

Ten people face trial accused of sharing names or pictures of girl's murderers

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TEN people are facing trial accused of illegally sharing the names or pictures of a teenage girl's young murderers on social media.

The six men and four women are being prosecuted over the circulation of images and details of the killers on Facebook and Twitter, despite court-ordered bans on identifying the boys.

Judge John Hughes ruled the cases were too serious to be dealt with at Dublin District Court and adjourned them for six weeks.

He said the consent of the Director of Public Prosecutions was required before they can be sent for trial to Dublin Circuit Criminal Court.

The 10 were summonsed for allegedly sharing either pictures or names of one or both of the boys in the days after the killers' conviction last year.

State solicitor Edward Flynn said the DPP was consenting to the cases being dealt with at district court level subject to the judge considering the issue of jurisdiction.

Evidence was heard that all 10 were prosecuted after social

Anything that might identify the accused was prohibited

media postings came to the attention of gardai after the conviction of the two boys.

The court heard anything that might identify the accused was prohibited by order of a judge in the Children's Court when they were first charged, and throughout their Central Criminal Court trial by the trial judge.

The young victim was named throughout the high profile murder trial. On foot of yesterday's submission by the DPP she can no longer be named.

The judge asked for a summary of the evidence against each accused so he could consider the issue of jurisdiction.

Garda Adrian Kildea said it was alleged father-of-four Gareth Cunningham (38) of Greenfort Crescent, Clondalkin, posted a picture of one of the boys on Facebook with the caption "evil-looking f**ker. # justice for (the deceased)".

Declan Corcoran (29) of Wil-

liam's Place Lower, Dublin, was alleged to have posted the names of both boys on his Twitter account, Gda Kildea said. He allegedly wrote: "For anyone who doesn't know their names, sick murdering perverts."

Edel Doherty (47) of Rory O'Connor House, Hardwicke Street, Dublin, allegedly posted a photograph of the boys on Facebook, Gda Robert McNicholas said.

He said Leeanda Farrelly (46) of Kilmartin Avenue, Tallaght, was accused of posting a copy of a screenshot on Facebook of one of the accused juveniles. Gardai recognised the boy, and the text allegedly included: "These are the two scum that murdered the poor little girl (deceased's name). Hope they get karma soon."

Jamie Shannon (25) of Empress Place, Dublin 1, was alleged to have posted an image of the two boys on Twitter.

Mother-of-two Hazel Fitzpatrick (24) of Easton Green, Leixlip, Co Kildare, was alleged to have shared pictures of one of the boys with some associated text on Facebook, Gda Eamonn O'Neill said the text allegedly included: "Name and shame the c**s."

Mother-of-three Louise Heaney (48) of Killinarden Estate, Tallaght, was alleged to have shared a picture on Facebook of both boys.

Kyle Rooney (25) of Rathfield Park, Raheny, allegedly posted an image of both boys on Twitter, with text reading: "(The accused), ladies and gentlemen. They deserve everything they are going to get, f**king scumbags." Other text read: "Meet the horrible c**t that killed (the deceased)".

It was alleged Robert Murphy (30) of Dolphin Road, Drimnagh, posted a comment on his Twitter account on a thread by another social media user. In this, he allegedly inserted the name of one of the accused boys.

Garda Niall Carolan said in the case of Jake Marshall (22) of Balcurris Gardens, Ballymun, it was alleged there was a screenshot photo of the two boys on Twitter with text written by the accused.

Judge Hughes said all 10 were presumed innocent and the DPP had consented to a prosecution in the district court.

He adjourned all cases to January 20.



Reform: Education Minister Norma Foley

Minister told to expect demands for bonus points in Leaving Cert Irish

Katherine Donnelly

THE Department of Education is bracing itself for demands for maths-style CAO bonus points for the highest-achieving Leaving Cert Irish candidates when new arrangements for the study of the native language are rolled out.

For the first time, the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment (NCCA) is drafting proposals for two different curricula in the subject for senior cycle students.

One, known as Teanga 1 (T1), would be aimed at native speakers and all-Irish schools, and the other, T2, would be for English-

medium schools. Each could be taken at higher or ordinary level.

This change has already happened in the junior cycle and follows criticism that the current curriculum is unchallenging for those with high proficiency.

The NCCA is expected to issue proposals in the spring, followed by a period of consultation, with the introduction of the new arrangements - probably by the mid-2020s.

The curriculum advisory body has no role in advising on CAO points, but a general briefing paper prepared by the Department of Education for Education Minister Norma Foley,

published yesterday, advises that it will become an issue once the NCCA proposals are published.

Her officials say there is "significant interest among the Irish language community and wider groups in the work being done by the NCCA and on curriculum matters regarding Irish in general".

While the briefing doesn't mention bonus points for high-achieving T1 students specifically, that is what is understood where it refers to "the treatment of student achievement arising from the study of Teanga 1 and Teanga 2, vis-a-vis entry requirements for higher and further education".



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Kilkenny County Council

NOTICE PURSUANT TO: SECTION 177AE OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 (AS AMENDED) AND THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 (AS AMENDED)

N77 BALLYRAGGET VILLAGE TO BALLYNASLEE ROAD IMPROVEMENT SCHEME, NORTH OF BALLYRAGGET VILLAGE, IN THE TOWNLANDS OF BALLYCONRA AND BALLYNASLEE, COUNTY KILKENNY.

Notice of Planning Application to An Bord Pleanála for Approval

Notice is hereby given that Kilkenny County Council intends to seek the approval of An Bord Pleanála under Section 177AE of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) to carry out a proposed development along a section of the N77 route north of Ballyragget Village in the townlands of Ballyconra and Ballynaslee in County Kilkenny.

The proposed development will consist of the realignment of a 2.44km section of the N77 to remove a bend immediately to the north of the Glanbia plant at Ballyragget, County Kilkenny. The proposed development will commence c. 250m south of the Glanbia plant at Ballyragget and extend northwards to tie in to the recently completed N77 Ballynaslee Realignment Scheme. The works will consist of 1740m of online realignment and 700m of offline realignment works, with associated drainage, including attenuation pond and swales; fencing; safety barriers; kerb line; signage; and all site development and landscaping works.

A Natura Impact Statement has been prepared as part of the application for approval in respect of the proposed development.

An Bord Pleanála may give approval to the application for development with or without conditions or may refuse the application for development.

A copy of the plans and particulars of the proposed development and the Natura Impact Statement will be available for inspection free of charge between Friday 4th December 2020 and Friday 29th January 2021 (Inclusive of both dates) at the following locations:

- The consultation website of Kilkenny County Council at <https://consult.kilkenny.ie/en>
- The Planning Section of Kilkenny County Council, County Hall, John Street, Kilkenny City, R95 A39T between the hours 9am to 1pm & 2pm to 4pm Monday to Friday (Excluding Public Holidays and the 24th December), by appointment. Contact (056) 7794010 or planning@kilkennycoco.ie to make an appointment.
- The offices of An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 between the hours 9:15am and 5:30pm Monday to Friday (Excluding Public Holidays and the 24th December)

The Natura Impact Statement and the Plans and Particulars of the proposed development may be inspected free of charge at the locations above or purchased at a cost of €30.

Any submissions and observations on the proposed development in relation to -

- the implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development in the area concerned,
- the likely effects on the environment of the proposed development, and
- the likely significant effects of the proposed development on a European Site, if carried out,

may be made in writing to An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin, D01 V902.

Any submission/observation must be received by An Bord Pleanála not later than on or before 5.30pm on Friday 29th January 2021.

A person may question the validity of any such decision by An Bord Pleanála by way of an application for judicial review under Order 84 of the Rules of the Superior Courts (S.I. No. 15 of 1986) in accordance with section 50 of the Planning and Development Acts, 2000 to 2018.

Practical information on the review mechanism can be accessed under the heading Publications - Judicial Review Notice on the Board's website www.pleanala.ie or on the Citizens Information website www.citizensinformation.ie

Dated this 3rd December 2020.

Tim Butler,
Director of Services.