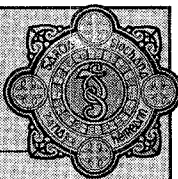


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Sophisticated car thieves

CRIME Prevention Officer, Sgt Brian Broderick today warned that sophisticated gangs are using a number of different devices to steal car keys from houses. "Because newer cars have better security, car thieves are targeting homes to steal car keys in order to steal cars.



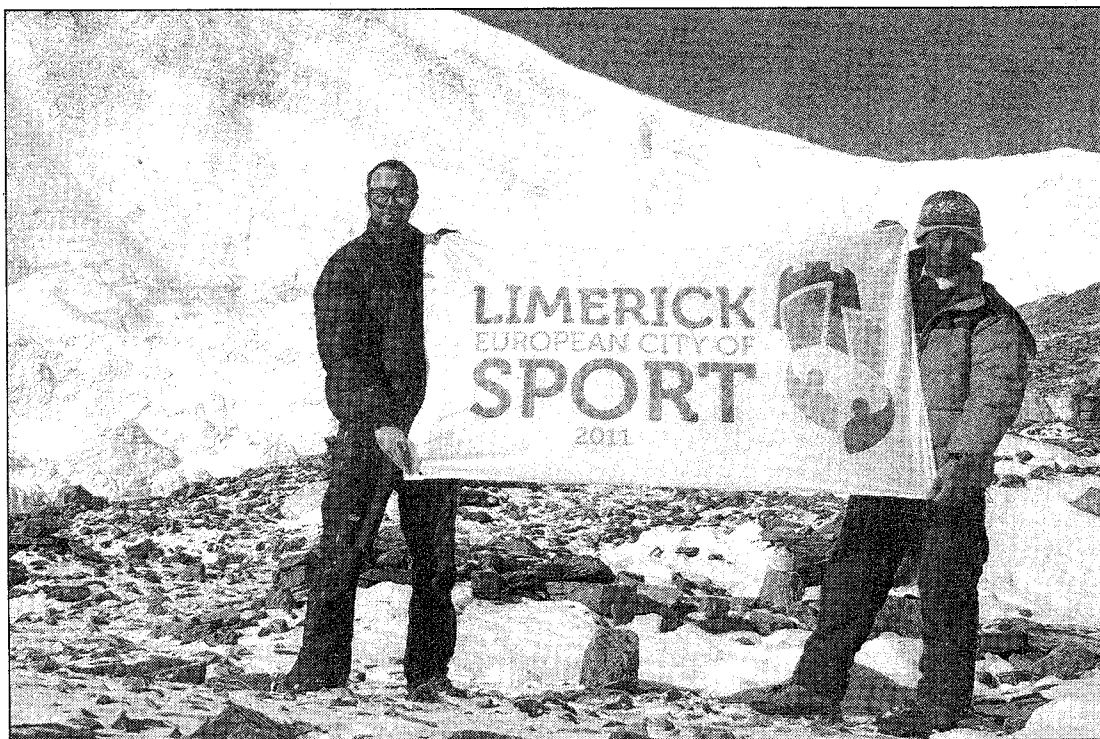
They are breaking into some houses simply to obtain car keys. Thieves are also using various devices inserted through the letter box to lift car keys from hall tables and other furniture. We have seen crude devices such as lengths of timber with a nail attached to lift the keys," he explained.

Devices such as a magnetic extendable tool with a built in light have also been used. These types of devices can be used to take car keys without the thief actually having to break-in.

Creepy man sought

GARDAI want help in finding a "very creepy" man who approached a young girl at a bus stop. The incident took place at approximately 8.30am on Friday, December 2. The young girl was waiting for a bus on the Ballycummin Road when she was approached by a male who was described as being in his 50's and who had a grey beard. This man engaged the girl in conversation and asked her a lot of questions. This girl was concerned about the questions she was being asked and described that man as being 'very creepy'. She reported the incident to her school principal when she got to school. Gardaí at Roxboro Road are investigating.

Mark Quinn's Everest triumph to be rewarded



Mountain high: Mark Quinn, Rhebogue, celebrates climbing Mount Everest in June by raising the Limerick City of Sport flag with his Nepalese sherpa

Picture: Mark Quinn

LIMERICK climber Mark Quinn, who became the youngest Irishman to conquer Mount Everest in June, will be honoured with a mayoral reception this Friday.

Quinn, 27 from Rhebogue, admitted this week that his life had been a "bit of a rollercoaster" since the highs of climbing the world's biggest mountain, but said it was a "great honour" to receive a civic reception from Mayor Cllr Jim Long.

"Mark was the youngest Irish man to achieve climb Mount Ev-

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erest and said he was very proud to be a Limerick man in doing so. So it is only right and fitting that the man who climbed the highest mountain in the world should be honoured by the highest office in his native city," said the mayor.

The former Crescent Comprehensive student climbed the mountain on behalf of the Shane Geoghegan Trust and is still work-

ing towards raising his target of €30,000, recently holding a collection outside Thomond Park for the Munster Northampton match.

"We are still on the way with that, we have three more fundraisers coming up next year," said Mark. "It is a challenging environment to fundraise in, but we are getting there. People are keen to support the trust, especially with our street collection outside Thomond Park, the generosity of people was mind blowing, people were so supportive."



Adviser: Economist Dr Alan Ahearne

Ahearne is guest at Chamber lunch

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THE Limerick man who had a ringside seat in the events leading up to the EU/IMF bailout has been named as guest speaker at this year's Shannon Chamber Christmas lunch.

Economist Dr Alan Ahearne was appointed special adviser to former Minister for Finance Brian Lenihan in March 2009. Since March of this year, Dr Ahearne has been a member of the board of the Central Bank, one of the last appointments made by the late politician on leaving office.

Damian Gleeson, president of Shannon Chamber,

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