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## Public pass on 'huge volume' of leads over missing boy

No major discoveries made during search of Kyran Durnin's former Dundalk home

Gardaí expected to search property connected to the family in Drogheda

CONOR LALLY and RONAN MCGREEVY

Gardaí investigating the disappearance of Kyran Durnin, the Co Louth boy suspected of having been murdered, are following up on a "huge volume" of calls from the general public.

Some of the calls have included claimed sightings of the boy, which detectives hope will aid them to establish when he was last seen alive, and whether that was over two years ago as suspected.

As a search and excavation operation at the former Durnin family home in Dundalk concluded yesterday evening, with no major discoveries made, gardaí were expected to search another property connected to the family in Drogheda.

However, detectives appeared to be no closer to making arrests, with sources saying it would be a "strategic error" to arrest any persons of interest at this point in the investigation.

They added arrests could be made only when evidence gathered by the Garda provided the grounds for such a move.

"If you arrest someone now, it is then much harder to arrest them for a second time in the same investigation," said one source. "You'd have to have new grounds, new evidence, for a second arrest."

**'Extraordinary'** Garda Commissioner Drew Harris said the possibility that a boy had been missing for two years and possibly murdered, and this having gone unnoticed for so long, was an "extraordinary incident".

It was one he had not seen the like of in his more than 40 years in policing, he said. "I cannot think of a similar set of circumstances and, in that way, there is a particular element to this that is difficult to comprehend."

The investigation team had been trying to identify proof of life since Kyran was last sighted aged six in 2022. "So, I cannot comment specifically on

whether Kyran reached his seventh or eighth birthday," Mr Harris added.

Special rapporteur on child protection Caoilfhionn Gallagher said Kyran's case was indicative of "real problems" with the State's child protection system, which had apparently "failed". This was despite the "admirable rhetoric about trying to make Ireland one of the best places in the world or in Europe to be a child".

**Missing person's report** The child and family agency, Tusla, raised a concern with the Garda for Kyran's welfare on August 29th last.

A family member of the boy filed a missing person's report the following day, which claimed Kyran and his mother, Dayla (24), had just gone missing.

The missing person's report suggested the mother and son's absence from their home in Drogheda had not been noticed until the morning of August 29th. A missing persons investigation was commenced and an appeal was made to the public for information.

However, investigations since then have found no evidence Kyran was alive at any time since he was last seen at his Dundalk national school close to the end of school year in May or June 2022.

Last week gardaí stood down their missing persons appeal, confirming Ms Durnin had been located in the UK.

The Garda added it was assumed Kyran had been killed, with the inquiry into his whereabouts upgraded to a murder investigation.

Garda sources also said while the investigation into Kyran's assumed killing was a murder inquiry, they had not ruled out the possibility he died in some other way and his death was then concealed.

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## Estate of late builder Joe Cosgrave valued at €124m

COLM KEENA

Builder Joe Cosgrave left an estate with a gross value of €124 million and a net value – after debts are deducted – of €93 million, according to the grant of probate just issued.

The figure does not include assets he held as a trustee.

The well-known member of the Cosgrave Property Group outlines in his will his wishes concerning trusts, the benefi-

ciaries of which are to be his daughters, Kate and Laura, and their children.

A Dublin company cited in Cosgrave's will in relation to the trust arrangements is the owner of properties in Dublin and Wicklow, company filings show.

Cosgrave died in February 2022 aged 62 and was one of the driving forces behind one of Ireland's best-known housebuilders, originally known as Cos-

grave Brothers. He was predeceased by his brother Peter and survived by his brothers Michael and William and his sisters Helen and Patricia.

His widow, Denise Cosgrave, is involved in a High Court clash with her late husband's brothers over her non-appointment as a director to Genstar Unlimited and JOM Investments Limited Company, key firms in the group.

In his January 2021 will, Cos-

grave left his interest in the Genstar group of companies to his wife, who was also appointed as sole executor.

In her court case, Ms Cosgrave is alleging that her two brothers-in-law have been using her late husband's death to take control of the construction and development group and is concerned about several matters, including the sale of property.

The brothers and the companies are contesting her claims,

saying they have acted properly and in the best interests of the Cosgrave Group. Among the issues they have raised has been the need for a grant of probate on their late sibling's estate.

When the case came up recently in the High Court, the judge was told that an attempt at mediation had been unsuccessful. A hearing date was set for early next year.

In his will, Cosgrave refers to investments and properties

that may be held on trust for the benefit of his two daughters and refers to two trusts, one for each daughter, in which one of the initial trustees will, in each case, include a company called Grey Arch Ltd.

Company filings for Grey Arch show mortgages associated with properties in Ranelagh and Clontarf, Dublin, apartments in Delgany, Co Wicklow, and leases associated with the Dublin properties.

## Landlord Marc Godart fined €25,000 for letting breaches

COLM KEENA

Landlord Marc Godart has been hit with fines of more than €25,000 arising from failing to register tenancies and knowingly giving false reasons to tenants for why they had to leave their apartments.

The latest list of sanctions and court orders published by the Residential Tenancies Board (RTB) includes seven entries for the Godart company, Green Label Property Investments Ltd, in relation to six apartments at Reuben House, Reuben Street, Dublin 8.

Last year The Irish Times reported how tenants had been evicted from the apartments on the basis that the owner wanted to sell, only for the apartments then to be advertised for short-term letting on Airbnb.

On Tuesday, another company owned by Mr Godart, Reu-

ben Street Hot Desks Ltd, was fined €1,500 in the District Court for the short-term letting of the same apartments without the required planning permission over the year to April, despite having been instructed to desist. The company was also ordered to pay costs of €3,601 in the case, which was taken by Dublin City Council.

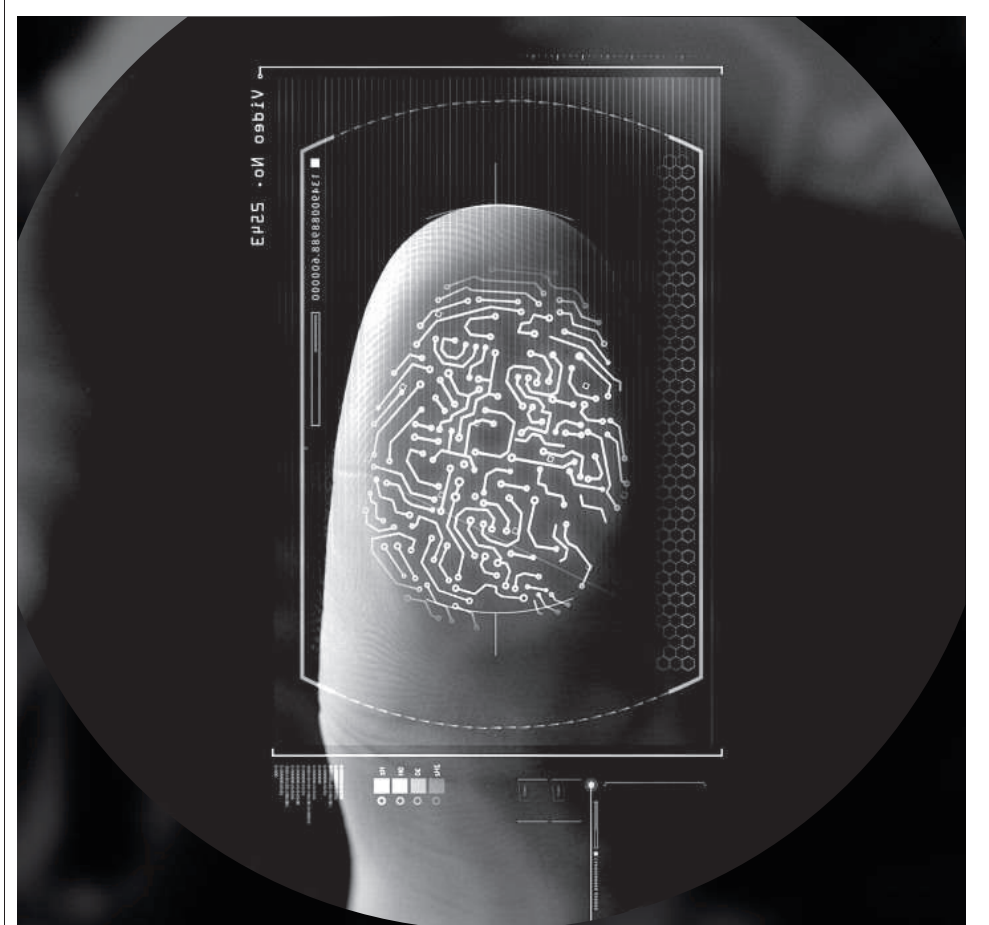
**Firsttime** The latest list of sanctions published by the RTB shows that Green Label Property Investments, a company that holds property on behalf of Mr Godart's business, was hit with monetary sanctions ranging from €500 to €13,000. It is the first time the RTB has imposed sanctions on Mr Godart's business, though tenants have brought successful complaints against him to the RTB and received monetary awards.

The latest sanctions and court orders published by the RTB include cases where landlords were sanctioned for failing to comply with the rent pressure zone laws that control rents in designated areas.

Landlord Anuj Katyal, of Amstelveen, the Netherlands, was given a monetary sanction of €15,000 for failing to comply with rent pressure zone requirements in respect of a property at Liffey Place, Liffey Valley Park, Lucan, Co Dublin.

Landlord William Byrne, of Blackrock, Dublin, was sanctioned €5,000 in respect of an apartment on Bachelors Walk, Dublin 1.

Landlords Thang Viet Dam and Ngoc Minh Nguyen, of Clonoe, Dublin 15, were sanctioned a total of €22,434 in relation to two tenancies, at Premier Square, Finglas Road, Dublin 11, and Ongar Village, Dublin 15.



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### Weather

Heavy rain at times along with drier and brighter interludes. Highs of 12-16 degrees in light to moderate northeast winds.

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