Convicted criminal is killed in county crash

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A CONVICTED Limerick criminal who lost his life in a single vehicle accident in Fethard is to be buried this Thursday.

Christopher Cusack, 32, of Savin Court, Killeys Park, Limerick city suffered fatal injuries when the car he was travelling in as a passenger left the road and struck a ditch on the Fethard to Limerick road shortly after 2am on Sunday morning.

The car involved in the fatal collision in Fethard in which Christopher Cusack, inset, lost his life: Photo: Press 22

He was pronounced dead at the scene.

The Southill man had been described as a "well-known" garda and had avoided previous convictions.

The driver of the car, a woman aged in her early 20s, received minor injuries and was taken to University Hospital Limerick. No other injuries were reported.

In 2012, while he was the subject of a garda manhunt, Cusack was described as being "well-known to gardaí" and had avoided previous convictions.

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Fishing atop Thomond Bridge: St Mary's residents reenact popular photo

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A POPULAR photo from the late 1990s depicting the St Mary's Park fisherman at Thomond Bridge was recently reenacted by relatives still living in the area.

The reenactment was organised by St Mary's man Sean Quinlan, 70, whose late father Jackie was in the original photo. The picture was hanging in Tracey's shop, on Nicholas Street, which he had operated as a local business.

"I have a passion for angling, and I look at that picture everyday, whenever I go into Tracey's shop. It brings back many memories. Lots of people have commented on it. It's more than people on a bridge fishing; it was a way of life. It was a way of life for those in the photo. People, back then, bailed for free to help subsidise their wages. And I will always remember my father selling his trout and his match," he told the Leader.

He added: "Arranged for the reenactment, it's because it's something that I wanted to do, just to let people know that this is something unique to Limerick."

"I remember a time walking up Verran Place, and you would have to wait to get onto the bridge, because it would be so packed. You would have to wait for someone to go away."

Before the photo was taken, it was captioned: "David Lynch, 64, of St Mary's Park, pictured at Thomond Bridge, circa 1957-58. The photographer is not yet known. Photo: photographer David Lynch captured last week's reenactment, which was organised by Sean Quinlan, 70. His father Jackie was in the original.

Then and now: Above, is the original photo of St Mary's Park fisherman at Thomond Bridge, circa 1957-58.