

Victim of assault dies in hospital

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THE number of violent deaths in Limerick over the past three weeks has now risen to five, with the death of a 21-year-old man in hospital yesterday.

Jonathan Edwards, from Abbeyvale, Corbally, was seriously assaulted with an iron bar at St Ita's Street, St Mary's Park, on August 28.

He had been on a life support machine in Cork University Hospital since the incident, and died at 9.30am yesterday morning. A post-mortem examination will be carried out today.

A 17-year-old youth has been charged with assault; however, more serious charges are likely to be pursued following Mr Edwards's death.

Meanwhile, Supt Tony Kennelly, of Henry Street, said gardai were making good progress in their investigations into other fatal incidents in the city. He revealed gardai carried out a number of searches in the city yesterday.

Gardai are investigating the killings of two other young men. Twenty-year-old Brian Hanley, from Beechcourt, House, Meelick, County Clare, died from a single stab wound to the chest on August 26 after an argument in a pub.

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