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Pushing on Farrell helps friend raise funds

Actor Colin Farrell pushing his friend Emma Fogerty in yesterday's Dublin Marathon. The pair were raising awareness of, and funds for, the rare skin condition epidermolysis bullosa, also known as butterfly skin.

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Photograph: Sam Barnes/Sportsfile



Hutch could spend months in custody

Dublin criminal expected to apply for bail but Spanish authorities may object

CONOR LALLY

Well-known Dublin criminal Gerry Hutch is likely to apply for bail after being remanded in custody on the Spanish island of Lanzarote, but may spend at least several months in custody, gardai believe. The 61-year-old Dubliner was one of nine people who appeared before the courts in Lanzarote last Friday arising from an alleged gang-related money laundering conspiracy. Mr Hutch was remanded in custody, alongside one other suspect, while the other seven people detained were freed on bail.

Mr Hutch is expected to apply for bail and could do so immediately, although Garda sources said it was unclear if he would be released in the short term.

They said the extent of the investigation, which has been running for more than two years, as well as Mr Hutch's previous efforts to evade arrest in Spain may be used by the authorities to object to bail being granted.

In early 2021 a European arrest warrant was issued for Mr Hutch by the courts in Dublin as he was wanted to stand trial for the murder of David Byrne at the Regency Hotel, Dublin, in 2016. He left Lanzarote in March of that year.

Gardaí suspect he was tipped off that his arrest and extradition were being sought. He was not located un-

til August, 2021, when he was eventually arrested in Malaga and extradited to Ireland.

Though he went on trial before the Special Criminal Court for the murder of Mr Byrne he was acquitted last year and walked free from court after 20 months in custody in Spain and Ireland. Since his acquittal he has been spending most of his time in Lanzarote, though also living in Dublin for periods.

However, last Wednesday the Guardia Civil carried out 10 searches in Span, including at Mr Hutch's Lanzarote home, resulting in his arrest and nine suspects appearing before the courts. It is alleged the suspects are linked to money laundering in Spain. The Spanish police alleged the money laundering was being carried out by an international crime gang.

As Mr Hutch's home in Lanzarote was searched gardaí were also searching his home in Clontarf, north Dublin, after a request for assistance from Spanish authorities. The first wave of searches in the inquiry had taken place in 2022 in Spain.

The investigation alleges money derived from crime has been laundered - via businesses and property transactions - in Spain, including Lanzarote.

Mr Hutch has long had close ties to the island.

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Deportation orders increase by 140%

Voluntary returns by migrants rise 270%, enforced deportations at 10-year high

McEntee to update Coalition on impact of accelerated processing of migrant claims

JENNIFER BRAY

The number of deportation orders issued to asylum seekers has risen by 140 per cent over the past year, according to new figures.

Minister for Justice Helen McEntee is due to provide a report to Government outlining the impact of recently introduced accelerated processing measures for international protection applicants.

She will also update Ministers on efforts to increase en-

forcement and address the issue of people arriving into the State without documentation. There have been 138 arrests this year for arriving without appropriate documentation while a "significant number" of these have been convicted.

The Government will be told that the number of enforced deportations using commercial travel is at a 10-year high.

The number of deportation orders signed so far this year is 1,792, up 140 per cent on the same period in 2023 when 746

orders were signed. The number of enforced deportations has increased by 165 per cent for the same period, rising from 37 to 98 this year so far.

Voluntary returns have also risen, with 648 so far this year in comparison with 175 in the same period in 2023, representing a 270 per cent increase.

Ms McEntee will also provide an update on accelerated processing times for certain international protection applicants, first introduced in late 2022.

The faster processing times are now applied to three groups: those who come from safe countries of origin, of which there are 15 such countries; those who have already received protection elsewhere in Europe; and the citizens of the countries that provide the highest number of new arrivals in the previous three months.

In relation to the latter

group, extending fast processing to the two countries with the highest number of applications, currently Nigeria and Jordan, resulted in a 66 per cent reduction in applications from Nigeria, and a 67 per cent reduction from Jordanian applicants.

In relation to the safe countries list, Algeria and Botswana were added to that list on January 31st, 2024, resulting in a 78 per cent reduction on applications from those countries.

Added

An additional five countries were added to the safe countries list on July 3rd, 2024, and so far there has been a 14 per cent reduction in applications from this group. The 15 safe countries of origin are: Albania, Algeria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Egypt, Georgia, India, Kosovo, Malawi, North Macedonia, Montene-

gro, Morocco, Serbia and South Africa. There has also been a drop in the number of international protection applicants from South Africa and Bolivia after the introduction of new visa requirements.

Ministers are also due to be provided with an update on engagement between the Department of Justice, the UK Home Office, An Garda Síochána and the PSNI about protecting the Common Travel Area (CTA) from abuses. Legislation has been introduced to allow the UK to be redesignated as a safe country for returns.

The border management unit, Garda National Immigration Bureau and UK Border Force and Immigration Enforcement are engaging "via joint operations and intelligence-sharing" to respond to current trends of CTA travel and suspected areas of abuse.

Work is happening under Operation Sonnet, a Garda operation which targets people attempting to abuse the CTA by illegally crossing the Irish Border from Northern Ireland. This involves checking vehicles.

According to separate information contained within a Department of Justice circular, the number of people who have applied for international protection in Ireland this year is now more than 16,000.

Tusla reported 37 minors as 'missing' from care

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A total of 37 children and young people have gone missing from Tusla's care so far this year, latest figures show.

Data provided to The Irish Times shows 31 of them are separated children seeking asylum, while six went missing from residential settings - three of whom are still missing.

Asked about the issue of young people going missing from its care, Tusla said: "As of

October 10th last, 37 young people have been reported as missing from care.

"Of the 37, 31 are separated children seeking international protection (SCSIP). The vast majority of young people in the SCSIP service reported as 'missing' are aged over 16 years.

"Some of these young people communicated their intention to travel on to other countries to join family members, and some indicated that it was never their intention to remain in Ireland and left soon after they arrived in the country.

"Nonetheless, for those who did not subsequently make us aware of their whereabouts, these young people are counted as 'missing' and An Garda Síochána are notified accordingly," the agency said.

Tusla did not specify whether it believed the 31 missing young asylum seekers were still in the country or whether it was making efforts to ascertain their whereabouts.

The agency continued: "Of the 37, six are living in Tusla's residential settings. Most of these young people reported as

'missing' return to their placement after a brief period of time and remain in a safe and caring environment."

It said it was "important to note" that where a child is absent from their residential care placement for more than 15 minutes, they can be reported as "missing" from care. "This could be for a range of reasons, such as missing their curfew or not returning to their placement at an agreed time.

"Three of these six young people remained in contact with the services whilst absent,

and three of these young people were not in contact as of 10th October."

Meanwhile, speaking on RTE, Minister for Children Roderic O'Gorman said there have "very clearly been failings" in the case of missing boy Kyran Durnin. Kyran, last seen in 2022 when he was six, was not in Tusla's care but the agency had engaged with his family.

Mr O'Gorman said something clearly went wrong and it was necessary to establish what this was to ensure it did not happen again.

Weather

Cloudy with patchy rain and drizzle but dry in the afternoon and evening. Highs of 13-16 degrees in light winds.

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