

By LEADER REPORTER

A LIMERICK man is due to appear before Cork District Court today accused of possessing a false passport while trying to board a flight to Amsterdam on Friday night.

Gerard Dundon, 21, of Hyde Road, was remanded in custody following a special sitting of the court on Saturday. He

appeared before Judge Uinsinn Mac Gruaire charged with possessing a false instrument, namely a fake passport in the name of Terence Ruth. The accused man was arrested at around 9pm on Friday and brought to Toghra Garda Station.

Gardaí objected to bail. Judge Mac Gruaire remanded him in custody to appear before the court again this Monday.

Warrant man jailed

PETULA MARTYN

A 21-year-old man, who had two suspended sentences hanging over him, was brought before Limerick District Court after he was arrested on foot of a bench warrant for a separate offence.

Ian Butler of Downey Street, Killalee pleaded guilty to public order offences.

The incident happened at Greenhills Road, Garryowen on June 25.

A bench warrant was issued for his arrest after he failed to appear before Limerick District Court

to answer the charges on July 1.

John Devane, solicitor for the accused, appealed to Judge Tom O'Donnell not to invoke the two suspended sentences.

"Why should I do that Mr Devane?" the judge asked. "Surely a suspended sentence has to mean something. Effectively I should consider invoking the suspended sentences one at a time."

Mr Butler received a four month sentence and a three month to run concurrently on two of the charges. Judge O'Donnell did not invoke the two suspended sentence.

DEATH

CLANCY (Limerick) July 5th 2008 peacefully at St John's Hospital. John (Jack) 30 Pairc De Valera, Thomondgate, late Liptons and Thompsons Undertakers. Beloved husband of the late Mary and dearly loved father of Joseph, Breda, Carol and Mark. Sadly missed by his daughter in law, sons in law, grandchildren, brother, sister, sister in law, brothers in law, relatives and friends. Rest in Peace. Removal from Thompsons Funeral Home, Thomas St to St Muchin's Church this Monday evening at 7 p.m. Requiem Mass tomorrow Tuesday at 12 noon. Funeral afterwards to Kilmurry Cemetery. No flowers please, donations if desired to the Irish Heart Foundation.

Decision is due soon on Opera Centre

By ANNE SHERIDAN

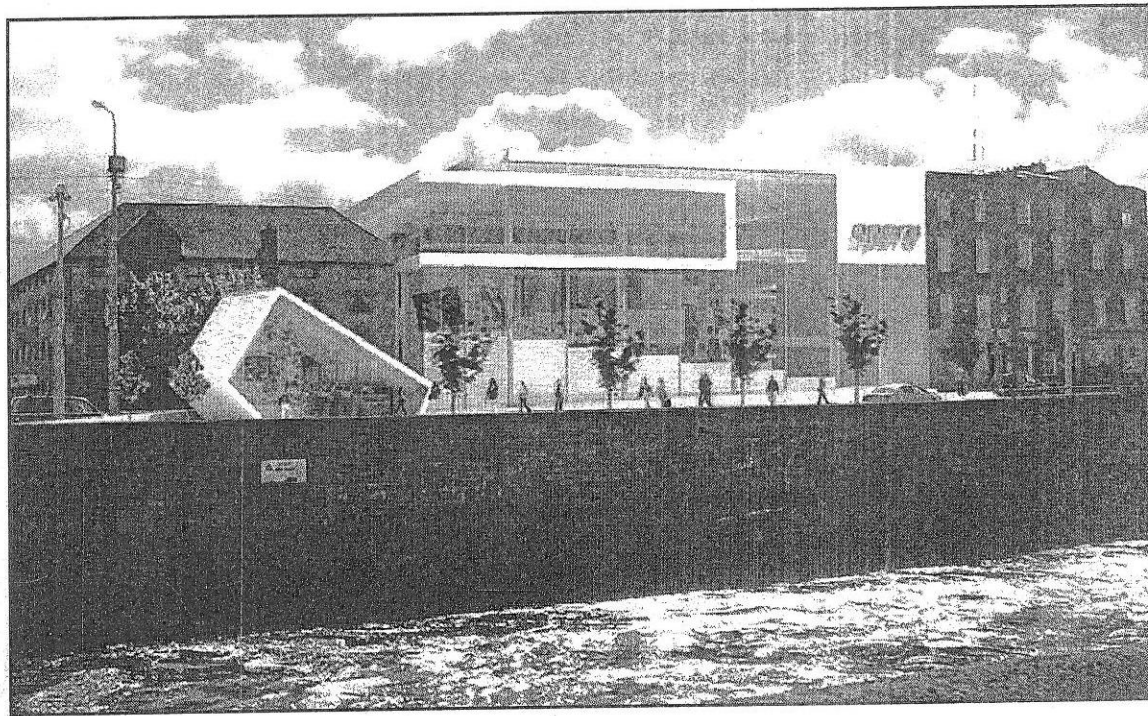
A FINAL decision on the proposed €350 Opera Centre - expected to be the biggest retail development in the Mid-West - is due from Limerick City Council in August.

A decision on whether the revised plans for the shopping centre, named after the opera singer Catherine Hayes, was due last Thursday, July 3. However, Limerick City Council have gone back to the Regeneration Developments seeking clarification on eight matters.

Dick Tobin, senior planner with City Hall, said it is likely the developers will have submitted the required information within the next two weeks and "all going well a decision will be made in August."

Under the revised plans for the Opera Centre, Regeneration Developments sought to demolish buildings of historic interest on Ellen Street - which An Bord Pleanála had previously ruled to be kept and preserved.

Mr Tobin has now informed the developers that number 9 and 9b on Ellen Street are deemed buildings of regional importance in the recently published National Inventory of Architectural Heritage. According to the planning departments, the



The redesigned plans of the proposed multi million euro Opera Centre

developers have "failed to present any case for the demolition of these buildings."

Regeneration Developments will also have to submit a more detailed submission regarding the proposed demolition of part of the Granary, which is a protected structure.

The developers must also submit details for the works proposed to the former Town Hall building - another pro-

tected structure, which was recently incorporated into the plans.

At a recent presentation to city councillors, Jim Barrett, a former Dublin city and Limerick city architect, said these buildings on Ellen Street would have to be demolished. "We have made huge efforts to try and retain it, but the loss has to be Ellen Street," said Mr Barrett, whose projects as Dublin city architect

included The Spire and the Millennium footbridge.

This view was also reiterated by David Courtney of the property company Spain Courtney Doyle, who is one of the six Irish businessmen who bought the multi-million euro company Regeneration Developments from four British investors last year.

Mr Courtney, a director of Superquinn, said

in order to widen the footpaths and improve the shopping experience in that area the buildings would have to be demolished.

"We looked at the various combinations and permutations but unfortunately from our experience in terms of the width of the street it does involve the loss of those buildings. We haven't come up with any other way to do with it," he said.

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