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Slashers and hurleys used in row

GARDAI in Rathkeale were this morning continuing their investigation into a row which broke out at a licenced premises in the town last night.

While not wishing to comment on the matter, a spokesman said they expected to charge people later today.

The row, which local people claim involved slashers and hurleys, broke out before closing time last night and turned into a general melee which spilled out from the bar on to the street.

Armed raid

ARMED raiders got away with a substantial sum during a raid on the credit union in Newport this morning.

The three raiders, armed with guns, entered the credit union at 11am, and took the cash, estimated to be in the region of £30,000. No shots were fired.

They then made their getaway in a white car, and gardai believe they made off in the direction of Birrhill.

Garda sources believe the raid may be the work of an IRA gang suspected of being involved in a number of other raids around the area in the past number of months.

On 10 June this year £95,000 was taken from a post office van near Kilmallock, while on January 27 £7,500 was taken from two banks in Millstreet. Several other armed raids since 1988 are believed to have been the work of the gang.

Tommy Allen is dead, aged 56

By ANTHONY GALVIN

LIMERICK is in mourning this Monday morning for former Mayor Tommy Allen, who passed away suddenly yesterday.

Mr Allen, who served two terms on the city council, was a popular and hard working councillor. He was just 56 at the time of his untimely death.

A longtime resident of Southhill he later moved to Greenfields. Mr Allen

was the first resident from Southhill to be elected Mayor.

He was elected as an Alderman for Labour in 1979, running in Ward 3. But he changed to Ward 4 when he moved to Greenfields, and was not re-elected.

Former city council colleague Paddy Madden, Fianna Fail, remembers him as a hardworking and friendly councillor.

"He was liked by every one, of all parties, and his sudden death will come as a shock to everyone," said Mr Madden, himself a former mayor.

"He was involved in restoring the canal and loved Limerick. He will be sadly missed by all," he added.

"He was a great community worker and a model for others to follow," said Labour councillor Frank Prendergast.

Mr Allen, who worked as a train driver for a number of years, later became manager of Hanover Tyres, then set up a printing business.

He served as Mayor in 1981-82, the year Limerick twinned with Quimper.

Deputy City Manager Flan O'Neill paid tribute to him this morning, saying: "He was absolutely conscientious in the discharge of his duties. He was a man of sincerity and exceedingly good humour."

Deputy Jim Kemmy, a Labour colleague of Mr Allen's for many years, until Mr Allen switched to the Progressive Democrats in latter years, said that he was a hardworking councillor and a good mayor.

"He was the first Mayor from Southhill," said Deputy Kemmy.

"I have fond memories of him. He dropped out of politics in more recent times. I am shocked at his untimely death, and I extend my deepest sympathy to his family."

Mr Allen is survived by his wife Frieda, their three sons, Martin, Thomas and Kevin, their daughter, Mary, Mr Allen's mother, and his brothers and sisters.

Mr Allen's remains will be removed from Cross's Funeral Home on Tuesday evening at 7.30pm, for Our Lady Of Lourdes Church. He will be buried in Mount Oliver after 11am mass on Wednesday.

Germans robbed

A German couple have cut short their holiday after they were robbed in Bunnaratty - on the second day of their stay here.

The couple, from Schonek, Germany, had arrived in Shannon on Saturday, hiring a car. But the car was broken into outside Bunnaratty Folk Park on Sunday morning, with many personal effects and some credit cards stolen.

Most of the personal effects were later recovered in Limerick, but the couple are understood to have been greatly upset by the incident, and have cancelled the rest of their holiday.

They were due to fly home today.

And also in Bunnaratty a car hired by an American was broken into, and several items stolen. None of these were recovered.

Gardai in Shannon are investigating both incidents.

Woman killed

THE Limerick woman who was killed in a car accident in Boston on July 27 was buried on Saturday morning at Mount St Oliver cemetery following 10.40am mass in Our Lady of the Rosary church.

Patricia Gough, 32, originally from Coolrairie Estate, Ennis Road was killed when her car crashed on a highway. She had been living in the United States for 10 years. Her seven year old daughter, Blaire, who was also in the car escaped injury. Ms Gough is also survived by her two brothers.



The late Tommy Allen

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