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WIDOW OF INNOCENT MAN MURDERED BY KINAHAN GANG TELLS HER STORY

‘He leaned

over our

girl and

shot my

Trevor dead’

EXCLUSIVE by STEPHEN BREEN, Crime Editor

THE widow of innocent Kinahan mob victim Trevor O’Neill has told how a hitman put his gun over her daughter’s shoulder before opening fire. Speaking exclusively to the Irish Sun on the eve of the anniversary of her partner’s murder in Spain, Suzanne Power, 36, from Dublin, reveals she fears her three kids will be haunted after witnessing their dad being gunned down. She said: “That awful night will live with them forever.”

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Grief... Suzanne opens up about Trevor’s tragic end



EXCLUSIVE: WIDOW OPENS

HEART ON TREVOR KILLING

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● 'MIRACLE' KIDS WEREN'T KILLED

● 'TOO PAINFUL' TO VISIT HIS GRAVE



Killer's alleged target... Jonathan

By **STEPHEN BREEN**
Crime Editor

THE grieving partner of innocent Kinahan cartel victim Trevor O'Neill has told for the first time how her children will always be haunted by the sight of their dad being shot dead.

Devastated Suzanne Power – whose love was brutally murdered as he walked with Ceadaoin, 12, Layla, eight, and Cody, six, during a holiday in Spain – believes it's a miracle their kids weren't killed when the gunman struck.

Trevor, 41, became the second innocent victim of the deadly Kinahan and Hutch feud when he was blasted by a bungling contract killer hired by Christy Kinahan's mob to target Gerry "The Monk" Hutch's nephew Jonathan.

The popular dad was shot once in the back as he walked close to the gangland target who was staying in the Costa de la Calma area of Majorca on August 17, 2016.

The Dublin City Council worker had only just met Hutch – who has survived two attempts on his life – because the pair were staying at the same apartment complex.

In her only interview on the eve of the first anniversary of the barbaric murder, the mum-of-three told how she has been forced to build a memorial to her partner of 20 years at the couple's Drimnagh home because it's "too painful" for her children to visit their dad's grave.

Suzanne, 36, said: "I don't have to explain to my children what happened because they were there – they saw it. That awful night will now live with them forever and no child should have to endure this."

"Any of us could have been killed that night – the gunman put the gun over my daughter's shoulder before opening fire. He pushed past my daughter and he opened fire."

Trevor was just so outgoing, friendly, decent and this is what cost him his life. His biggest problem was that he talked to everyone – this is why he's in a grave today.

"Our focus is my children but we'll never forget Trevor. He has missed out on Christmas, his daughter's Communion, my other daughter going to her first disco and he'll never get to bring our son to watch his beloved Liverpool."

"We never imagined in a million years an ordinary family like ours would be caught in this mayhem. Nothing could prepare you for something like this and we've been living a nightmare this last year."

"The person who did this has no idea of the lives that have been destroyed."

"We weren't in the wrong place at the wrong time – we were in a place I had been going to since I was 16."

Suzanne also told of her personal torment over the loss of her childhood sweetheart.

She said: "The place is just so quiet without him – he was the focus of our family and everyone else

around him. He has left a void in our lives. "Even a year on when I'm sitting at night watching TV and I look at his picture – it's like I go back in time and say, 'Is this real?' Then I say the words out loud, 'Trevor is actually dead.' "People say time heals but it doesn't – I know for me personally – nobody sees what it's like for me at night when I'm on my own. Nobody sees me sitting there crying when I'm on my own. "Just this week, there was a family fun day in Drimnagh and the Gardaí were there. They were letting the kids beep the horn and putting a hat on but even looking at that it was like reliving things. "My son was delighted that he got to go in the back of a police car and you'd think he was never in one before but he was – when I also saw a stretcher and people showing kids how to do CPR – I took one look at the stretcher and the little bags they put on the person and that did it for me. All I was doing was going to a fun day

with my kids and yet the horror of what happened to us is still there. "Something as simple as seeing an ambulance and things people take for granted can bring back the horror of losing Trevor. Every day I'm reminded of what happened." And Suzanne also told of her partner's popularity among his friends and neighbours. The mum-of-three said: "We always knew he was popular but we never knew how popular he was until the day of his funeral. Even people from Belfast were met on holiday turned up at his funeral. "Each and every one of his friends are broken-hearted. My neighbours still can't believe he's

not coming in because he looked after everyone in this area. "Trevor did everything but now I've had to learn the things he did – from DIY to paying bills. I don't have a choice now." And Suzanne revealed: "I'm also afraid to go into a post office because I'm afraid it will get held up or that the shop is going to get robbed or someone's going to come in with a gun. "My sister Caroline is afraid of people coming into her work wearing a motorcycle helmet. "It's affected the whole family. His friends who worked with him in the council don't even like going to work because nothing is the same

for them." The distraught mum will spend her partner's anniversary tomorrow with her family. Suzanne also told how the family – who have recently installed the headstone at his grave in Dublin's Mount Jerome Cemetery – had gathered on August 5 to remember Trevor on what would have been his 42nd birthday. She added: "It was his birthday last week and it was a lot quieter without him. We played his songs and just gathered to remember a wonderful man. "My heart also goes out to his dad Vincent because he's heart-broken at the loss of his son." The mum-of-three also praised her rela-

tives, friends and neighbours who have helped her family in the last year, adding: "I can't thank them enough for what they've done for me. I would also like to thank McElroy's funeral parlour and Fr Melvin Mullins for all his help. "We were left with a lot of red tape in Spain and we weren't happy with the way we were treated. We would also like to thank the Gardaí for the way they treated us. "I have given this interview to pay tribute to a wonderful man, partner and father and just want to be left alone now to be with my family." We can also reveal former Lord Mayor Brendan Carr – who was the capital's First Citizen when Trevor

was murdered – plans to honour the tragic dad's memory at next month's council meeting. The Labour councillor added: "I know there are rules about honouring people but I think we need to acknowledge Trevor's death. The murder of Trevor was the darkest time of my tenure as Lord Mayor. We also remember another innocent father, Martin O'Rourke who was murdered by these bastards. "This disgusting murder hurt everyone at the council. It was also an attack on the people of Dublin. "I will be using the council meeting next week to also call on anyone who has information on this cowardly act to come forward. "Having to go to Trevor's funeral, meeting his family and kids was just awful... I hope that someday justice will ease their pain."

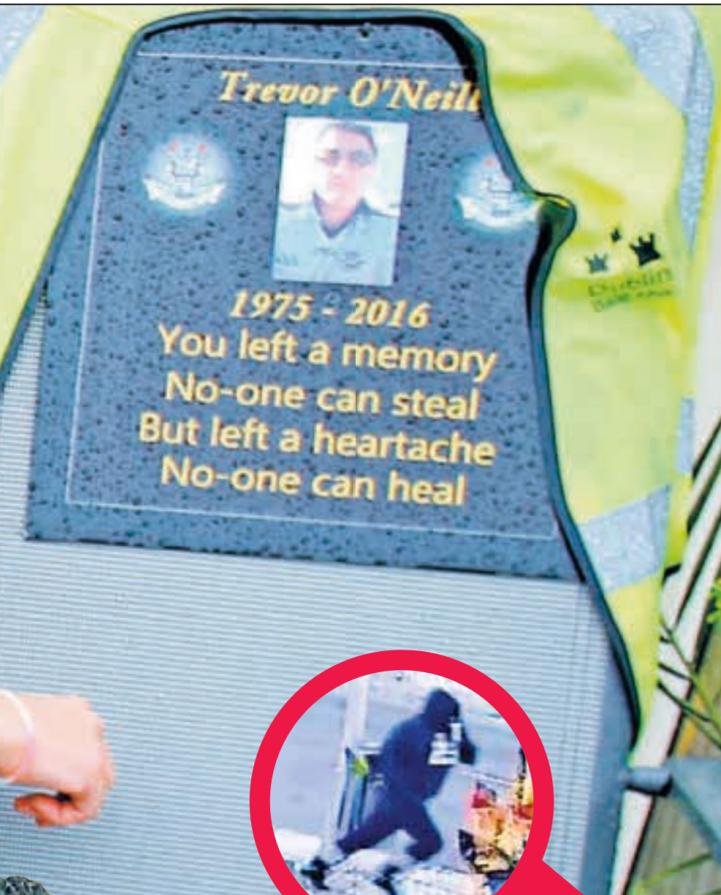
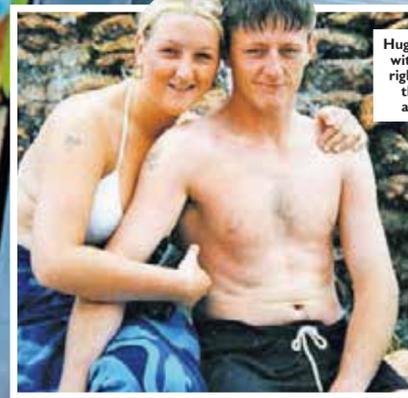
Feuding... Kinahan, far left, and The Monk

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Touching tribute... Suzanne marks Trevor's anniversary at his memorial



Huge loss... Trevor with Suzanne and, right, suspect flees the scene after attack in Spain



Mistaken identity... O'Rourke

Innocent lives lost in gang warfare

IRELAND has become an increasingly dangerous place for innocent bystanders.

The history book of the country is dotted with names of innocent people who have tragically fallen victim to brutal murders.

Innocent dad Martin O'Rourke was gunned down by a hitman's bullet on Sheriff Street, in Dublin's north inner city, on April 14, 2016.

The father of three young children died after being shot in the head in a case of mistaken identity.

Limerick businessman Roy Collins died of a gunshot wound to his liver and heart.

The 35-year-old was killed after a gunman entered his amusement arcade and blasted him in the chest.



Gunned down... mum Donna

On November 9, 2008, Shane Geoghegan was shot by thug Barry Doyle while walking home in Limerick.

The 28-year-old Garryowen rugby player was gunned down when up to 15 shots were blasted at him. He was murdered in a case of mistaken identity as part of a Limerick gang feud.

In the early hours of May 5, 2006, young mum of one Donna Cleary was killed after a gunman opened fire on revellers attending a 40th birthday party at a house in Dublin. The 22-year-old died from shock and haemorrhage after she was shot in the chest.

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COL DITCHES WAYNE RING



By DEAN WILKINS

DEVASTATED Coleen Rooney has given the clearest signal yet that her marriage to Wayne is over – by ditching her €275,000 wedding ring.
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MART OF WAR

O'Neill orders all-out Aviva attack on Serbs

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DEELY HUNT HITS RIVER

Eva so lovely

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COPS DIVE FOR TREVOR

By STEPHEN BREEN, Crime Editor, & RUAIRI COTTER

GARDA divers are combing the River Liffey close to the dig site in the search for missing man Trevor Deely.

The search in Chapelizod, Dublin, has been extended to ten acres as it enters its fourth week – almost 17 years after he vanished.

A senior source said: "It's a very thorough and significant search. We are leaving nothing to chance."

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Painstaking . . . divers hunt for remains of Deely, below

Homeless death man had paedo conviction

EXCLUSIVE by STEPHEN BREEN

THE man whose death last week stirred fury over the homeless crisis was a convicted paedophile.

Stephen 'Jack' Watson, right, was jailed in Australia for the abuse of two girls and also for wilfully passing on HIV to a woman.

He hid his vile past from unsuspecting homeless campaigners who made him the face of an awareness drive.

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Sub-aqua search is 'significant'



Shot... 'Ta' Power

Arrest in '87 INLA feud pair kill case

By ED CARTY

A MAN has been arrested over the double murders of two men in an INLA feud 30 years ago.

The victims, Thomas 'Ta' Power, 33, and John Gerard O'Reilly, 26, were shot and killed in the Rosnaree Hotel in Drogheda, Co Louth, on January 20, 1987.

Cops said they arrested the 62-year-old man in Dublin and he is now being questioned in Drogheda Garda Station.

It's understood that the arrest came after information was received following an appeal by two of Mr Power's sisters.

The men were shot dead after going to the hotel with the intention of trying to mediate over a bloody internal dispute in the INLA.

Two other men were injured in the attack 30 years ago, which gardai believe was carried out by a rival faction within the Republican group.



Blaze gig man dies

A REVELLER who ran into 50ft flames at the Burning Man pop festival has died of his injuries.

Aaron Mitchell, 41, dodged guards to dive into the wooden effigy blaze.

Firemen had to wait for it to collapse before rescuing him. The married Swiss-based American died in hospital.

Mum Johnnye Mitchell said: "He's 41, but they are always your baby."

Tests will find out if he was on drugs. But sources have ruled out booze being in his system.

Bosses of the desert event in Nevada, US, which drew 70,000 fans, said: "It has affected those who witnessed it."

HOMELESS MAN'S VILE PAST



In the dark... vigil outside Dail

EXCLUSIVE

By STEPHEN BREEN, Crime Editor

THE rough sleeper found dead on the capital's streets last week was a convicted paedophile, the Irish Sun can reveal.

Stephen 'Jack' Watson, whose death sparked new outrage over Ireland's housing crisis, had also served time in Australia for wilfully passing on the deadly HIV virus.

The 51-year-old perv kept his old life secret from the Home Sweet Home campaigners who gave him shelter when they took over Dublin's vacant Apollo House last Christmas.

But now we can reveal details of his dark past.

As gardai seek to establish the cause of his death on Suffolk Street last Thursday, the Irish Sun discovered how he came to be deported from Australia in October 2015 – after amassing 40 convictions over 19 years.

Watson, who also used the name Shane and Jack Steele, received an 18-month prison sentence in April 2008 after he was convicted at Bendigo County Court in the state of Victoria of indecently assaulting two girls under the age of 16.

And he was caged again for the offence of "recklessly putting someone at risk of contracting a notifiable condition" when a court heard that he had knowingly passed on the HIV virus to a woman.

His other crimes Down Under included making threats to kill, assaulting police officers, actual bodily harm, deprivation of liberty and trespass.

A source said: "Nobody from the homeless campaigns knew anything about him."

"He kept his life in Australia completely to himself and maintained that he had fallen on hard times and that's why he came back to Ireland."

"When he was arrested by gardai on numerous occasions for public order offences he often spoke about his life in Australia and how he was violent with alcohol."

"Watson was adamant that he was a changed man and told everyone he had contracted HIV from a woman."

"There's no doubt that he was a very intelligent man but he was also someone who had shown extreme levels of violence in the past."

"He had stayed in a number of hostels but often found himself getting into trouble with other residents."

"He has been described as a nice man but the reality is very different."

Since his return to Ireland, Watson had been sleeping rough and staying in home-

DEAD 'JACK' WAS PAEDO

● **Abused two girls under 16 years of age**

● **Knowingly gave a woman the HIV virus**

less shelters across Dublin. He was placed on the sex offenders register because of his convictions in Australia and had to notify gardai of his whereabouts.

Convictions for drunk and disorderly and public order offences put him behind the bars of Dublin's Mountjoy Prison for a while.

He was also arrested by officers assigned to Operation Spire – targeting drug dealers and louts terrorising Dublin city centre – and received an Asbo to stay away from the quays area.

However, Watson carefully

crafted a different image during his time at Apollo House, cooking for those who occupied the empty Government building.

He later underwent a dramatic makeover to highlight the plight of the homeless in Geza Oravec's A Beautiful Day In Dublin art project.

The Hungarian-born photographer and Dublin barber Barry Caesar, who was involved in the makeover, were entirely unaware of his criminal past.

So too were those attending a Dail vigil for the homeless man at the weekend.



Lonely death... grim Dublin street scene reignited homeless debate

False facade... Watson's makeover for awareness campaign



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All smirk and no pay... siblings' money-making schemes in ruins

- **Gardai scupper Dubai dealings**
- **€2.5m drug and hit plots foiled**
- **We rumble pair's cheesy PR plan**

BROTHERS GRIMMER

By **STEPHEN BREEN**, Crime Editor

THE Kinahan brothers' hopes of a fairytale foreign ending are being soured by cunning Garda operations. Christy Jnr and Daniel are mounting a PR drive using corny photos — such as the one we have unearthed above — in a bid to convince Dubai officials to let them set up shop there. But gardai are flying out to the UAE to warn local cops — while officers here yesterday smashed a €2.5m drug smuggle bid by the brothers, on top of Friday's foiled hit attempt.

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EXCLUSIVE: CARTEL FEELING

PINCH FROM DUBLIN TO DUBAI

€2.5M GANG DRUGS HAUL



Recovered... gun used in hit attempt and, right, drugs seized by gardai at Dublin Port

Hit bid also foiled

By STEPHEN BREEN

THE Kinahan cartel have been left reeling after separate Garda raids stopped another Hutch hit and seized over €2million worth of drugs.

On Friday evening cops intercepted a four-strong armed Kinahan hit team, including a pregnant woman, on the way to target Gary Hanley.

And in another huge blow to the crime gang, €2.5million worth of drugs heading for Limerick were discovered at Dublin Port yesterday morning.

Gardai and Revenue officers stopped a truck and found cocaine, heroin and ketamine. A 55-year-old Polish man is being quizzed. A source said: "This is a double blow to the Kinahan mob."

"The Kinahans are working with an organised crime gang in the city that has stepped into the void created by the absence of the Dundons."

The port raid came hours after gardai foiled another hit on a Hutch associate — the 50th life saved by gardai.

A man previously caught on his way to kill a member of the Hutch family remained in Garda custody last night.

The thug, who can't be named for legal reasons, was one of a group of three men and a pregnant woman arrested after two cars were stopped in Clondalkin, Dublin, at 4pm yesterday.

The woman and two of the men were released a short time afterwards.

The vehicles were searched and two loaded revolvers found inside were taken away for forensic examination.

It's thought the guns were being moved ahead of an attempt on the life of Hutch associate Hanley. A source said: "These people were on their way to carry out a murder, plain and simple."

Separately, cops were quizzing two eastern European men after €1.3m worth of cannabis was seized in Co Carlow as part of an international op.



Threat... Hanley

THIS is the image the vicious Kinahan cartel is using to launch an overseas charm offensive — in the hopes of drumming up some business for themselves.

Our exclusive snap shows mob boss Daniel Kinahan, 39, and his younger brother Christopher, 35, displaying their softer side in a rare family portrait.

The pic — which includes a caption describing the pair as boxing promoters — was sent to dozens of companies in Spain's Costa del Sol as part of their bid to secure funding for white collar boxing events.

Their plan to stage charitable events failed when they were forced to flee their bolthole in Spain to Dubai after their feud with Gerry 'The Monk' Hutch erupted. The pic was taken in the summer of 2016, months after the bloody killing of David Byrne in Dublin's Regency Hotel.

A source added: "You can see by the weight Daniel has put on how the stress of the feud was affecting him. He was always fit and lean before that. He has gone from lightweight to heavyweight."

And the Irish Sun on Sunday can reveal the brothers are set to use the same charm tactics as a new law in the United Arab Emirates requires overseas residents to undergo police verification.

As part of the crackdown on foreign crime gangs operating in the region, individuals will also have to obtain a Certificate of Good Conduct before they can get a UAE work visa.

During their time in Dubai, the evil siblings have also been joined by senior Kinahan lieutenants Sean McGovern, 35, Liam Roe, 39, and Liam Byrne, 36.

In a bid to create a respectable image for their visa application, the brothers will outline how they once raised €58,000 for the Aspadem special needs charity in Marbella, Spain. We contacted the charity for comment on the donation but they were not available.

However the cartel's attempts to maintain its HQ in the Gulf look doomed with gardai travelling to the region to brief their counterparts on the mob's reign of terror across Ireland and Europe.

One investigator from the region told us: "They want to portray an image that they are charitable businessmen — but the reality is very different."

"There is no doubt the charm offensive that was used in Spain will once again be used in Dubai."

"The business that they are in has led to dozens of people murdered since 2003, funerals, and communities devastated."

"Their enterprises have also led to people serving serious sentences in prison and people in exile and this is all to satisfy the ego of a very few. It's all about ego and power."

And with a decision on the cartel's position in the UAE expected to be made soon, Det Supt Seamus Boland from the Garda National Drugs and Organised Crime Bureau confirmed gardai were working closely with authorities in the region.

In an exclusive interview with the Irish Sun on Sunday, the senior investigator revealed how international cooperation between gardai and law enforcement agencies around the world was "second to none".

Det Supt Boland said: "The UAE authorities have no intention of allowing Dubai to become a safe haven for organised criminals."

"The trust between law enforcement has never been better because we all recognize the common enemy. The common enemy is the higher echelons of organised crime who sit at the top table on an international level, basically in control of the illegitimate economy and the finances that come with that."

"I have 28 years service, all with an investigative background and the cooperation has never been better."

"We work closely with law enforcement agencies in the UAE, in America, in Europe and even further afield into Irish issues."

"When we start interacting with other countries such as Spain, Holland and Germany the outreach can be vast. When you start working with countries like the US and UK their outreach goes much further."

"We have had fantastic cooperation from every country and have not met any barriers at all in our international investigations."

Det Supt Boland, who directs the operations of the GNDCCB

By STEPHEN BREEN, Crime Editor

under the command of Det Chief Supt Jim McGowan and the head of Special Crime Operations, Assistant Commissioner John O'Driscoll, also warned the Kinahan and Hutch feud shows no sign of ending.

The senior officer added: "The threat is still very live — we see no effort being made by the parties involved for this to end."

"All crime is an issue but obviously the threat to life issues and the senseless pointless murders are our priority."

"We are pursuing this aggressively and will never become complacent as our investigations continue."

"No barrier has been put in our way in our pursuit of dealing with these issues — we have been given the resources by the Government to address this."

"The one certainty we can give is that we are going to continue to be as aggressive as we have been until these groups desist or no longer exist. This has to be our message."

"People who were born and reared in Dublin have now caused untold damage to their communities while they live very far removed from it."

The investigator also warned of the dangers of buying drugs on Irish streets, adding: "If you look at the volumes of cocaine seized in the last 12 months, the drugs seized in Ireland — the market for drugs spans all sections of society."

"This is not about working class communities, inner city communities — this is about society and people who are willing to feed these organised crime groups by buying their drugs."

And as part of the international investigations into Ireland's most dangerous gangs, we can also reveal how authorities from Holland traveled to Ireland earlier this month.

They flew to Ireland after we revealed how Kinahan enforcer, Gareth Chubb, was caught in Amsterdam travelling on fake documents.

Det Supt Boland said: "The groups that are involved in the current feud in Ireland are the primary groups at the highest levels of organised crime and have achieved that status in Europe."

"They are linking in with other European organised crime groups and the Dutch authorities are aware of this."

"Dutch officers have visited Ireland and they are committed to tackling the Irish crime gangs."

"We have a very good relationship with the Dutch authorities and they react to any intelligence we supply."

"There is no doubt the legacy of the current feud will be the increased level of international cooperation among law enforcement."

At present, 13 people have lost their lives since the killing of Gary Hutch in Spain in September 2015.

But since the killing of Kinahan cartel member David Byrne at the Regency Hotel in February 2016, at least 50 lives have been saved by the work of gardai.

Investigators also recovered 67 firearms, including sub-machine guns and silencers, €37million worth of drugs, seized over €5million in cash and charged seven people with conspiracy to murder.

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● Kinahan bros launch charm drive in bid to fool UAE officials

● Gardai fly out to inform counterparts of gangsters' evil empire

● Dubai cops 'won't allow it to become a safe haven for mobsters'

SOFTENED CRIMINALS



Kinahan lieutenants... from left, Roe, McGovern and Byrne



Cop ops... Boland

Brothers grin... Christopher & Daniel are all smiles in promo photo for UAE push

Bravery of mob busting officers

By STEPHEN BREEN

GARDAI who are on the frontline of the war on crime have been praised for their bravery in tackling Ireland's most dangerous gangs.

Supt Boland said: "We have committed, dedicated, professional people and I can say very brave officers."

"The resilience they have displayed in the last two years is to be commended."

"I have put huge pressure on our staff to continue with our investigations and they are a credit to their nation."

"All of these officers are human, have families and they deal with high-risk situations and very sensitive investigations."

"They deal with them very professionally and there is cooperation across the whole organisation and across the region."

Although Eamon Cumberton was the first person convicted of a feud-related murder when he was found guilty of the killing of dissident republican Michael Barr in 2016, other investigations are ongoing.

Among those who work closely with the DOCC are local detective units, the Criminal Assets Bureau and the National Bureau of Criminal Investigation.

Det Supt Boland added: "Everything we do is completely controlled."

"The murder investigations are led by local officers and linking in with the investigative section of special crime operations."

"Evidence we have gathered is shared and all comes together — we work in an environment of trust."