Man accused of throwing hatchet at Garda vehicle

Andrew Phelan

A MAN has been accused of throwing a hatchet at a Garda car and smashing a window in it in an act of "extreme violence" outside his Dublin home.

Michael O'Leary (38) is also accused of unlawful possession of two knives during the alleged confrontation. Judge John Cheatle granted him bail at Dublin District Court.

Mr O'Leary is charged with possession of a hatchet with intent to cause injury and throwing it at a Garda car, criminal damage and possession of two knives.

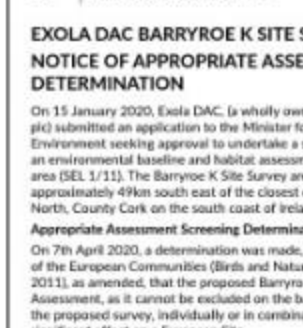
Objecting to bail, Garda David Woods said the case arose from a "violent and serious incident" at Mourne View in Skerries in the early hours of yesterday, involving an alleged attempt to assault a garda. Mr O'Leary addressed the judge, alleging "harassment" by gardai.

Judge Cheatle granted bail.

The garda sought a curfew, but defence solicitor Fiona D'Arcy said this would be "unduly onerous".

Gda Woods said there were allegations of "extreme violence" and a curfew would be in the public interest.

The judge imposed a curfew from 11pm to 6am under bail conditions.



Incident: The house in Mourne View in Skerries where gardai answered a call. PHOTO: STEVE HUMPHREYS

Search: Police investigating the death of Robbie Lawlor (right) in the Strathroy Park area of north Belfast. PHOTO: KEVIN SCOTT/BELFAST TELEGRAPH

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EXOLA DAC BARRYROE K SITE SURVEY APPLICATION

NOTICE OF APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT (AA) SCREENING DETERMINATION

On 15 January 2020, Exola DAC, (a wholly owned subsidiary of Providence Resources plc) submitted an application to the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment seeking approval to undertake a seabed and shallow geophysical survey and an environmental baseline and habitat assessment survey within the Barryroe licence area (SEL 1/11). The Barryroe K Site Survey area is situated in the North Celtic Sea Basin approximately 49km south east of the closest coastline at Ballymacshoneen, Butlerstown North, County Cork on the south coast of Ireland.

Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination

On 7th April 2020, a determination was made, following screening under Regulation 42 of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 (S.I. 477 of 2011), as amended, that the proposed Barryroe K Site Survey requires a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment, as it cannot be excluded on the basis of objective scientific information that the proposed survey, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, will have a significant effect on a European Site.

By further Notice dated 7th April 2020 EXOLA DAC has been directed to provide additional information considered necessary for the purposes of carrying out the Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment of the application. When received, the additional material will be published on the website of the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment (www.dccae.gov.ie) and submissions invited thereon for a period of 21 days.

Queries/Review

The AA screening determination and associated documentation have been published on the Department's website (www.dccae.gov.ie). For any queries in relation to this matter please contact the Environment Advisory Unit of the Department at 01 678 2000 or at the address below.

Please note that the validity of the AA Screening Determination may be questioned by Judicial Review under Order 84 of the Rules of the Superior Courts (S.I. No.15 of 1986), as amended. Any application for leave to apply for judicial review must be made promptly and in any event within three months from the date of the Determination. Practical information on the review mechanism can be obtained from Citizens Information at your local Citizens Information Centre, by phone (0761 07 4000) or online (www.citizensinformation.ie) or from the Courts Website (www.courts.ie).

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Risk of 'feud within a feud' over €50,000 seized for Lawlor hit

Ken Foy

A DANGEROUS "blame game" over the seizure of €50,000 has broken out between members of the McCarthy-Dundon gang and the Maguire faction suspected of ordering the murder of Robbie Lawlor.

Sources said both sides were "blaming each other" for gardai seizing the cash from two women who are part of the notorious McCarthy-Dundon gang from Limerick.

The women were released without charge from Portlaoise Garda Station on Tuesday after being questioned in relation to money-laundering offences. It is believed the seized €50,000 was paid to the Limerick mob by the Maguire faction for their involvement in Lawlor's murder.

"The McCarthy-Dundons will want their cash and they are saying that they have been set up for the big seizure," a source said.

"If the situation between the two gangs who previously had close links to each other is not resolved quickly, it could lead to a feud within a feud.

"Already a blame game has broken out between the two organisations over the money that was seized by gardai."

The leader of the Maguire faction, Owen Maguire, was left paralysed after being shot multiple times in July 2008 outside his Drogheda home.

It is suspected that attempted murder was carried out by Robbie Lawlor, who himself was shot dead last weekend in Belfast.

> **'They are saying that they have been set up for the big seizure'**

"The Maguire gang have been subject to every kind of surveillance for a long time now and there are informants in that camp as well," a source said.

"Gardai have a very good handle on their activities and this may well be why that money was seized on Monday."

Apart from the €50,000 in cash, gardai are investigating reports that a kilogram of cocaine, with a street value of €70,000, was given to the McCarthy-Dundon gang for their involvement in Lawlor's murder.

The revelations come as the PSNI continues to question a 36-year-old Belfast drug dealer who is suspected of being the gunman in the murder of Lawlor on Saturday.

Sources said this criminal owed €30,000 to associates of the Maguire gang and the debt was "wiped out" for his involvement.

He was arrested on Tuesday night at a house in the Ardoyne area of Belfast, close to where Lawlor was gunned down.

A property raided in Strathroy Park is the third house to be raided as part of the investigation.

However the murder weapon has not yet been recovered.

Tuesday night's arrest was the fifth made as part of the murder investigation.

Three other men – aged 33, 30, and 27 – and a boy aged 17 were previously questioned, but have since been released without charge.

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Paul Williams

BUSINESSMAN Steve Collins, whose son Roy was murdered by the notorious McCarthy-Dundon gang, was left sickened when he heard their name this week.

The gang has been linked to the killing of serial hitman Robbie Lawlor – and Mr Collins fears the incident may mark its return to serious crime.

In an exclusive interview, Mr Collins told the *Irish Independent*: "It brings it all back when we hear that name mentioned, we thought the name Dundon had been buried for good and that they were gone."

The worrying re-emergence of the Dundons as part of the Drogheda feud could not have come at a more poignant time for the Collins family.

Today marks the 11th anniversary of Roy's murder which took place in his amusement arcade in Limerick on Holy Thursday April 9, 2009.

As the PSNI continues to investigate Lawlor's murder in Belfast, gardai believe the Dundons agreed to set him up for the Maguire/Price faction in Drogheda.

This faction in turn wanted revenge on Lawlor for leaving one of the gang leaders paralysed after an assassination attempt, and the shocking murder and dismemberment of 17-year-old Keane Mulready-Woods.

Mr Collins said he will be seeking a meeting with senior gardaí in Limerick to review the security situation for his family in light of the recent revelations.

He said: "When I read about the involvement of the Dundons in a high-profile murder, with Wayne [Dundon] openly celebrating in prison and some of his associates being arrested... and then gardai lifting the money they had supposedly been paid, I was sickened.

"I was disappointed and shocked that the new generation seems to be on the way back and that they are trying to ingratiate themselves with other gangs; the State must make sure they are stopped in their tracks and are never again allowed to cause the chaos and misery they brought to Limerick.

"Wayne Dundon and his brothers are still organising murders from behind bars and then celebrating them just like they did with our Roy, Shane Geoghegan and many others.

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