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David Hurley

A POLISH man is due to appear in court later this week after he was charged in connection with discovery of a brothel in the city centre.

Mariuz Glazeo, 26, of Richmond Court, Mount Kennett Place was arrested when gardai searched the apartment where he lives last week. He is accused of operating a brothel at the apartment on May 11 last.

A quantity of cash, four mobile phones and a laptop computer were seized at the apartment by gardai during the search. At Limerick District Court, Garda James Bourke, Henry Street, opposed a bail application. Garda Bourke said the defendant has no ties to this country and he said he feared he would not stand trial if released on bail.

In his evidence, Mr Glazeo said he had already surrendered his passport to gardai and he told the court he would move in with his parents, who also live in Limerick, if he was released on bail.

Mr Glazeo, who moved here in January, strongly denied he has any involvement in prostitution.

Judge Tom O'Donnell refused bail and he remanded Mr Glazeo in custody to appear before the same court again on May 20. The judge adjourned an application for free legal aid to the same date.

Frank McCourt bust unveiled in the city

Anne Sheridan

"HE WAS my friend, mentor and champion." These were the words of one of Frank McCourt's creative writing pupils from New York, speaking in Limerick last week.

Friends, former classmates and New York born pupils of the late, great author gathered in the Strand hotel night to reminisce on the legacy of the Pulitzer Prize winner.

Former pupil Susan Jane Gilman, now a successful author, enlisted in McCourt's creative writing class in Stuyvesant high school in 1979, and it paid dividends.

She travelled from her home in Geneva to attend the unveiling of his bust outside Leamy's on Hartstonge Street, and recalled that McCourt was not just her teacher, but also her

"friend, mentor and champion." "Frank McCourt is responsible for me being a writer. I attended his creative writing class when I was 15, with delusions that I might one day write a book. He encouraged me and inspired

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me, and I sort of had a crush on him, and to impress him I wrote for his class every Friday.

"And he told me I had talent, and to send my work to the local newspaper.

"They published me and that was the start," said Ms Gilman, whose second book made the New York Times bestseller list.

McCourt remained a friend and a mentor to her, she said, after she graduated from school.

"When my second book hit the New York Times bestseller list he was the first person I called. And I cried, and I said

"You made me who I am", and he laughed and he said 'I did! Didn't I?'"

In her writing, he urged her not to "run away from your roots, but to embrace them."

"I was one of the success stories, but there are thousands of others," she said.

Tony Bretherton, former executive director of the University of Limerick Founda-

tion, said: "Frank loved Limerick and loved New York. His heart, was I think, in both cities.

"His skills with language come out a heartfelt experience of life, a thoughtfulness of people and a capacity to listen and understand.

"Frank was a true writer, but more than that, he was a true person, of integrity and deep worth," said Mr Bretherton, currently chief executive of the Wells Cathedral School Foundation.

Eamonn Cregan, director of corporate affairs at the University of Limerick, said it was "a gift and a privilege" to know Frank. Mr Cregan recalled asking Frank how he found fame and success, in his sixties, following the publication of his first memoir, Angela's Ashes. "He replied: 'Fan-f***ing-tastic!'"



Malachy, Alphie and Mike McCourt with Frank's widow Ellen who unveiled the bust of the late Pulitzer Prize winner outside the former Leamy's School in Hartstonge Street

PICTURE: MICHAEL COWHEY

CITY CRIME BRIEFS

Robber threatened householder and escaped with cash

A MAN was threatened and robbed by a thief who broke into his home at St Patrick's Court, Kilmurray Road.

The thief, who is described as being 5' 7" tall and of slim build escaped with a small amount of money after he threatened the victim with a knife.

Pub cigarettes stolen in Mungret robbery

CIGARETTES worth €1,500 were stolen from a pub in Mungret when thieves forced open a vending machine.

Gardai at Patrickswell, who are investigating the incident say the thieves entered the pub in the early hours of May 9 by forcing open a back window.

Handbag stolen in city house break-in

A HANDBAG was stolen from a house at O'Connell Avenue while the owner was working in her front garden.

The bag, which was taken from the kitchen table, contained some cash, a cheque book, keys and credit cards.

Shower, intercom and car seat taken

AN electric shower, a phone intercom and a baby's car seat were stolen by thieves who broke into an apartment at Tait's Corner, Baker Place.

The thieves also stole a set of keys and a small quantity of cash. Gardai at Henry Street are investigating.

Sat Nav and cheque books stolen

A SAT Nav system was stolen from a car which was parked overnight at Derrybeg Cottages, Rosbrien. A PDA was also stolen from the car along with a number of cheque books.

The incident happened in the early hours of May 8 last.