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Revealed: Champagne lifestyle of trickster who cheated migrants out of their life savings

EXCLUSIVE

BY JOHN HAND Chief Reporter

A CRUEL conman who swindled hard-working migrants out of their life savings enjoyed a champagne lifestyle in luxury hotels, we can reveal.

Fraudster Alan Cloake ripped foreign workers off by pretending to be an immigration officer who could get them Irish citizenship – but it was all a lie.

The 47-year-old, who scammed €71,000 from Malawian and Filipino families, was jailed last week for three years. He blew their cash on five-star hotels, clothes and gambling.

A senior source said: "This individual's cruelty goes beyond just committing crime.

"He targeted people who were the most vulnerable in society.

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FRAUDSTER
Alan Cloake

FRAUDSTER SENT TO PRISON

EXCLUSIVE

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THIS is the conman who led a champagne lifestyle off the back of the most vulnerable in society by impersonating an immigration officer – and swindling thousands of euro from his victims.

Crook Alan Cloake – jailed last week for three years – is pictured for the first time as we reveal how he preyed on migrants, some of whom were working up to 17 hours a day.

Cold-hearted Cloake, 47, falsely claimed he could get them legitimate Irish citizenship while he lived it up in five-star luxury.

And the fraudster's cruel scheming saw him dupe his 10 victims over two years, between 2015 and 2017, out of €71,000.

On one occasion, he sent forged letters to some of his victims which appeared to be invitations to a citizenship ceremony at Dublin's Convention Centre.

Those who received the letter queued for over eight hours outside the building believing they were about to gain legitimate status here.

At the same time Cloake took phone calls throughout the day, peddling his line that he would meet them before they realised it was all a lie. In one of his victims' cases, a

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» Swindler is jailed for three years by judge

» Victims lost €71k to fuel his luxury lifestyle

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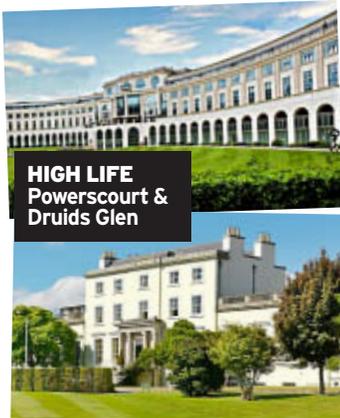
NEW DIGS
Alan Cloake faces cell as new home



'INVITE'
Convention Centre



INVESTIGATION Det
Gda Lorraine Travers



HIGH LIFE
Powerscourt & Druids Glen

Filipino – who was scammed out of €8,700 overall – had saved €4,000 working here to send back to his native country for an operation for his father.

But his family encouraged him to hand the money over to Cloake, believing he was an immigration officer, so he could get his Irish citizenship.

In another, Cloake targeted a Malawian family, one of whom had two jobs working 17 hour days.

This person along with their siblings had been helping to pay off loans which had been borrowed to get legitimate status in Ireland, but lost €17,500 overall to Cloake.

In the two year period of his crimes, fraudster Cloake spent over €8,000 staying in the Lyrath Hotel in Kilkenny, The Intercontinental Hotel in Dublin as well as the Druids Glen and Powerscourt hotels in Wicklow among others.

At the same time, he splashed out €2,500 on clothes using money he took from innocent people looking for a better life here.

A senior source said: "This individual's cruelty goes beyond just committing crime.

"He targeted people who were the most vulnerable in society.

"Having conned people out of money, he went on to push his lies

like on the day of the citizenship ceremony.

"He had those people believing they were about to celebrate one of the proudest days of their lives but it was all a lie."

The source added: "At the same time he was leading the high lifestyle in all these hotels, spending thousands."

The Irish Mirror can also reveal how there has been positive developments for the victims as all of them made new applications to stay in Ireland.

Officers from the Garda National Immigration Bureau (GNIB) along with the Department of Justice have been assisting them and nine of the ten cases so far have been granted

where they can stay and work in Ireland with the view of making them permanent citizens, while it is hoped the final case will be sorted soon.

The successful probe into Cloake was carried out by GNIB and led by Detective Garda Lorraine Travers.

Cloake began targeting these people in 2015 after speaking to a taxi driver, who was a naturalised citizen originally from Angola.

He claimed to be an immigration officer and the taxi driver passed on his information to people

he knew of, acting on Cloake's claims that he could get them legitimate status here for a fee.

Cloake – using the names "Michael Madden" and "Michael Walsh" –

conned 10 Malawian and Filipino nationals who did not have formal citizenship or rights to remain in the State.

Det Gda Travers told Dublin Circuit Criminal Court the victims were all Malawian and Filipino nationals whose citizenship status here would have been "suspect".

The detective said most of the victims were working illegitimately for low pay and sending money back to their families in their home countries.

Each of his victims paid Cloake thousands as he made €71,000 after meeting them at different locations around the capital.

Gardai were alerted by solicitors in

2018 who were acting on behalf of their clients who said they had been defrauded.

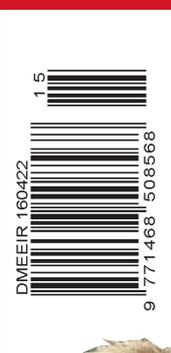
Cloake of Greenfort Crescent, Clondalkin, Dublin, pleaded guilty to falsely representing himself as an immigration officer and dishonestly inducing 10 people to pay him money, on dates between October 21, 2015 and February 10, 2017.

He also pleaded guilty to possession of the proceeds of criminal conduct between October 2, 2015 and September 20, 2017.

Last Thursday he received a four-year prison term with the final year suspended.

“ He targeted people who were the most vulnerable ”
SENIOR SOURCE ON ALAN CLOAKE'S CRIMES

“ Most of the victims sent cash back to their family ”
LORRAINE TRAVERS IN CIRCUIT CRIMINAL COURT



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Kerry are favourites for Sam but they're still fragile



COLM BOYLE'S BRILLIANT NEW GAA COLUMN
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EXCLUSIVE: THUG DUMPED

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.

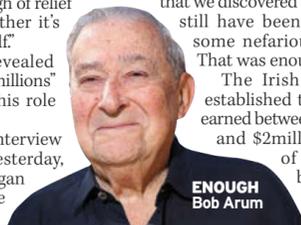
There was a huge international outcry when Kinahan's criminal activities were made public across the world - and the fight was later derailed for a number of reasons.

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

BOUNTY US puts price on Kinahan's head



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

\$5M Bounty the US is offering in bid to bring Kinahans to justice

RETIRED GARDA LOOKS BACK ON GANG FEUD THAT LEFT 18 DEAD

FUNERAL WARZONES



TOUGH Insp Gallagher chats to John

EXCLUSIVE
BY JOHN HAND Chief Reporter

GARDAI had to protect homes, sweep churches for bombs and man rooftops for Hutch family wakes and funerals to foil Kinahan cartel plans to kill mourners, a senior officer has revealed.

Inspector Tony Gallagher, who retired from the force after nearly 39 years this week, has told how he and his team had to take unprecedented measures due to the threat posed, declaring: "It was like a warzone."

In the wake of the February 5, 2016 Regency Hotel attack in North Dublin which claimed the life of Kinahan associate David Byrne, the mob began their onslaught.

A total of 18 men were shot dead in the feud, a level of violence the State had never seen before from an organised crime gang.

Following Byrne's murder, cartel boss Daniel Kinahan ordered his people to indiscriminately kill members of the Hutch family or anyone connected to them.

Three days later, on February 8, a gunman blasted Gerry "The Monk" Hutch's brother Eddie to death at his north inner city home. The 58-year-old was an innocent taxi driver.

As the feud spiralled out of control, Insp Gallagher, based at Mountjoy Garda station, was tasked with overseeing the operation around Eddie's wake and funeral.

At the time, gardai had received information that the Kinahans had brought a hitman in from the UK.

He was to target people at the wake, which was held at a Hutch relative's home in the north inner city, and at the funeral at Our Lady of Lourdes Church on Sean MacDermott Street.

Rooftops in surrounding areas were also manned with armed officers due to fears Kinahan thugs might take aim from above.

Investigators had other information that the cortege could be targeted on its way to Glasnevin cemetery.

Speaking about Eddie's funeral to the Irish Mirror, Insp Gallagher said: "It was an extraordinary time because in the preparations for our plan, we were getting intelligence that people were going to be targeted at the funeral and at the wake."

"So the in-depth detail you had to put into your plans to cater for all of the risks including out in a funeral home, including the Mass... for the very first time we had bomb sweeps of the church.

"They were very different times. You get to hear, in the ether, different threats or proposed threats. And we couldn't take them lightly.

"We occupied the rooftops. We planned for people who were going to target the funeral. We planned for people who had an intention perhaps for bringing incendiary devices to the funeral. So that involved using

CLOSE WATCH
Gardai at the funeral of Gareth Hutch



Inspector reveals the extraordinary measures taken to police wakes of Kinahan victims

specialised units like the Emergency Response Unit for the very first time in normal policing.

"But such was the threat at hand, such was the potential audaciousness, we had to take every step possible."

On the day of the funeral, The Monk hopped out of the back of a van outside the church, disguised with a wig. Gardai used surveillance cameras to identify him. It was the last time he was seen in Ireland before his arrest in Spain last August.

That day, Hutch walked alongside Noel Kirwan, a friend who had no involvement in crime.

Unbeknownst to Gallagher at the time, he would later oversee the funeral of 62-year-old Kirwan, shot dead in his car by a Kinahan hitman in December of that year.

In all, the inspector led the policing plans around the funerals of Eddie,

Kirwan and The Monk's 36-year-old nephew Gareth Hutch in 2016 as well as that of Derek Coakley Hutch and Jason "Buda" Molyneux, both 27, in 2018. They were murdered within days of each other.

Insp Gallagher said: "It was like a war zone. You arrived at a situation where you had the wake in the houses



INNOCENT Eddie Hutch



SHOT Derek Coakley Hutch



TARGET Jason Molyneux



DISGUISE The Monk at Eddie's funeral

of each of the persons who fell victim to murder. It was like a heavily armed cordon. And that was unusual and unnatural."

Coakley Hutch, another nephew of The Monk, was killed near Wheatfield Prison on January 20, just hours after visiting his brother Nathan in the jail.

Insp Gallagher revealed the family

were unwilling to proceed with the funeral until Nathan was allowed out to see his brother's body.

He said: "We organised a visit to the funeral home in the small hours of the morning to facilitate a grieving brother. I felt it was a nice thing to do."

Just 10 days after that murder, the cartel took out their next target,



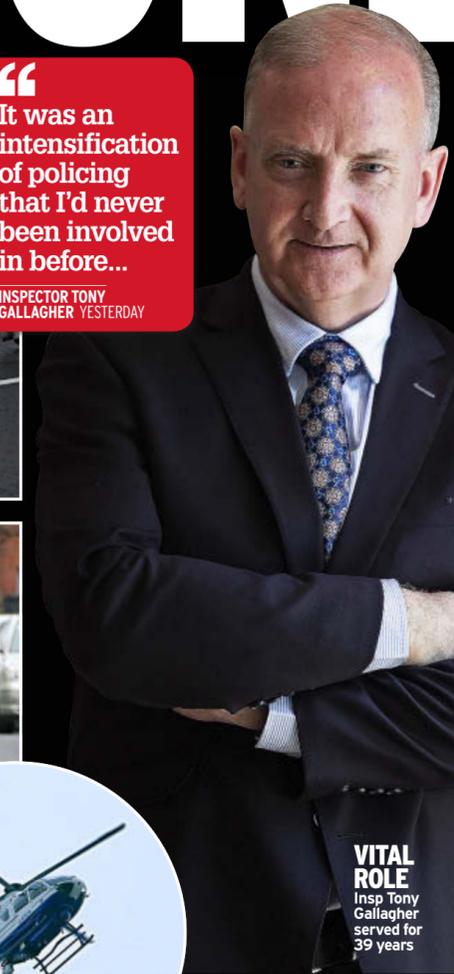
STANDING GUARD
Coffin of Derek Coakley Hutch



TAKING NO CHANCES
Funeral of Eddie Hutch

“It was an intensification of policing that I'd never been involved in before...”

INSPECTOR TONY GALLAGHER YESTERDAY



VITAL ROLE
Insp Tony Gallagher served for 39 years

Seven held after 'drug' seizures

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been under pressure for months now and this will devastate him."

The seizures were made in Dublin on Wednesday and yesterday - and included suspected cocaine infused into champagne and wine.

The bizarre find was made on Wednesday when detectives from the Garda National Drugs and Organised Crime Bureau raided a house in Beaumont, North Dublin.

One man was arrested at the scene and he was being held at Ballymun Garda Station last night.

Officers later mounted another operation - and stopped a car suspected of being connected to the Kinahan cartel on the M50.

Three men fled from the car as it was stopped and dived into the nearby River Liffey to flee gardai.

But officers jumped in after them and managed to catch two of the suspects.

Detectives also searched properties in nearby Palmerstown and in central Dublin - and found drugs and cash worth more than €2million.

Three men were arrested and brought to Garda stations along with the duo fished out of the Liffey.

Gardai spent a day hunting the sixth suspect who fled and made their move against him yesterday.

Seven people were in custody last night over the operations - and one was a serious criminal connected to the cartel led by Daniel Kinahan, 44.

Gardai suspect he used associates from north inner city Dublin for the suspected Kinahan operation - but several foreign nationals were also detained as part of the major probe.

All six suspects for the Palmerstown incident were being held in Garda stations in Dublin last night and can be held for up to a week.

Late last night, gardai said the man held over the Beaumont seizure was charged and will appear in court in Dublin later today.

Assistant Commissioner John O'Driscoll, who is in charge of the fight against the Kinahans and other gangs, said the two-day operation was significant.

He added: "A drug trafficking route has been identified and disrupted and a new method of concealing controlled substances has been identified and exposed."



SURVEILLANCE
The Garda helicopter

Molyneux, at James Larkin House in the North Strand area of Dublin.

The feared gangster was a close friend of Coakley Hutch and had been at his wake just before he was killed.

Covert patrols were in place but Insp Gallagher believes the attack highlighted the risks hitmen were willing to take. He said: "Molyneux

was at the wake of Coakley Hutch and on the way back, he was targeted.

"That was a particularly audacious hit considering the intensification of the patrols in our area."

For Molyneux's funeral, the inspector felt there had to be a message sent to the gang and he spoke to the priest leading the service.



CATALYST The body of Kinahan associate David Byrne, right, at the Regency Hotel



He said: "I had a very humane chat with him and I said to him, 'Where does it stop?'"

"I think as part of your talk at the church there has to be some kind of message if appropriate to disincentivise this gangland hierarchy, this gangland activity, that it's not an attractive career because you'll end up like the persons you are at a mass for."

"We talked about that and in his own way he introduced his own subtle message to the congregation."

Molyneux's murder was the last Kinahan hit carried out as part of the feud that left 18 men dead. Insp

Gallagher added: "Now whether that was entirely coincidental or perhaps families feeling the greater loss of young people who have died."

"I do feel it resonates with them because I have visited the families and they have suffered and still suffer."

Gang boss Daniel Kinahan, 44, dad Christy Snr, 65, and 41-year-old brother Christopher now have \$5million bounties on their heads.

Gardai have had major success with 79 convictions against cartel members in recent years including 12 for murder and 23 for attempted murder.

But reflecting on the period of the feud, Insp Gallagher said: "It was an escalation of threat that hit the world headlines. The whole boxing environment was brought into the spotlight."

"It was an intensification of policing that I'd never been involved in before."