before undergoing emergency surgery.

It is understood five shots were fired at close range but the victim, who was on his way to work, was only struck once.

The victim was driven away in a waiting car.

The victim then drove himself to the A&E at Cork University Hospital where he collapsed before undergoing emergency surgery.

It is understood he briefly spoke to gardai but they want to talk to him further to get more details.

The victim was in a stable condition in hospital last night.

FOOTAGE
Cops have begun carrying out door-to-door inquiries in the area and have already begun looking at CCTV footage from the area.

But no motive has been established yet for the horrific attack.

The Garda Technical Bureau was also at the scene recovering evidence yesterday.

In a statement, a spokesman said they "are investigating all the circumstances in relation to a man presenting himself with gunshot wounds at Cork University Hospital".

The source added: "The man remains in stable condition at Cork University Hospital. "Detectives are appealing to any persons who were in the Wilton area of Cork city between 5am and 5.45am yesterday and who may have noticed anything unusual to contact gardai. "Any road users with camera footage [including dash cam] are asked to make this footage available to investigating gardai. "Anyone with information is asked to contact Toghra Garda station on 021 494 7120, the Garda Confidential Line on 1800 666 111, or any station."



DETAINED
Man arrested in drugs inquiry



OFF THE STREETS
Cannabis seized by officers in Limerick



NIMBLE
E-scooter retrieved by gardai

excellent community network with external stakeholders and together we can achieve great things for the city."

Limerick is a very practical policing set-up. "People who do get arrested find themselves in court very quickly. "We do everything we can to try and promote Limerick to the rest of the country and show what it is really like. "We also have theft issues in the city centre like any other city but we have dedicated guys and girls on the ground who are there to try and apprehend and prevent crime while also supporting communities. "We engage with communities and we do everything we can to prevent crime happening before it starts. "Through proactive engagement with the community, we will continue to target serious criminality, general criminality, and public order offences. "We will continue to do that 24/7, 365 days a year. "We won't give up on that. Our primary goal will always be to keep people safe."

O'Sullivan and Jason Walmsley noticed two men travelling on an electric bike near People's Park. The under cover officers successfully apprehended the passenger who was arrested on suspicion of sale and supply of drugs after an estimated €200 worth of cannabis was found. The driver managed to flee but cops seized the electric bike. **OPERATION** The officers were attached to Operation Croi which was set up to combat theft from shops, public order, sale and supply of controlled drugs and anti-social behaviour. Later that day they also attempted to make another arrest linked to separate drugs inquiry but the suspect wasn't home. That evening, we joined cops from the regular unit and patrolled the city centre streets with Gardai Brain Delaney and Wes McCarthy. While driving Gda Delaney noticed a man walking on Island Road who was wanted in connection with a robbery at an electronics store. He turned the patrol car around and apprehended the suspect who was in his 50s. It later emerged the man was wanted in connection with at least seven different robberies in stores across the city. We then headed

towards McLaughlin Road where a bus passenger was viciously assaulted by a man and a woman. But the victim decided he didn't want to make a formal statement to gardai. Later in the evening, officers became suspicious of a man who was walking up and down O'Connell Street. They approached him and he became aggressive. He was then arrested and brought back to Henry Street for a drug search. Shortly after midnight, a man in his 50s was arrested for a public order offence but attempted to flee after officers tried to cuff him. After a brief struggle, Gda Delaney and Gda McCarthy brought the situation under control and the suspect was transported back to the station. **"You have to move with innovations and ensure we're on a par with them"** SUPT ANDREW LACEY FROM ROXBORO ROAD STATION

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OFFICERS ON PATROL TO BRING LAW & ORDER TO THE CAPITAL



BRIEFING Mirror's Danny with Supt Dermot McKenna

EXCLUSIVE BY DANNY DE VAAL

GARDAI have vowed to tackle street-level drug dealers operating in broad daylight while also fighting back against assaults, thefts and anti-social behaviour in the capital.

The Irish Mirror spent a day with officers from Pearse Street who patrol the busiest areas of Dublin city centre ensuring the streets are safe under Operation Citizen.

The initiative, which was set up by the former Assistant Commissioner Anne Marie Cagney in 2021, now has 28 gardai and four sergeants working across four units.

Operation Citizen has been highly successful and delivered numerous arrests and charges.

The Irish Mirror joined Sgt Brendan Brogan, Gardai Joe O'Connor, Gillian Slane, and Barry Mullins on patrol.

In one incident, a man was arrested after he attempted to steal designer T-shirts from a store on Grafton Street.

Cops also detained three men who had bench warrants out for their arrest after they failed to appear in court on previous occasions.

And we saw gardai apprehend a woman suspected of shoplifting in another shop in the city centre.

We witnessed plain-clothes officers search five individuals which resulted in three arrests including one in which a man appeared to swallow some small bags believed to be narcotics.

Another man was nabbed for having a knife.

Later on in the evening, we raced to Temple Bar after there were reports of a fight but this was broken up and the victim refused to make a statement.

During the course of the day, 15 people were arrested while 10 were brought before the courts.

Sgt Brogan said the South Quays had a particular problem with drugs.

He added: "There is a problem and it's visible at times but it is one we are tackling on a daily basis."

"It's an undercover-type approach but in addition, there is a high-visibility policing presence with uniformed gardai to try and displace, frustrate and apprehend people in the act of taking, selling or supplying drugs.



NERVE CENTRE Officer monitors CCTV cameras



ARREST Suspect is taken into custody

Drug dealers, thieves and violent thugs are targeted in city centre



VIGILANT Street view from patrol vehicle

15 arrests were made on day Irish Mirror joined officers in Dublin

600 licensed premises in the catchment area of Pearse Street station



LIFTED Suspect is arrested



NABBED Plain-clothes garda makes an arrest



FRONTLINE POLICING Gardai take a man into custody in central Dublin

400 thousand visitors are expected in Dublin over St Patrick's weekend



TAKING STOCK Gardai on the beat in Dublin

Garda blitz on street crime

“The aim is to provide assurance the city is safe”
SUPT DERMOT MCKENNA ON POLICING

Behind every warrant, there is a crime and behind every crime, there is a victim." Supt Dermot McKenna stressed the importance of a high-visibility approach and revealed the crime rate in the city centre has fallen in the last five years. He said: "The aim is to provide reassurance that the city centre is a safe place to come, to visit, to shop and to work in. Our high-visibility uniform

presence has helped us to achieve that. "We will continue to engage with people at every opportunity. "We are in a much better place but will continue to work hard as we will never take these positive results for granted." Supt McKenna acknowledged that drug use in the city centre was still a problem but said specialised units have had "great returns" and made clear gardai will continue to clamp down on those involved. He acknowl-

edged there are people who have a history of drug misuse and are looking for help. He urged those who are seeking assistance to come forward. While the area the officers at Pearse Street cover might be small geographically, it is probably one of the busiest nationally for footfall. Supt McKenna continued: "It is an area which is very popular. "There are almost 600 licensed premises in this area making it a popular place for stag and hen parties. "It is a condensed but very busy

area where you are guaranteed to meet somebody every few yards. "The aim is for gardai to engage with people at every opportunity and at the earliest opportunity. "We will strategically assign gardai to specific areas at specific times, depending on crime patterns to act as a deterrent and provide reassurance. "Crime is going to happen but our aim is to best deploy gardai in those high-volume crime areas at pertinent times in order to maximise our chances of preventing and detecting

crime. In order to assist our investigations, people are urged to immediately report if they have been a victim of crime or notice any suspicious activity. "We are judged not just by our proactive approach but also by our response, how we investigate, how we provide support to victims and how we take a human rights approach to every investigation. "Policing is not just the responsibility of An Garda Síochána alone. We collaborate with other agencies whether it be the hostels, Dublin City

Council, or public representatives. We need the support of everybody to be successful." Supt McKenna said he expects up to 400,000 people to head into the city centre this month for the St Patrick's Day parade on March 17 and to socialise after the Ireland v England Six Nations' clash on March 18. He added gardai will engage with people but stressed there is a "tiered response" to every incident and officers would "act accordingly" if somebody crossed a line. The senior

officer also said there is a "zero tolerance" approach to drinking on the streets. Supt McKenna added: "If people are stepping over the line in terms of public order they will be arrested. "In relation to drug taking, we will engage with people who are potentially involved in drug use. "We have powers to stop and search people when there is a reasonable suspicion that they are involved or in possession of controlled drugs.



PRO-ACTIVE Man suspected of drug offences is arrested

We have made arrests which have led to significant seizures of drugs." He also praised his officers and said: "It is constant for them, it is 24/7 and it's challenging. There are a lot of investigations that require immediate follow-ups. "It is important to acknowledge the absolutely serious work and the sacrifices they make. There is no such thing as a day off for them. "We are lucky with the team that we have here."



JAILED Glen McManus

GAA referee assault thug freed early

BY **BRENDAN FURLONG**

A THUG who was jailed for six months for attacking a GAA referee has been freed after just four weeks, it has emerged.

Glen McManus, 34, was handed an 18-month term, with 12 suspended, by Judge James McCourt last month after he admitted punching referee Michael Lannigan in Wexford last September.

He also attacked another man who came to the ref's assistance.

It's understood he is on temporary release from the Midlands Prison as part of a community service programme.

That is offered to inmates serving less than one year.

An Irish Prison Service spokesman did not comment on the case.



REWARD Claire Cronin

Kinahan gang turn on each other in jail

BY **EMMA McMENAMY**

JAILED associates of the Kinahan cartel are starting to turn on each other as the gang starts to implode, it as emerged.

Tensions are said to have reached boiling point in recent weeks at Dublin's Mountjoy Prison.

A source told the Irish Mirror: "In the last few weeks many associates of the Kinahan cartel said they no longer want to be part of it anymore.

"Loyal members are turning on these inmates. There have been a lot of punch-ups and fights."

Last year US Ambassador to Ireland Claire Cronin said Washington was offering a €13.7million reward for information that led to the arrest or conviction of three senior Kinahan cartel members.

'BOTTLE SMASHED ON HEAD & BITTEN'

SICKENING

Oleksandr pictured in ambulance



BRUTAL INJURIES

Oleksandr Grekov, 23, before and after attack

EXCLUSIVE BY **DANNY DE VAAL**

A UKRAINIAN actor has been injured after thugs reportedly smashed a bottle off his head before using it to stab him in the face.

Oleksandr Grekov, 23, was also allegedly bitten by the gang at Eden Quay, Dublin, on Saturday night before he was rushed to hospital.

He had just finished performing a Ukrainian version of the Irish play Translations in the city's celebrated Abbey Theatre when he was attacked.

Oleksandr is attached to the Lesya Ukrainka National Theatre and its spokesman Anastasya Pavlenko said: "Oleksandr was standing near the Abbey after our last show.

"He was smoking near the main entrance and a group of people tried to take the cigarette from his mouth and his pack of cigarettes.

"Oleksandr tried to follow them and said, 'These are my cigarettes, what are you doing?' And the group of people started to hit him with a bottle.

"They broke it over his

BRAVE Oleksandr in bandage

Ukrainian actor, 23, viciously assaulted by gang after show

head... Some girl was also biting him. There were five of them, two males and three females.

"We are all surprised because we thought that Dublin was nice but sometimes s**t happens, it's life. We are happy that he is alive."

Anastasya said she didn't witness the attack herself but saw Oleksandr in the immediate aftermath.

She explained: "I saw the blood and a hole in his head so I was shocked. I was worried about him. It was a bad way to end our shows in Ireland.

"Police and an ambulance came quite quickly.

Everybody was so kind and helpful." When asked how Oleksandr was doing now, Anastasya explained: "He's pretty good now, he takes painkillers.

"He is OK but he has huge wounds on his face."

She said she believes the group who attacked him were aged in their mid-20s.

Anastasya also revealed that due to the ongoing crisis in Ukraine, the group must get permission from Kiev's Ministry of Culture and Ministry of Defence in order for men to be allowed to leave the war-torn nation.

The 28-strong group of actors and production staff, flew back to Kyiv yesterday after finishing a seven-show run.

Translations was written by Brian Friel and was first performed in 1980. It tells the story of a country where land-

marks and place names are wiped and renamed in a new language.

The Lesya Ukrainka National Academic Drama Theatre version was originally performed in the Ukrainian capital Kyiv last October.

The Dublin shows were in Ukrainian and tickets for anybody displaced by war and crisis cost €5.

Anastasya said apart from Oleksandr being attacked, the crew found being in Ireland "very good".

She added: "It was a good experience being in Ireland.

"We love Dublin and we loved our audiences and we love Irish people - so we were happy to be here."

Gardai said nobody has been arrested for the assault yet.

In a statement, a spokesman added: "Officers received report of an incident of assault on Eden Quay on Saturday evening.

"A man aged in his 20s was taken to the Mater Hospital to be treated for injuries believed to be non-life threatening. No arrests have been made but our inquiries are ongoing."