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'I HAVE MOVED ON FROM JOHN'

THE FORMER fiancée of shamed ex FAI chief John Delaney has broken her silence on their relationship. Model Emma English now wishes she had never met the controversial ex-CEO. **■ PAGES 4&5**



Delaney ex tells of her fresh start



Georgia declares Biden winner

Joe Biden has won the state of Georgia, a crucial swing state in the presidential election. The vice-presidential pick of Barack Obama secured a narrow victory over Mitt Romney's pick, Alaska Governor Wally Whiteford.

Tribute for teen who died

A tribute was held for a young woman who died in a tragic accident. The event was attended by family and friends, and a memorial service was held in her honor.

EMMA BREAKS HER

SILENCE ON EX-FAI CEO...

He's nothing to me now... I have moved on with my life



EX-FIANCEE TELLS OF HER REGRETS

THE ex-fiancee of former FAI boss Joe Delaney has today broken her silence about what she says was a "regrettable" five-year affair.



EXCLUSIVE

Emma Delaney

Emma Delaney, 34, says she met Joe Delaney, 52, in 2004. They became close friends and eventually fell in love. However, she says she regrets the relationship because she did not know who he really was. She says she was "blinded" by his charm and success.

"I don't even want to hear his name now"

DELANEY 'A DISTANT MEMORY' TO HER

Joe Delaney, 52, is now a distant memory to Emma. She says she has moved on with her life and does not want to hear his name now.



Emma Delaney

She says she has no regrets about ending the relationship. She says she was "blinded" by his charm and success.

"I have my own reasons for ending it with him"

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PRESSURE: Norma Foley reversed recent decision

School out as revolt sparks U-turn

THE Government has been forced into a U-turn on allowing Leaving Cert students to return to school following a revolt from teachers.

Education Minister Norma Foley has confirmed that all students will now study remotely for the rest of January due to high COVID rates.

The Cabinet had initially planned for Leaving Certs to return to school for three days a week.

However teacher union ASTI urged its members to reject that plan.

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IT'S DEITY THEATRE...

LORD AND ORDER

EXCLUSIVE

GARDAI ran to the scene of the infamous RTE 'God is a rapist' sketch as they feared it was a real arrest.

The writer behind the skit, Colm Williamson, revealed officers rushed to help when they came across the scene being filmed at a courthouse.

Yesterday RTE Chief Dee Forbes said an internal probe found the item failed the station's standards and an official apology would be posted.

SKETCH: Colm Williamson as garda puts 'God' into a van in mock news report



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Real gardai ran to help as 'God' arrested in skit

OFFICERS TRICKED BY NYE

STATION OF
THE CROSS

Real Gardai thought 'God' was resisting arrest as infamous sketch was filmed – and rushed to help



SATIRICAL: Williamson as garda puts 'God' into a van in mock news report



APOLOGY: Aengus Mac Grianna who reported on the gag story



OUTRAGE: Williamson as garda leads 'God' away in the sketch

THE man behind the infamous RTE sketch accusing God of rape has told how real life Gardai rushed to help apprehend the man dressed as the Holy Lord as they were filming the scene.

Colm Williamson, founder of satirical website Waterford Whispers, is the brains behind the mock news report which aired on RTE during the New Year's Eve countdown.

Colm himself stars as the Garda who takes God away in handcuffs outside the courts.

And now he has revealed that members of An Garda Síochána ran outside the courthouse – thinking that one of their own was struggling with a prisoner.

He said on Facebook: "After this was filmed actual Guards came running out of the courtroom

■ **Sandra MALLON**
Showbiz Reporter

thinking a fellow garda was in trouble.

"The guy got to us panting and was like 'what the hell lad I thought you were needing help'.

"Three other Gardai arrived then and burst their holes laughing when I said what we were filming."

Several efforts to contact Waterford Whispers and its founder Colm Williamson were made but were declined by Williamson.

Review

It comes as RTE director general Dee Forbes has been forced to report the sketch to the Broadcasting Authority of Ireland (BAI) after an internal review found it breached RTE standards.

In a statement she apologised for the sketch – which received over 5,000 complaints to the national

broadcaster.

The mock news report saw more than 5,000 people complain to RTE.

And last night RTE boss Forbes revealed she's reporting the broadcaster to the BAI herself because she discovered it didn't comply with RTE standards following an internal review.

In a statement, she said: "We accept the findings of the Editorial Standards Board that this sketch was not compliant with our own guidelines or with our obligations under the relevant codes.

"On behalf of RTE, I fully apologise for that. We will now review the processes involved and engage constructively with the BAI."

The broadcaster has already acknowledged that viewers were offended by the clip, including Archbishop Eamon Martin.

He tweeted: "To broadcast such a deeply offensive and blasphemous clip about God & Our Blessed Mother Mary during the Christmas

season on 'NYE Countdown Show' on @RTE @RTEOne & on Eve of the Solemn Feast of Mary, Mother of God is insulting to all Catholics and Christians."

In a statement yesterday, RTE said that while the sketch was intended as satire, they will now "carry a public statement and apology, with due prominence, acknowledging this sketch did not meet the standards expected of the national broadcaster".

Offence

A review by the RTE Editorial Standards Board found the sketch did not comply with a number of its provisions, including not broadcasting material that causes "undue offence".

It also found that it did not comply with guidelines regarding sensitivity to people's religious beliefs.

The sketch is to be removed from the RTE player.

The statement added: "It is RTE's

view that satire is an important part of the offering to our audience.

"However, satire, no more than any other aspect of our output, must adhere to our own standards and the standards set out in the Broadcasting Act 2009 and the BAI Codes."

The programme, broadcast on RTE One on New Year's Eve, included a sketch involving a mocked-up news report featuring former RTE news presenter Aengus Mac Grianna claiming that God had been arrested over "sexual harassment scandals".

Mr Mac Grianna later apologised for taking part in the sketch.

In the sketch, Mr Mac Grianna reads a mocked-up news story in which God is arrested over "ongoing sexual harassment scandals".

A man dressed as God is seen being led away by a member of the gardai, and is heard shouting: "It was 2,000 years ago".