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Son accused of knife murder of mother

■ 25-year-old charged with killing appears in court following fatal stabbing incident in Ballinlough
■ Psychiatric attention requested during hearing

Liam Heylin

Urgent psychiatric attention had to be requested for a 25-year-old man charged yesterday afternoon with murdering his mother outside their family home in a Cork City suburb on Monday night.

David Gallagher was charged with murdering his 59-year-old mother, Stella Gallagher, and assault causing harm to his father, 63-year-old Brian Gallagher.

Solicitor Shane Collins-Daly said the man was being seen by a doctor, approximately once every eight hours, since his arrest on Monday night.

Detective Sergeant Niall Hayes testified at the brief court hearing at Cork District Court yesterday that the accused man was formally charged at lunchtime with two counts.

The first charge stated: "On November 17, 2025, at Shrewsbury Downs, Ballinlough, in the district court area of Cork City, district number 19, he did murder Stella Gallagher, contrary to common law."

The second charge stated: "On November 17, 2025, at Shrewsbury Downs, Ballinlough, in the district court area of Cork City, district number 19, he did assault Brian Gallagher, causing him harm, contrary to Section 3 of the Non-Fatal Offences Against the Person Act."



Stella Gallagher was stabbed on Monday night. Picture: Instagram

Det Sgt Hayes testified that he cautioned David Gallagher that he did not have to say anything but that whatever he might say would be written down and could be given in evidence. To each charge, the defendant made no reply.

The 25-year-old, with long, shaggy hair, wearing a dark sweatshirt and light grey track pants, looked downwards as he sat in the dock and was not required to speak. No DPP directions are required on the murder charge, which will ultimately be dealt with at the Central Criminal Court.

Directions are required on the assault causing harm charge but are not yet given.

Sergeant John Kelleher said that his application was for a remand in custody for seven days on the murder charge.

Judge John King adjourned both charges until

November 26 at Cork District Court and directed that the accused should appear by video link from prison.

Mr Collins-Daly said at that point: "He has been assessed on numerous occasions by medical practitioners since Monday. He has seen a doctor on average every eight hours or so. And he is being given medication by those doctors."

"Given the nature of one of the charges, the accused is not entitled to make an application for bail. There is consent to a remand in custody for seven days."

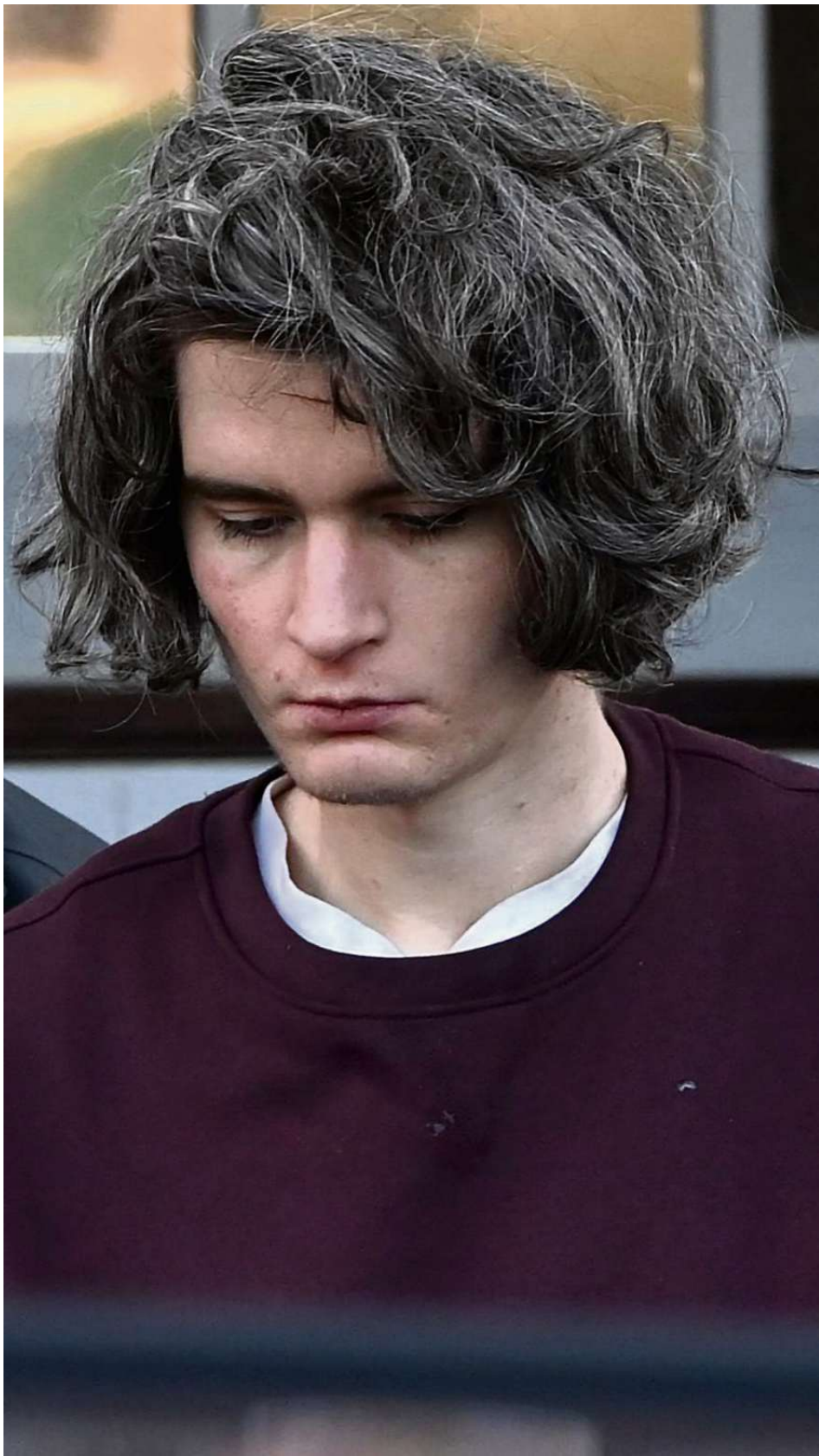
"I would ask the court to direct that he receive urgent medical and psychiatric evaluation on his arrival in Cork Prison."

The court appearance follows from the investigation of a serious stabbing incident at around 9pm on Monday.

A senior investigating officer has been appointed to head up the investigation and an incident room has been established at Anglesea Street Garda Station.

A family liaison officer has been assigned to support relatives of the deceased and to inform them of any developments in the case.

Gardaí are appealing for witnesses, particularly anyone who was in the Shrewsbury Downs area between 8.30pm and 9.30pm on Monday, including anyone who may have home security or dashcam footage.



David Gallagher, aged 25, was charged at Cork District Court for the murder of his mother and assaulting his father. Picture: Eddie O'Hare

Yates engaged in 'modern version of Galway tent'

Louise Burne

Political Correspondent

Ivan Yates has been accused of engaging in a "modern version of the Galway tent" as he denied his work as a property developer, training the housing minister, and chairing housing conferences caused conflicts of interest.

Mr Yates refused to answer questions about whether he had provided coaching to Fianna Fáil presidential election candidate Jim Gavin and then appeared on Newstalk on the same day. He said he "deliberately" did not tell Matt Cooper about the link.

After failing to disclose that he provided training to Mr Gavin during the election, the former Fine Gael minister and radio host was dropped from his *Path to Power* podcast.

Mr Yates confirmed to Fine Gael senator Garret Ahearn that he had provided media training to housing minister James Browne regarding changes to rent pressure zone legislation.

He also said his "biggest clients" included people chairing the National Housing Summit and chairing the annual Construction Industry Federation conference. In addition, he told Mr Ahearn that he is a property developer. He has been involved with almost 500 homes in Cork.

Mr Ahearn asked: "Can you not see how people would see a conflict with a property developer training people who work in property on media, training the minister of housing on media, and then talking



Ivan Yates has been involved with almost 500 homes in Cork.

about housing on a podcast? "It is a modern version of the Galway tent."

Mr Yates denied any conflict, saying: "If I coached you yesterday, I would feel free to criticise you tomorrow."

Newstalk confirmed Mr Yates had been a cover presenter on the radio station during the presidential election between September 23 and 25. When asked if he had presented on Newstalk and trained Mr Gavin on the same day, Mr Yates refused to answer. He said it was under review by Coimisiún na Meán, adding that he was "not going to litigate those issues here".

He also said that, while he regretted saying on a podcast that Heather Humphreys should "smear the bejaysus" out of Catherine Connolly, he did not give this advice to Mr Gavin.

Fine Gael TD Brian Brennan branded the comments as "absolutely disgusting", noting Mr Yates had the opportunity to "make an official apology".

Mr Yates told Mr Brennan he was being "excessively precious", adding that "the Connolly campaign deliberately manipulated this".

High Court action over farmer's death settled

Ann O'Loughlin

The family of a Cork farmer who had a heart attack and died hours after an out-of-hours doctor over the phone treated his symptoms as a sore throat has settled a High Court action over his death.

When dairy farmer Daniel Cronin spoke to the doctor in the early hours of December 16, 2021, he had cardio symptoms such as sweating, neck pain, and a red-hot chest sensation but was dealt with as a sore throat case, the High Court heard.

The family's counsel told the High Court it was their case that "it cost him his life".

GP Antonios Issou, who at the time worked with South-Doc, had admitted a breach of duty in the case.

Counsel said Dr Issou accepts that given Mr Cronin's symptoms and presentation he should have arranged an



Tim, Brendan, Marie, and Mary Cronin and Josephine Delaney at the Four Courts. Mary Cronin holds up a photo of her husband. Picture: Colins Courts

in-person consultation, or alternatively advised immediate transfer to a hospital emergency department.

Later that morning, Mr

Cronin, aged 72, was milking cows on the family farm at Knocknagree, Mallow, Co Cork when he had a heart attack and collapsed and died.

In the proceedings it was claimed there was an alleged failure to investigate Mr Cronin's worsening symptoms with neck pain, chest pain radiating to the throat, and a sensation of a red hot chest which it was claimed had developed by December 16.

There was, it was claimed, an alleged mistaken attribution of Mr Cronin's symptoms to a sore throat.

It was further claimed had Mr Cronin been sent immediately to hospital when he sought medical advice in the early hours of December 16, his threatened cardiac arrest would have been diagnosed promptly and managed appropriately and he would have survived.

The terms of the settlement are confidential and the matter was before the court for the division of the €35,000 mental distress solatium payment.

Counsel for the family Doi-

reann O'Mahony BL told the court on December 15, 2021 Mr Cronin attended the out of hours service with mild throat symptoms.

In the early hours, counsel said Mr Cronin woke up with dramatically different and deeply concerning symptoms including radiating neck pain, profound sweating, and a red hot sensation in his chest.

Counsel said he rang the South Doc out of hours service and the triage nurse correctly classified him as priority.

Counsel said Dr Issou rang Mr Cronin and dealt with the matter as a sore throat.

Outside court, Mr Cronin's son Brendan, on behalf of the family, said they felt very let down by what had happened. "It has been a hard four years. It does now give us some closure and at least we can try to move on," he said.

Cork city bar and newsagents sells for over €5m

Tommy Barker
Property Editor

Was there ever a bar as well named as The Flying Enterprise?

The Cork city bar and business premises has just sold for over €5m, making it the biggest bar sale in Cork and across Munster this year.

The vastly expanded licensed and entertainment premises, virtually an entire quayside block of a quarter of an acre, was built up over

the past 45 years by owners Finbarr and Dolly O'Shea.

It includes the Courtyard Bar capable of holding parties of 700 at the old Sullivan's Quay CBS site, a shop Quay News, off-licence, and five overhead apartments.

The Flying Enterprise went up for sale in April and attracted very strong local, national, and international inquiries given its location, profile, very strong income and trading figures, said its selling agent Margaret Kelleher of Cohalan Downing.

Ms Kelleher said the buyer was local with international backing, and it would continue to run as a trading entity as-is, with all staff retained after the owner's decision to retire.

Near St FinBarre's Cathedral, the South Mall, and the Brewery Quarter, the mixed-use commercial/licensed property earns €185,000 per year in rents separate to bar income: Munster Technological University pays €105,000 a year to lease three classrooms in the building, and the five apartments add another €80,000 annually.

It was this very level of combined income that drove the sale price to just under the €5.3m asking price, according to Ms Kelleher who

had described it on launch as "an iconic, long-established licensed premises with further development potential".

The property has planning for new entrances on the curiously-titled Sober Lane, along with a new function room.

It's one of the very strongest Munster licensed sales in recent years, only eclipsed by the sale of the Reardens Washington St nighttime venue along with the Oliver Plunkett Bar in a combined €30m deal last year to Attestor Capital.

Also due to close as a bar sale and redevelopment opportunity shortly is the Cotton Ball, Mayfield, for a sum close to €1m.



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