

Garda progress on five murders

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GARDAI have made a breakthrough in investigations into recent murders in Limerick with a further three arrests.

In the same week that the fifth victim in three weeks, Jonathon Edwards, was

buried, gardai said yesterday they were now following definite lines of enquiry into all five deaths.

A spokesperson confirmed files were now being prepared for the Director of Public Prosecutions on the murders of Brian Hanly and Eric Leamy, who died on

August 26 and 28 as a result of stab wounds.

One man in his thirties was arrested early on Thursday in connection to the death of Brian Hanly, a 20 year-old from Meelick, Co Clare, on the outskirts of the city.

Mr Hanly died following a

row that initially broke out in a city pub.

Also on Thursday, a male and female in their late teens were held in connection with the murder of 18 year-old Eric Leamy, at Lee Estate. Both have been released but a file is being prepared for the DPP.