

**DMR North – North Central JPC Sub Committee - Garda Report**



**Garda Síochána Act 2005 – Joint Policing Guidelines 15.9**

The following is compiled by way of general information, for the period under review, as per regulation 17.6, in accordance with the headings specified in that regulation, (1) Commission of Crime and (2) Crime Prevention matters.

<b>Garda Station / (Sub)District</b>	Raheny/Clontarf	<b>Period</b>	01/07/2023 – 30/09/2023
<b>Superintendent</b>	John Grace	<b>Date of JPC Meeting</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> of October 2023

Reports Of	2023	2022	Change	Detection Rate 2023	Detection Rate 2022	Comments
Assault Causing Harm	9	12	-25%	11.12%	9.09%	Very slight decrease in number of serious assaults.
Assault Minor	28	36	-22.23%	0%	2.64%	Slight decrease in minor assaults – Hotspot areas actively patrolled.
Aggravated Burglary	0	2	-100%	0%	50%	Increase in Operation THOR and HYBRID patrols
Burglary	43	47	-8.51%	4.66%	23.9%	Hotspots being Identified (OP THOR and HYBRID patrols for Transient Criminals frequenting the District)
Criminal Damage	49	67	-26.8%	30.6%	17.46%	Car Parks/Housing Estates are targeted areas – Operation Thor and Hybrid Patrols to fight this Crime.
Discharge of Firearm	0	1	-100%	0%	0%	Increase in Operation THOR and HYBRID patrols
Robbery from Person	3	3	0%	0%	33.333%	Hot Spot areas targeted by increase in Hybrid patrols.
Robbery from Establishments	4	1	+300%	0%	100%	Hot Spot areas targeted by increase in Thor and Hybrid Patrols.
Theft from the Person	1	1	0%	0%	0%	Hotspot areas being targeted by designated Patrols.
Theft from MPV	9	38	-76.3%	0%	5.27%	Hot Spot areas targeted by increase of Patrols and members receive T/E training.
Theft from Shop	68	35	+94.2%	38.2%	31.4%	Increase in this type of crime, detection rates show slight increase.
Theft (Other)	53	43	+18.87%	5.66%	6.98%	Car Parks/Housing Estates are targeted areas – Operation Thor and Hybrid Patrols to fight this Crime.
UT of Vehicle	41	26	+61.5%	4.77%	12%	Unlocked vehicles are still an easy target and vehicles taken in course of burglaries. Also Theft of E – Scooters on the rise.
Fraud / Deception	71	101	-30%	0%	9%	Increase in this type of Crime despite Nationwide Awareness Campaign

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<b>Public Order Incidents</b>	38	51	-25.4%	N/A	N/A	Includes different facets of Public Order, Demonstrations, Trespassing, Drunkenness etc - Operation Irene
<b>Domestic Violence Incidents</b>	86	56	+53.5%	N/A	N/A	Domestic Violence Liaison Officer appointed and call backs completed. Training Courses in Clontarf.
<b>Domestic Violence Breach of Orders</b>	16	6	+166%	N/A	N/A	

Garda Patrol Activity	2023	2022	Change	Detection Rate 2023	Detection Rate 2022	Comments
<b>ASBO Issued</b>	0	0	0%	N/A	N/A	
<b>Possession of Firearm</b>	0	0	0%	N/A	N/A	
<b>Possession of Drugs for Sale or Supply</b>	16	4	+300%	N/A	N/A	
<b>Possession of Drugs for Personal Use</b>	37	40	-07.5%	N/A	N/A	Operation Thor and Hybrid Patrols active in area.
<b>Possession of Offensive Weapon</b>	2	8	-75%	N/A	N/A	
<b>Vehicle Seizures Sec 41</b>	45	63	-28.5%	N/A	N/A	Seen as a positive in proactively policing road crime and travelling criminals and Increase in checkpoints.
<b>Dog Offences</b>	2	1	+100%	N/A	N/A	
<b>Offences Against Animals</b>	0	1	-100%	N/A	N/A	

<p><b>Crime Prevention Matters and Other Information</b></p>	<p>(A) Operation <b>Thor</b>, and <b>Operation Hybrid</b> have contributed to operations, with designated checkpoints and <b>Operation Saul</b> has a detailed Dart Patrol being carried out by both uniform and plain clothes units, which have helped in the detection of crime and high visibility policing throughout the <b>Raheny/Clontarf Sub-district</b>.</p> <p>(B) Investigations into major incidents are ongoing and there have been several successful operations, as well as <b>successful Court Prosecutions</b> in this quarter.</p> <p>(C) <b>Funding from Dept. Of Justice for Enhancing High Visibility patrols to tackle Anti-social &amp; Criminal behaviour</b> which target local amenity areas during the year whether it is members on foot patrol or on Mountain bike patrol have led to successful increase in Public Order detections throughout the District.</p> <p><b>Call back initiatives</b> have been put in place for persons who are victims of <b>Burglary incidents, Domestic Violence incidents and Sexual Assault incidents</b>. The victims of crime are visited and given crime prevention and security advice from members, this has proven to be quite successful and greatly appreciated by the persons' concerned.</p> <p><b>An 'Older Person' strategy</b> has also been developed throughout the District by Community Policing members.</p> <p>(D) There are <b>2 Sergeant and 10 Gardaí</b> attached to Community Policing and they have all Neighbourhood watch schemes in operation in their designated areas, they are all ELO trained and Mountain Bike Operatives. Each member is involved in Community Engagement initiatives throughout the District.</p>
<p>It should be noted that in any reference to statistics, those statistics are provisional, operational, liable to change and some possibly re-classified with the introduction of Central Statistics Office reports.</p>	

<p><b>Crime Prevention Matters and Other Information</b></p>	<p>(A).</p> <p>Incidents of Note :</p>
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(B) On the **11<sup>th</sup> of September** while on proactive patrol drug patrols, Members observed two males in a suspicious transaction in the **Kilbarrack area**. Both of these males were stopped and searched under the provisions of section 23 of the Misuse of Drugs Act, 1977/84. One male was found in possession of three Cannabis vapes and the second male was found in possession of €100 and a fist size ball of suspect Cocaine. (est. value €7,700). This male was arrested for an offence contrary to Section 15 of the Misuse of Drugs Act, 1977/84 and conveyed him to Clontarf Garda Station, detained under the provisions of section 4 of the Criminal Justice Act, 1984. Members obtained a Warrant under Section 26 of the Misuse of Drugs Act, 1984 to search the home address of the SO. During the course of the search the following items were seized, weighing scales, tick list, small bag of suspect cocaine, small bag of Cannabis plant and pepper spray & .22 pistol bullet. This SO is currently, charged and before the Courts.



(F) On the **11<sup>th</sup> of August** at approximately **02.35hrs** whilst conducting a proactive mobile patrol of the Fairview area, Members observed damage to the front entrance to **Marino College, Marino Mart, and Dublin 3**. Upon further inspection, the front door had been smashed and it appeared that entry had been gained by smashing a further internal door allowing access to the building.

Whilst at scene, a male known to them exited a laneway next to the building and began to walk towards Fairview Park in an attempt to evade Gardaí. The SO was subsequently apprehended and searched and found to be in possession of a number of items that had been taken from the school. The SO was arrested for an offence of Burglary and was subsequently conveyed to Raheny Garda station.

The SO was subsequently detained under Sec 4 CJA and during the course of the interview. The SO made certain admissions. He was subsequently charged with this offence and is currently before the Courts.

(G)On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of August 2023 the 'J & R' District Drug Units conducted a joint day of action to disrupt the Sale and Supply of drugs. A total of seven addresses were searched under section 26 warrants by the 'J' Drug Unit with assistance from DDU, Community Policing, Street Crime, members of Unit D Regular and the National Dog Unit. The following drugs were seized during this operation. At an address in the Artane area which was searched under warrant by members, suspected Cocaine was found and seized in the wardrobe of the front box room belonging to the SO, estimated and subject to analysis €12,180 (174grams). The search continued and in the back garden in a dog kennel, Cannabis Herb to the value of €27,400 (1,310 grams) was found wrapped in a black bag. A search of the shed was conducted and suspected Cocaine to the value of €4,690 (67 grams) was seized. Total value of suspect Cocaine found €16,870. Total value of the Cannabis Herb is €27,400. The SO is currently charged and before the Courts in relation to this seizure.





(G1)After enquiries made into the sale and supply of drugs in the J District, members searched premises in Killester and seized €48,000 worth of Cannabis Herb, €2,400 worth of Cocaine, €600 cash, weighing scales and bagging were found and seized. The SO was present during the search and subsequently arrested contrary to section 15 of the Misuse of Drugs Act, conveyed to Clontarf Garda Station and currently detained under section 4 of the Criminal Justice Act, 1984. The SO is currently Charged with this offence and before the Courts



**(H) On the 25/07 at Dublin Circuit Court 15** an offender was up for finalisation in regards to the following offences attached to three different indictments in court 15 of the Circuit Criminal Court before Judge Martina Baxter.  
Unauthorised Taken of a vehicle and burglary at Brian Avenue on the 8<sup>th</sup> of September 2022.  
– Burglary at a Business Fairview on the 15<sup>th</sup> of April 2022.  
– Burglary at Crescent Place, Marino, Dublin 3, Trespass, Interference of MPV at 4 and Brian Road on 27<sup>th</sup> of August 2022 and Possession of stolen property at Fairview Strand on the 27<sup>th</sup> of August 2022.  
The SO made a guilty plea on all of the above offences at the earliest course in the Circuit Court and Judge Baxter convicted and sentenced **the offender to 4 ½ years'** imprisonment with 18 months suspended and backdated to when he went into custody which was the 9<sup>th</sup> of September 2022.

- (I) On the 16<sup>th</sup> of July at Mount Temple School Malahide Rd D.3 Gardaí to scene and spoke with Security and patrolled the area. Gardaí observed male in possession of a screwdriver at the above location. Male dropped screwdriver and fled the scene. Gardaí gave chase to male, The SO was subsequently arrested and conveyed to Clontarf Garda station. Members recovered various stolen items in connection with 5 x Theft offences and the SO was Charged and is currently before the Courts.
- (J) On the 14<sup>th</sup> of July at the Malahide Rd Clontarf Members from DCRT observed MPV acting suspiciously in Fairview, followed same, stopped and searched vehicle under section 23 MDA. They recovered €9000 worth of Cannabis Herb and €8670 in cash, driver of vehicle 4 was arrested and conveyed to Clontarf GS where he was detained under Sec 2 CJA '96. A follow up search of his residence led to DCRT members recovering €65,000 worth of drugs (Cannabis Herb & Mushrooms).
- (K) On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July at Seapark Apts Clontarf Members of Street Crime Unit responded to a call, while attending call male was stopped as there was a strong smell of Cannabis from his person. Male searched and large quantity of Cannabis Herb was found in his backpack and at address. Total value of Cannabis seized approx. €18,750. The Suspect was arrested, charged and is currently before the courts.





**(L)Covert Operation conducted in J District targeting the activities of suspect using tag ‘PO’ to cause Criminal Damage on Irish Rail infrastructure.**

As part of a dedicated and focused operation in the in the ‘J’ District targeting recidivist offending of Graffiti Criminal damage incidents on the Irish Rail infrastructure, several ‘tags’ were identified as being used to cause damage to rolling stock relating to Irish Rail infrastructure. As part of this investigation and other investigations, a tag being used described as ‘PO’ was identified as being that of a recidivist offender.

Since 11<sup>th</sup> June 2023 until 2<sup>nd</sup> of July there had been 7 reported criminal damage incidents on the Irish Rail infrastructure relating to tags identified as ‘PO’, The estimated damage was to the value of €14000.



On Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2023 as part of the continued dedicated surveillance operation, members arrested two suspects for these offences after apprehending them committing an offence at a Dart station in the District. They were both conveyed to Raheny and Clontarf Stations where they were detained under Sec 4 CJA 1984. Follow up searches by members of their residences on foot of search Warrants pursuant to Sec. 10 of the Criminal Justice (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1997 led to the seizure of numerous spray canisters, along with SD cards, electronic devices, clothing and hard drives. One of these Suspects was charged with 5 counts of criminal damage and is currently before the Courts