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# GREEDY KINAHAN KO'D

BY JOHN HAND Chief Reporter

**DRUGS boss Daniel Kinahan got knocked out of the big bucks world of boxing - because he was too greedy.**

The mob kingpin was paid up to \$8million in consultation fees for world champ Tyson Fury's last four fights.

But top promoter Bob Arum, who has now cut all ties with him, told how Kinahan, 44, had resorted to thug tactics and warned him: "I'll get back at you."

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**BIG MONEY**  
Kinahan, right, with Tyson Fury

Fight business turns its back on \$5m bounty-hit drug boss

# HOW BOXING TURNED ITS BACK ON GREEDY CARTEL BOSS



CLOSE TIES Kinahan with Bob Arum

EXCLUSIVE BY JOHN HAND Chief Reporter

MOB boss Daniel Kinahan earned up to \$2million for each of Tyson Fury's last four fights but promoters became nervous of his greed, the Irish Mirror can reveal.

The drug lord, sanctioned this week by the US government who placed a \$5million bounty on his head, had always tried to control negotiations for mega-bucks bouts.

Now, one of the world's top promoters Bob Arum has revealed how the 44-year-old cartel leader's tone became more aggressive as his business relationship developed with Kinahan once warning: "I'll get back at you."

Arum's company Top Rank paid Kinahan consulting fees for each of the four bouts - between \$1.5million and \$2million for each fight.

In an exclusive interview with the Irish Mirror, American Arum said Kinahan is "a hundred per cent" running the management firm MTK, even though MTK once again distanced themselves from the Dublin crime boss this week.

He also explained Fury, advised by Kinahan in the past along with other boxers, is now getting legal advice over any dealings with the cartel boss after the US government's shock move against him.

## UNDERHAND

Arum, who runs Top Rank promotions, said that he and Frank Warren, who both co-promote world heavyweight champ Fury from the US and UK, had become concerned at the underhanded role Kinahan was playing in the sport.

This came to the fore during plans for a lucrative €240million "Fight of the Century" between Fury and Anthony Joshua, which was to be held in Saudi Arabia.

There was a huge international outcry when Kinahan's criminal activities were made public across the world - and the fight was later derailed for a number of reasons.

Arum told the Irish Mirror: "Particularly with his machinations in the Mid East. He would not want anybody to deal with the Saudis except him. And that type of thing."

"Look, believe me, once the US made its position clear, it seems to me that there was a big sigh of relief from everybody, whether it's Frank Warren or myself."

The 90-year-old revealed Kinahan had earned "millions" from his dealings in his role as an "advisor".

And in a separate interview with Yahoo Sports yesterday, Arum told how he began doing business with the



ENOUGH Bob Arum

# Kinahan's \$8m Fury payday

### » Mob leader muscled in on fight business » Promoter Arum tells how ties were cut

mob boss. He said: "Kinahan called me and we had a long conversation. He has kids and he said he wanted to get out of that other stuff."

"He said to me, 'Bob, I've done some bad things in my life. I admit that. But I'm not involved with that any more. I'm just trying to clean up my life and be a legitimate business man.'"

Arum added: "There came a time that we discovered that he might still have been involved in some nefarious activities. That was enough for us."

The Irish Mirror has established that Kinahan earned between \$1.5million and \$2million for each of Fury's two bouts against Deontay

Wilder as well as fights against Otto Wallin and Tom Schwarz.

The drugs kingpin may have pocketed up to \$8million from Fury negotiations alone but he has taken home much more money in his unlicensed "advisory" role to dozens of others.

But it was the talks for Fury's fight against Dillian Whyte, to take place at Wembley Stadium next Saturday night, that saw Kinahan being cut off.

Arum revealed to the Irish Mirror: "The relationship broke down because he was interfering in everything."

"He was becoming greedier and greedier. And he became more of a burden than a help."

"For Fury versus Whyte, Frank and I drew the line. We would not talk to him and we would not deal with him."

"We would not be involved and he would not get money from us or

anybody else." Asked if Fury was upset about this, he replied: "Tyson was certainly not upset."

When he was asked whether Kinahan had become aggressive towards him, Arum said there were no physical threats but added: "His tone? Absolutely. 'I'll get back at you', that kind of stuff."

Kinahan founded MTK Global, formerly MGM, in 2012 in Spain - where he lived at the time - with ex-pro puncher Matthew Macklin, who has no involvement in crime.

The now-sanctioned Kinahan and the company claim they parted ways in 2017 but he remained advising many of their fighters who publicly

defended him. MTK was based in Marbella but later moved to Dubai, where Kinahan fled in 2017.

MTK released a statement on Thursday again claiming the drug baron stepped away five years ago and stating he will have no involvement in its future dealings.

Asked if Kinahan, to his knowledge, continues to be involved in running MTK, Arum told us: "A hundred per cent."

"He founded it, it's his company."

"He can say what he wants, I know for fact from some of the stuff that he did, that it was his company - whatever the books said."

Arum had signed fighters managed by MTK to promote them with Top



SAME CORNER Kinahan with Tyson Fury



BIG HITTER Fury's scrap with Wilder in Las Vegas

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DENIAL MTK insists it has cut ties with Kinahan



MYSTERY Villa in Marbella and, inset, Cristobal



## My villa does not belong to drugs baron..

EXCLUSIVE BY PAUL HEALY and MICK O'TOOLE

AN innocent man has spoken of his horror at learning that his home has been identified as a hub for crime lord Christy Kinahan.

Cristobal Garre Murcial, 52, whose first name in English translates as Christopher, was stunned to learn that his address, Villa Indalo in Marbella, was publicly identified by the US Department of Treasury as being directly linked to the gangster.

As he invited us into the villa yesterday, respected lawyer and council worker Mr Murcial told the Irish Mirror: "I own this house. I have lived here for a long, long time."

"My family have been here for 51 years. I lived here with my parents and grew up here."

We then showed him the press release by the US Treasury Department which named his full address as being connected to Christopher Kinahan Snr - the leader of an international criminal cartel.

He asked: "Who is this person? Is he a drugs gangster?"

We explained in detail, showing him multiple photos of the crime boss, and told how Kinahan is regarded as one of Ireland's most dangerous gangsters.

Expressing shock, Mr Murcial said: "My father built this house. My father was a stonemason."

"He worked with natural stone. He died 12 years ago and my mother four years ago. I am their son and the house is in my name."

He then explained that a number of

years ago the property was rented out to another man - though he was confident it was not Kinahan.

He added: "Probably 12 years ago or more than that time, maybe 15 years ago, they needed money so they rented the house."

"But I do not know that person [Kinahan] because I made all the contracts for the rental."

"I do not remember that person. He was never here. In this house, never."

"I saw everybody who rented the house, we rented the house twice."

"One for a person in Russia and then the next man... but he is not the person in the photo."

"I have never seen this person."

We again showed Mr Murcial the document from the US Treasury Department listing his address as being connected with Christy Kinahan.

He answered: "I've been here for 15 years."

"They must be mistaking it for another house."

"This is very strange for me. This is the first time that I've heard."

He also said the police had never come to his house as part of any serious crime investigations.

And he insisted he had no links whatsoever to criminality, adding: "Of course not. I work for the town hall."

When contacted, a Garda spokesperson said: "As your query relates to a release issued by the US Treasury Department, they may be better positioned to assist you."

The US Treasury Department did not reply when contacted.



GANGSTER Christy Kinahan



NO DEAL Frank Warren