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# GANGSTERS MOCK GUN VICTIM

## FEUD RIVALS' WHEELCHAIR TAUNTS

### HUBCAPS SENT TO MOBSTER SIDEKICK

Owen Maguire (right), his brother Brendan (below) and (above) the scene of Brendan's shooting last week

THE gang suspected of gunning down two brothers, leaving one paralysed, sent wheelchair hubcaps to a pal of the disabled man.

Ken Foy survived after he was blasted three times in a drive-by attack in Louth. He was targeted by the same gang that shot and paralysed his brother Owen last July. In a bid to taunt their feud rivals, the gang sent the hubcaps to one of Owen's close associates.

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Last week, Brendan Maguire



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Gardai scour the site of the retail park shooting where Brendan Maguire (inset far right) was attacked last week



# MAGUIRE HITS SUSPECT HOME RAIDED AS PARALYSED BOSS MOCKED OVER WHEELCHAIR

**Ken Foy**  
CRIME CORRESPONDENT

ARMED gardai have raided the home of the chief suspect in the attempted murder of a 40-year-old man who was shot in front of children in a busy retail park last week.

The 23-year-old suspect, who was recently released from prison, was not in the house when heavily armed officers searched it and three other properties in Drogheda, Co Louth, in dawn raids on Saturday and Sunday.

The searches happened as part of a massive investigation into the feud-related attempted murder of Brendan Maguire (40), who survived after he was shot three times in a drive-by attack at the M1 Retail Park on the outskirts of the Co Louth town last Tuesday.

No arrests were made over the weekend but more searches are planned in the coming days, according to senior sources.

Maguire remains under armed guard in the same hospital as his younger brother Owen (35) – who has been left paralysed and in a wheelchair after the same mob tried to

murder him last July. And now the *Herald* has learned some of the “tactics” the opposing organised crime gang has been using to taunt its rivals.

It has emerged that the anti-Maguire faction, which is linked to some of the capital’s most dangerous northside drug gangs, arranged for “hubcaps for a wheelchair” to be delivered to one of Owen Maguire’s closest associates.

#### ANTAGONISE

“This was done to completely antagonise the Maguire faction. They have left that man in a wheelchair because of his injuries but they want his crew to know that they are not going away,” a source explained.

“They sent on hubcaps for a wheelchair to one of Owen Maguire’s best pals – it was delivered to his home as a p\*\*s take but also as a reminder that they are delighted for his plight – there is serious hatred here.

“This is just one of a number of instances of serious taunting – some on social media and some not – that both sides are up to in this increasingly one-sided drugs war.

The fact that wheelchair hubcaps were sent to Owen Maguire’s mate is probably the most serious taunting incident that has happened so far, but there is no doubt that there will be more.”

Meanwhile, local officers were backed up by the Regional Armed Support Unit during a number of searches in Drogheda over the weekend but no arrests were made.

“There have been no feud incidents in the town over recent days because it is effectively on lockdown – armed patrols are covering all the significant areas on a constant basis and this will continue this week,” a senior garda source said.

“All the major players are being closely monitored and there will be more searches in the near future.”

A major armed garda operation to protect the public and staff continued last night at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital in Co Louth, where both Maguire criminal brothers are being treated for gunshot injuries

last week’s botched hit. There are a number of other criminals who have strong connections to the gangland scene in Donaghmede and Coolock on their side against the Maguire faction.

Before last week’s murder attempt, the gun attack on Brendan’s brother Owen was considered the most serious incident in the feud.

Owen was blasted six times outside his home in a reckless handgun attack in which he sustained horrific injuries just after midnight last July 5.

The halting site at Cement Road in the town where Owen Maguire lived and was shot has now been demolished after it was closed by Drogheda Borough Council due to vandalism.

It was at this location gardai seized almost €270,000 of cash and €5,000 of cocaine in a targeted operation against the Maguire faction in August.

All the cash, which is primarily believed to be the proceeds of drug dealing, was in €50 notes and was found stashed in

a roof by local officers acting on specific intelligence.

No arrests were made in that bust, which followed a CAB probe against the mob in April in which searches took place in counties Dublin, Louth, Meath, Cavan and Monaghan, and one man was arrested for allegedly being in possession of stolen property.

Following the attempted murder of Owen Maguire last July, Brendan was regarded as one of the main protagonists in his brother’s faction as it struggled to contain its feud with a more powerful criminal gang with strong links to the capital’s organised crime scene.

Brendan was arrested in late November in a massive garda clampdown on the feuding gangs – after a series of bomb attacks and even a gruesome torture incident – and he has been on bail granted at Drogheda District Court since being charged in December.

We previously revealed that the black VW Passat which was used in last week’s drive-by shooting had been stolen from a leafy north Co Dublin suburb in a “creeper burglary” last month.



Owen Maguire was paralysed after an attempt to kill him

inflicted by the rival faction.

This mob is led by two local criminal brothers as well as the 23-year-old suspected of

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## FUGITIVE'S SECRET IDENTITY

# DRUGS LAB SUSPECT STEALS KILLER'S ID

**EXCLUSIVE**

**Ken Foy**  
A MAN suspected of running a city drugs lab was using the name of a notorious killer. Gardai found the "magic mushroom lab" at a home in south Dublin in July. They have since discovered that the man believed to be behind the drugs was on the run from the UK and using the identity of Glynn Powell, who killed a teenage girl in England in 1992.

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# CITY MAGIC MUSHROOM LAB SUSPECT WENT BY ID STOLEN FROM TEEN'S

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CRIME CORRESPONDENT

THE chief suspect for operating what gardai believe was the State's first ever "magic mushroom lab", was on the run in Ireland living under a false identity since fleeing here in December 1992, the *Herald* can reveal.

In a bizarre twist, for most of those years the English national used the name of a convicted killer who was involved in one of the most savage murders in the UK in recent decades.

Gardai have been investigating the identity of the suspect, who is in his 50s, ever since officers discovered the "magic mushroom lab" when they raided a property in Drimnagh in July.

The suspect was hospitalised weeks before the garda raid after suffering a stroke in June.

His medical prognosis is that he will require detailed and permanent 24-hour care for the rest of his life in a care home.

#### INFAMOUS

Gardai never expect to interview the suspect because of his grave health situation and an exact value of the drugs seized from the property has still not been established.

However, the *Herald* can reveal that in the days after the bust at the unoccupied flat in the Davitt House complex, detectives probed whether the mushroom suspect was in fact an infamous English murderer called Glynn Powell, now aged 54.

The suspect had used this name since shortly after arriving in Ireland over 25 years ago.

Powell was one of four people given life sentences at Manchester Crown Court in November 1993, for the gruesome murder of a 16-year-old girl.

The victim, Suzanne Capper, was beaten, injected with drugs and brutally tortured over seven days in December 1992.

She was then driven to woods near Stockport, where she was doused in petrol and set on fire.

Suzanne survived long enough to name her attackers before she died and the four



were all later convicted of the teenager's murder.

By the time the mushroom suspect arrived in Ireland on the run from English police, Powell had been convicted and gardai believe he used the killer's name because Powell was never expected to be released from jail.

"It seems he used the killer's name because he figured that Glynn Powell would never be in a position himself to move

**'He used killer's name because he figured Glynn Powell couldn't move to Ireland'**

to Ireland," a senior source explained.

"In the aftermath of the raid, gardai investigated if the man who had lived in the flat who called himself Glynn Powell was the actual convicted murderer of the same name.

"However enquiries with the English police established that the convicted Glynn Powell was still actually in jail and it quickly became apparent that the man who had been living in the Drimnagh flat had been living under a false identity for over two decades.

Gardai are now satisfied they have established the man's true identity.

#### ASSAULT

"Further enquiries established he had been living at the Drimnagh address since 1995 and had an interest in a number of piercing shops in Dublin.

"The plan was to arrest and interview this suspect, but because of his grave health situation, this is never expected to happen so realistically there will be no prosecutions in this case."

The mushroom suspect was in fact on the run from the English authorities when he arrived in Dublin in 1992 as he has been charged with a serious assault in the Leeds area.

He was never prosecuted for this offence and will not be extradited back to England due



to the "time lapse" and his permanent serious health issues.

The *Herald* first revealed details of the garda raid on the flat at Davitt Road, Drimnagh, which occurred on July 10.

Inside, officers found a large quantity of psilocybin or magic mushrooms growing.

As well as the magic mushrooms being cultivated in a highly organised set-up, a makeshift laboratory was also discovered.

Various chemicals and other unidentified liquids were also discovered and taken away for analysis.

Gardai are not looking for anyone else in relation to the discovery.

When the *Herald* called to

the flat complex as forensic officers worked there, we spoke to a number of residents.

"He grows them for potions and things. He's into witchcraft and all sorts of things," said one local resident.

One resident said the man worked in the past as a tattoo artist and piercing specialist.

"We heard he had a stroke a few weeks ago and he's been in hospital since," they explained.

"Then all of a sudden the gardai arrived and forced their way in."

"After that we don't really know what is going on."

Since 2006, the sale and possession of magic mushrooms has been illegal in Ireland.



Above and bottom left, garda forensics examine the Davitt House property; (top left) Suzanne Capper; (top right) convicted killer Glynn Powell

# DRUGS SECRET KILLER



## Newton-John battling cancer for a third time

**Jack Shepherd**

OLIVIA Newton-John has revealed she has been diagnosed with cancer for a third time.

The 69-year-old was speaking on Australia's Channel Seven when she announced the news she had cancer.

She also revealed she had last been diagnosed with cancer in 2013 after a minor car accident – two decades after she first overcame the disease in 1992.

While she was undergo-

ing a medical evaluation, doctors discovered a lump on her shoulder which they initially believed to be from the strain of the seat belt. Further investigation revealed that breast cancer had returned and spread.

### DIAGNOSIS

Explaining why she did not go public with the second diagnosis at first, the singer and actress said: "I thought, it's my life and I just decided to keep it to myself."

Although she beat the disease for a second time, Newton-John, who shot to fame after a starring role in the musical Grease, said she had been told in 2017 that she had cancer once more, this time at the bottom of her spine.

She cancelled an upcoming tour while she completed a short course of photon radiation therapy.

"My husband's always there, and he's always there to support me, and I believe I will win over it and that's my goal," she said.



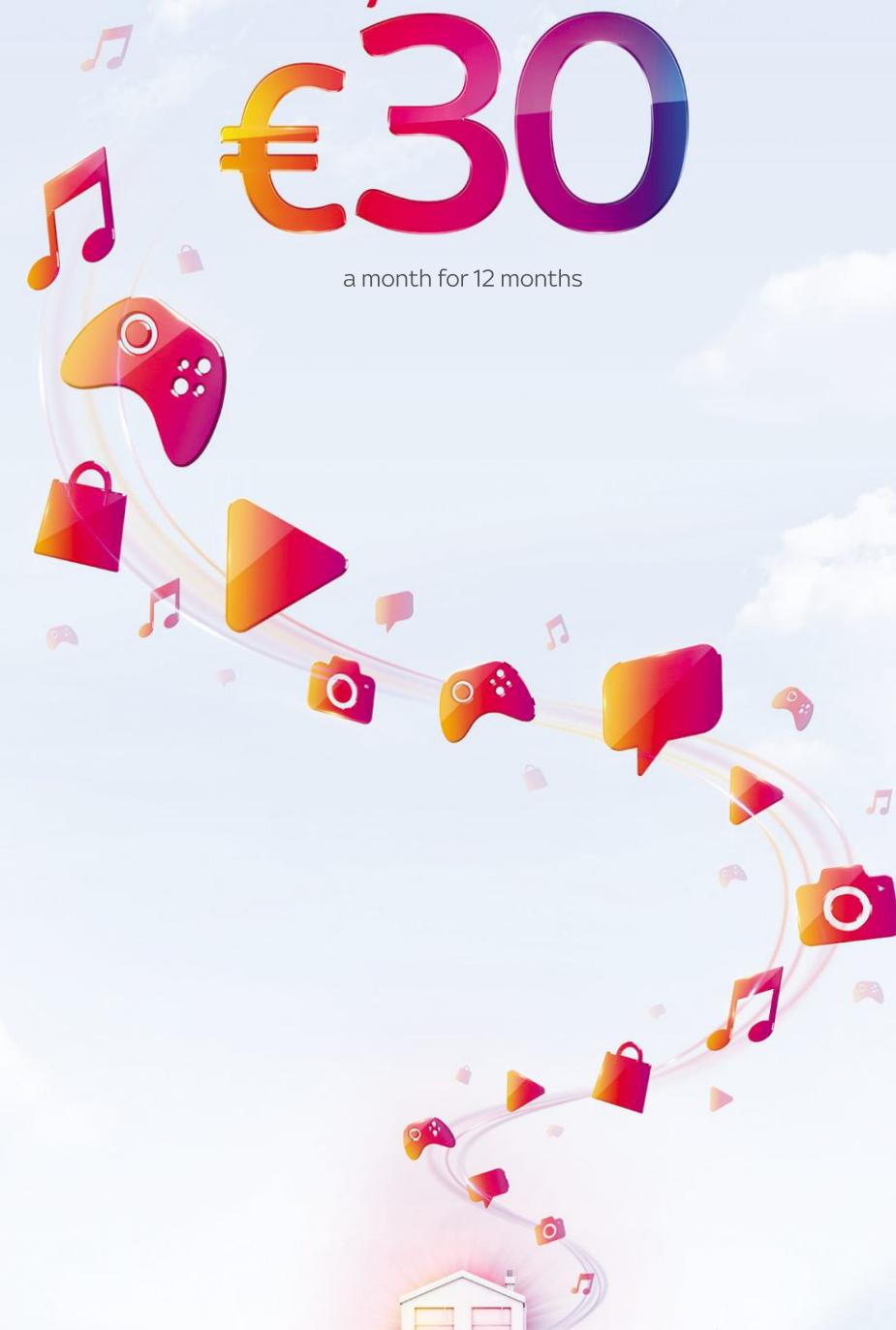
Olivia Newton-John first overcame cancer in 1992

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# Race attack taxi suspect is quizzed by gardai

Mícheál Ó Scannáil

GARDAI have questioned a man over a shocking video of a racist attack on a taxi driver.

The footage shows a man racially and physically abusing the driver, and has been shared widely online over recent days.

The man, who is sitting in the front passenger seat, attacks the driver, referring to him as a "f\*\*\*ing c\*\*\*" and punching him several times.

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# KIDS DEAL NEAR TOURIST SPOTS

# CARTEL DEALERS AGED 10

# KINAHAN GANG USING BOYS TO SELL CRACK AND HEROIN

Ken Fow

**EXCLUSIVE**

**THE Kinahan cartel is using children as young as 10 to deal drugs in Dublin city centre.**

**drugs in Dublin city centre.**  
Boys aged 10 to 12 are dealing crack cocaine and heroin, directed by teenage gang lieutenants. The children are using lanes and flats complexes in the Thomas Street, Meath Street, Cork Street and Christchurch areas.

"Addicts are desperate for cash, and tourists and students could be targeted in robberies," a source said. **SEE PAGES 6-7**



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# CARTEL THUGS USE BOYS AGED 10 TO DEAL HEROIN AND CRACK COCAINE IN CITY'S LANEWAYS

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CRIME CORRESPONDENT

THE Kinahan cartel is using children as young as 10 to deal deadly drugs in the capital, the *Herald* can reveal.

Gardai said boys aged 10 to 12 are dealing crack cocaine and heroin for the mob.

The thugs they work for are often no more than teenagers themselves.

"The situation has escalated in recent months and a major garda crackdown is planned," said a senior source.

The children are dealing drugs in laneways and flat complexes in the Thomas Street, Meath Street, Cork Street and Christchurch areas of Dublin.

"Their activities are bringing a growing number of drug addicts into this area of the city," said the source.

#### TOURISTS

"This has the potential to cause massive problems for the many innocent people who live and work in the area and the large number of tourists who visit it every day."

"The drug addicts are desperate for money and it is a matter of concern that tourists and students could be targeted in violent robberies."

The area where the children are operating is near a number of popular tourist attractions, including the Guinness Storehouse and Christ Church Cathedral.

Gardai believe the children are terrified of the violent young traffickers they work for, who have links to the Kinahan cartel. Many have



Liam Brannigan. Below, cartel boss Daniel Kinahan

multiple criminal convictions.

Investigations have established that the drugs are often transported around the city by sulky horses owned by the traffickers.

Gardai believe the drugs are regularly stored in stable yards in the south inner city.

Officers from Kevin Street Garda Station raided one of the stables in the Francis Street area earlier this month.

It was effectively shut down by gardai, but the gang are now using a different yard for their activities.

"It's a massive problem - it's estimated that thousands of euro are being made each day by these gangs

who are taking advantage of the fact that the drugs service at Merchants Quay is bringing addicts into their area," said the source.

"Some days it feels like it's an open-air drugs market - and it's getting worse."

The growth in drug dealing in the area was not helped by the decision to disband the Kevin Street drugs unit, which was not operational for a number of years.

However, it has now been reinstated, and has a dozen gardai and two sergeants who work on it.

"With the unit now back in action, big progress is expected in the coming weeks," said the source.



## 'APPRENTICE HOOD HELPS PULL THE STRINGS' IN RISE OF JUNIOR HEROIN STREET DEALERS

THE drugs are being sourced by gangsters said to be based in the Kevin Street flats and the Crumlin and Bride Street areas of the capital.

The main players cannot be named for legal reasons as most are facing charges before the courts.

However, the *Herald* has established that a very close junior associate of alleged senior cartel member Liam Brannigan is one of the main operators using the children to sell drugs.

Brannigan is currently in prison and is facing trial at the non-jury Special Criminal Court later this year for conspiracy to murder a rival gangster.

There has been relatively little violence between the main players in the drugs racket after a gang "clear-out" in which one man was shot and another stabbed.

It has emerged that the gang, whose associates are the chief suspects in the 2012 murder of Declan Reilly, turned on each other.

Last year's dispute between the young criminals was over lost drugs.

In May 2017, gardai seized around €50k worth of heroin linked to the gang.

#### CAREER

Incidents connected to the in-fighting include the stabbing of career criminal Barry Dodd (30) last July.

Dodd was wounded in the face, head and back in the Vincent Street area of the capital.

The attack came two months after Dodd's pal Maurice Walsh (28) was shot in the leg in the Horse Yard, an area near Thomas Street, last May 10.

"More importantly, there will be raids targeting this gang."

"It was a crazy decision to disband the unit in the first place, considering the area has one of the worst drugs problems in the city."

The drugs are being sourced by gangsters based in the Kevin Street flats and in the Crumlin and Bride Street areas of Dublin.

**'These children are terrified of the violent young traffickers they work for'**

Another area of concern to gardai is the Basin Street flats, where teenage drug dealers are operating openly.

"These fellas are a bit older than the children being used closer to the city centre - their age profile is 14 to 16," said the source.

#### VULTURES

Most of the drugs being sold in the Basin Street flats are believed to be supplied by the Brian Rattigan gang.

Rattigan (38) was jailed in January for stabbing to death Declan Gavin outside a Crumlin takeaway in 2001.

The gangland criminal will remain in jail until 2025, but gardai believe he continues to control a major drugs traffick-

ing network in which young boys sell drugs in Basin Street and in other locations in the south inner city.

Last month, Dublin Mid West TD John Curran branded the criminals "vultures" for selling drugs less than a minute's walk from the Merchants Quay drug and homelessness service, and called for help for gardai.

Mr Curran's comments followed a *Herald* expose that found open-air dealing, drug abuse and intimidating behaviour only metres from the Merchants Quay centre.

The *Herald* also revealed that a local digital agency was forced to relocate after operating in the area for 17 years due to repeated incidents of drug-related anti-social behaviour.



# US Secret Service agents to fly into Ireland ahead of 'June visit' by Trump

**Cormac McQuinn**

US SECRET Service agents could be flying into Ireland ahead of a possible visit by Donald Trump later this year.

The *Herald* understands White House staffers and security officials will focus on the US president's west coast golf course at Doonbeg.

It is believed Mr Trump will visit the resort as early as June.

If the visit does go ahead, Mr Trump may not see a great deal of Ireland as he could be confined to his sprawling Co Clare hotel for security reasons.

Mr Trump has previously said he intends to visit Ireland some time this year.

There has been intense speculation that he will use a planned trip to Europe in June to make a stop here.

Mr Trump is visiting Europe to attend commemorations marking the 75th anniversary of D-Day on the coast of northern France. He will also make a state visit to Britain.

Taoiseach Leo Varadkar suggested last month that Mr Trump might like to combine a visit to Ireland with his European trip.

Alternatively, Mr Varadkar said it could come when the president attends a Nato summit in London in December.

A US source said a "final call" on whether Mr Trump's trip to Ireland will take place in June has not been made.

## UNUSUAL

He added that the possibility of the trip remains "50-50".

However, he said "advance teams may be in Co Clare" as early as this week.

It would not be unusual for a decision to be made after that.

Last night, an Irish Government spokesman said: "There is a long-standing invitation to the US president to visit Ireland, and he has indicated that he hopes to do so at some stage this year."

"However, we have not had any indication that President



**Donald Trump wants to visit**

Trump is considering visiting Ireland in June."

Mr Trump revealed his hope to come to Ireland this year during Mr Varadkar's visit to Washington in March for the St Patrick's Day festivities.

He said: "I'll be coming at some point during the year. I

missed it last time, but I would have loved to have been there. It's a special place."

He said he had a "warm spot" for Doonbeg. "It's just a great place," he added.

It was reported last week that it might be "easier" if Mr Trump met Mr Varadkar at Doonbeg rather than travel to Dublin, where there would be a need for heightened security.

A source said there was precedence for holding bilateral meetings outside of Dublin – former US president George W Bush met Bertie Ahern at Dromoland Castle in Co Clare in 2004.

Mr Trump could meet the Taoiseach in Farmleigh before flying on to Trump International Golf Links & Hotel Doonbeg.

Last year, the Government was blindsided by the announcement that Mr Trump planned to come here.

It was similarly left in the dark when he called off the visit. He later said he was disappointed not to visit Ireland.

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