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Solicitor speaks out on sting

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Mr McCarthy was critical of newspaper editors who decided to use the names of those who came before the courts.

"It was selfish of the papers to name the men, just to sell a few extra copies," he added.

"This whole episode has had a huge effect on some of the men, some who may even be suicidal," he added.

Last week's operation in which 27 men appeared before the local courts after they were arrested by undercover female gardai as part of a major new crack-down on prostitution and

sex trafficking. Outside of Dublin Limerick has recorded the highest number of detections of prostitution and brothel keeping in Ireland.

The Sex Workers' Alliance of Ireland which is seeking changes in the law to protect men and women working in the sex trade

were critical of the sting operation in Limerick in which 27 men were arrested.

They say the operation against kerb crawlers was waste of policing resources and taxpayers money and that the focus should be on fighting crimes against sex workers.



Ted McCarthy: critical of newspapers for naming men

Fishmonger Rene Cusack passes away

WELL known city businessman, fishmonger and former chairman of Limerick Soccer, Rene Cusack, has passed away at the age of 94.

Mr Cusack, who was predeceased by his wife Olive by three years and lived in Revington Park on North Circular Road, passed away last week and was buried in Mount Saint Lawrence on Saturday morning.

He is survived by his sons Brian and Paul, daughter Joan and a large extended family.

An immensely popular businessman, he was instrumental in moving the family business - now in its fourth generation in the city - from its home on Bedford Row to the Dock Road in 1969, before it later moved to Alphonsus Street in 2005.

Mr Cusack was born at 11am on November 11 1918 as the peace bells were ringing to mark the end of the First World War, and was later christened 'Laurence Peace Cossack'.

"He was born on Armistice Day in Bedford Row hospital and he lived in Bedford Row right up until the time he got married, when he moved to the North Circular," said his son Paul, who now runs the family business and has a shop in Limerick's Milk Market.

ALAN OWENS
News Reporter

He went to school in CBS Sexton Street before joining his father Michael in the family business. He was variously described this week as a "terrific man" and "a very strong, powerful man".

"He was well liked, he was always a very amicable kind of a guy," agreed Paul.

As chairman of Limerick Soccer in 1959/60, he oversaw the side when it won the national league title that season.

"That was very much a highlight for him because he was always very involved with soccer. Winning the league was a major achievement for him and it was a classic thing for him to want to give back to Limerick," explained his son.

"He was all about Limerick, that was his passion and he would do anything he could to help Limerick along the way. People have been ringing me up that he helped on their way and gave advice to, even if the advice was against himself sometimes. He was always open to helping people, he was a leader but a leader by example," added Paul.



Remembered: The late Rene Cusack pictured receiving a Seafood Circle plaque in 2008 at the Alphonsus Street shop in Limerick. Picture: Leader Photographer



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