

Gardai report progress in attacks inquiry

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GARDAI have said that a "clear picture" is emerging in relation to the attacks which left one man dead and another fighting for his life on Tuesday morning.

Investigators in Limerick say they are following a number of lines of inquiry in relation to the knife attack that resulted in the death of Eric Leamy and the vicious beating of fellow teenager Jonathon Edwards.

Gardai were particularly upbeat in relation to the latter investigation after an 18-year-old male gave himself up at Mayorstone Station at around 1.30pm yesterday and was detained for questioning under Section 4 of the Criminal Justice Act.

Gardai say that the pieces of both investigations are "falling nicely together".

Mr Edwards remained in a critical condition at University College Hospital, Cork last night.

He was beaten over the head with an iron bar at around 10am on Tuesday morning, less than half an hour following the death of Mr Leamy from a stab wound to the stomach.

Meanwhile, any hopes of garda numbers in the city being strengthened to deal with the upsurge in violent crime will remain on ice, according to a spokesperson at Garda Headquarters.