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French visitors fall prey to thieves

A French student, aged 15, had his mobile phone stolen in the city.

The male was approached by a man who demanded that he hand over his mobile phone, which he did.

Two passers by came to the assistance of the student and detained the culprit and contacted Gardai. However, he managed to escape before the Gardai arrived.

The phone was a black Samsung Galaxy.

A second incident, also involving a French national, took place on O'Connell Street at 5.15pm on Thursday, July 7.

The visitor left his bag on the ground beside him when a male approached, picked up the bag and ran off. The bag contained a black and grey Dell laptop, reading glasses and a French passport and driving licence.

A third incident took place at Denmark Street at 1.30am on Saturday, July 9. In this case a 23 year old male stole money from a woman who was walking on the street. Fortunately, he was identified by Gardai from Henry Street with the aid of CCTV, and has been arrested and charged with the theft.

House break-ins at Annacotty and Rhebogoe

A householder at Elm Road in Riverbank, Annacotty, awoke when he heard the front door of the house being forced open.

The thieves ransacked the living room and stole a black 42" LG flat screen television. Having been disturbed by the householder, the intruders made their escape in a silver Audi A4. It is believed that there were four males involved.

In Rhebogoe, a home owner was awoken in the early hours of the morning by the sound of intruders downstairs.

This incident took place at a house in Tower View, on Rhebogoe Road.

The person awoke on hearing noise downstairs. He went to check and discovered that a black Nikon Coolpix P100 camera Serial No. 40331375, a Sony Experia mobile phone Serial No. CB5A1FFMCU and a black Nokia Express Music mobile phone Serial No. 002D8NO, as well as house keys, were stolen.

Intruder alarm scares off raiders

GARDAI at Roxboro Road are investigating an attempted burglary; however in this case security measures prevented the thieves from gaining access.

Two men smashed the lock off the rear door of a house at Lissanalta Drive in Dooradoyle. They then tried to gain entry but were unable to do so as a security chain had been applied to the inside of the door.

The intruder alarm then activated and the thieves left empty handed. They left the scene in a wine coloured Toyota saloon car. Anyone with information about the attempted burglary is asked to contact the Gardai at Roxboro Road at 061 214340.

Pathway cyclists pose danger to pedestrians

THERE is now a growing need to regulate cyclists in Limerick and to apply some basic safety precautions to their activities to ensure that pedestrians are protected, according to a spokesman for Republican Sinn Féin.

Sean O'Neill from Quinn's Cottages in Prospect, said that cyclists are now using public pathways in addition to cycle lanes and pose a danger to the public. "Many cyclists are listening to radio or tape devices while they cycle and this impairs their ability to be fully aware of their surroundings."

"In addition many bikes are not fitted with bells and pedestrians have no way of knowing that cyclists are behind them."

"While the move to cycle transport is being encouraged by the local authority there are no basic safety rules that are applied. The provision of cycle lanes is welcome but pedestrians must also be protected."

He concluded: "If it is against the law for a motorist to use a mobile phone while driving surely there is an equal danger posed by a cyclist who is listening to a tape device while cycling".

Kevin rises to big time in The Dark Knight

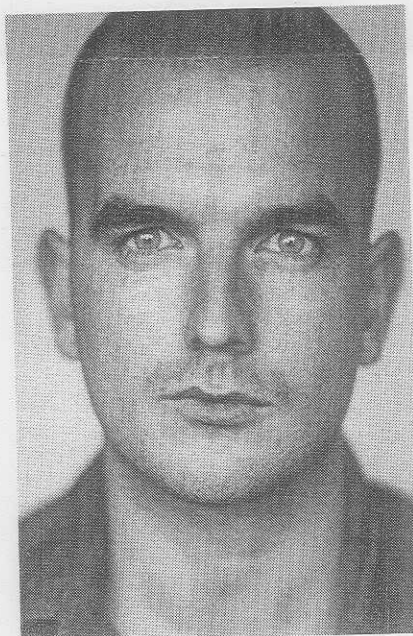
By John O'Shaughnessy

Stars alongside cream of Hollywood talent

THERE will be a very special guest at this Saturday's 6pm screening of The Dark Knight Rises, at Showtime in Caherdavin.

The 'reserved' seat will be for Limerickman Kevin Kiely, who features as Gotham Thug 1, alongside Christian Bale, Marion Cotillard, Morgan Freeman and Ann Hathaway, in the most anticipated movie of the summer season.

Seated alongside Kevin, from Woodlawn Park, Ballysimon Road, will be dad, Kevin, mum, Ann, sisters Ann-Catherine, Bernadette, Sharon and Fiona, and nephews Elliott and Ruben, nieces Ali and



Deirbhile, accompanied by other members of the extended Kiely family, enough, he promises, to fill the theatre.

Said Kevin, from his base in London, this week.

"It is a great honour in itself to figure in the list of credits, up there alongside many of the big names in Hollywood. I have not yet seen the finished product - it is being kept under wraps until it goes on worldwide release this week-but having worked on the set, I have no doubt it will fulfil all expectations".

Kevin, whose scenes in the movie total about six minutes, shot over six days in London, said he had an excellent working relationship with all cast members and director, the celebrated Christopher Nolan. "I was delighted when Morgan Freeman took me aside after filming one day and told me I had the potential to go on and keep working in more pictures. He just encouraged me to be

strong".

When asked about the pathway to his getting a part in The Dark Knight Rises-in which he has a speaking role- he replied that he was asked to test for the part by the same casting director who had cast him in a recent production of Six Degrees of Separation, at the Old Vic Theatre in London.

"It was a marvellous experience working with such talented people. The positive aspect is that the scenes in which I appear are integral to the narrative in Chris' story".

A former student at St Munchin's College, he learned his early acting trade with The Cecilians, LMS, Impact Theatre Company and CentreStage, before moving to London, where he joined the Guildford School of Acting.

His next gig? "Alongside Brad Pitt in World War Z, which I filmed on location in Glasgow, and is slated for a June 2013 worldwide release".

Currently employed at the Byron Restaurant in Waterloo, Kevin is hopeful now that he has left his calling card, other film and theatrical roles will now come his way. "At least my name is on the slate, I have come to the attention of several casting directors and maybe The Dark Knight Rises will prove my launching pad to other challenging projects".

The advice to patrons is to stock up with goodies...the film runs for 164 minutes.

Retailers put on alert to payment card scam

GARDAI are warning retailers about scams involving so called 'test' transactions purported to be carried out on behalf of payment card service providers.

This scam involves a phone call being made to a retailer from a person who claims to be a manager from the payment card service provider.

The caller instructs the retailer to put through a 'test' transaction on their card terminal. This transaction actually debits large amounts of money from the retailer's account and credits it to a debit or credit card.

The caller then instructs the retailer that the system is working fine and instructs him or her to throw away or destroy the transaction slip.

An attempt to carry out this type of scam took place at a Limerick city based electrical retailer's premises.

A shop assistant received a call from a man who claimed to be a credit card terminal engineer, who successfully persuaded the assistant to put through a number of so called 'test' transactions totalling over €12,000 in value. Fortunately, the credit card company became suspicious of the transactions and did not process them, but instead, contacted the retailer.

Retailers should be aware that card payment providers do not test systems in this way and they also need to advise all staff members not to carry out these transactions.

In any case of doubt, the payment card services provider should be contacted on a listed number and staff should not use a contact number provided to them over the phone by an unknown person.

Gardai have warned retailers to be on the alert to telephone callers advising them to carry out 'test' transactions.

