

I WAS STOPPED FOR SPEEDING ON ROUTE FROM TRAMORE (GIRLFRIENDS HOUSE) TO BRAY IN WEXFORD. I WAS ARRESTED & BROUGHT TO WEXFORD GARDA STATION AND I PROVIDED A BLOOD SAMPLE. WHILE I WAS WAITING FOR A DOCTOR TO ARRIVE I WAS GIVEN PERMISSION TO CALL ANY GIRLFRIEND TO COLLECT ME WHEN GARDA PROCEDURES WAS COMPLETED. I DID THIS AND SHE BEGAN HER JOURNEY.

AFTER THE DOCTOR WAS FINISHED I WAS LEFT SITTING NEAR CELLS & WAS THEN INFORMED A BENCH WARRANT HAD BEEN ISSUED FOR MY ARREST. AT FIRST I THOUGHT IT WAS A JOKE BUT VERY QUICKLY REALISED IT WAS NOT.

THEY ASKED ME WHAT IT WAS IN RELATION TO & IN A STATE OF PANIC, I HAD NO IDEA. AFTER A TIME OF ABOUT 20 MINS IT DAWNED ON ME THAT I HAD OWED A PETROL STATION €40.05. BEFORE THE COURT DUE DATE THE COUNTRY HAD BEGAN 'LOCK DOWN' WHICH LEFT ME UNSURE WHAT TO DO. I CALLED THE COURTHOUSE & RECEIVED NO REPLY. I CALLED BRAY GARDA STATION & WAS INFORMED BY A

FEMALE GARDA THAT COURTS WERE CLOSED & I WOULD BE CONTACTED IN DUE COURSE. I WAS NOT SATISFIED WITH THIS SO A TIME LATER I CALLED AGAIN & ASKED A MALE GARDA THE SAME QUESTION & GOT THE SAME ANSWER. NOW I WAS SATISFIED AFTER RECEIVING THE SAME INFORMATION FROM TWO MEMBERS OF GARDA SIOCHANA. I PUT IT OUT OF MY MIND UNTIL I WILL BE TOLD WHEN NEXT DATE IS.

I EXPLAINED THIS TO THE ARRESTING GARDA WITH 2 OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT AND THE ARRESTING GARDA SAID I MUST BE CONFUSED. I ASKED TO SPEAK TO A SOLICITOR. AS I DID NOT HAVE ONE THEY COULDN'T GET ME ONE & IT WOULD DO ME NO GOOD ANYWAY.

I WAS PUT IN A CELL AT THIS POINT AND SOME TIME LATER (UNKNOWN) MY GIRLFRIEND WAS OUTSIDE MY CELL AS IT WAS OPENED. THIS WAS PARTICULARLY HUMILIATING.

I WAS ALLOWED TO SPEAK WITH HER FOR WHAT SEEMED ABOUT 3 MINUTES.

SHE HUGED ME & TOLD ME TO TRY NOT WORRY

& SHE WOULD SEE ME IN THE MORNING. I WAS
VERY COLD IN THE CELL AS I WAS IN ONLY
SHORTS, T-SHIRT & ZIP TOP. I CURLED UP &
PUT MY ZIP TOP OVER MY HEAD IN A PANICED
ATTEMPT TO SUFFOCATE. I DECIDED TO WALK
INTO THE OCEAN AFTER COURT.

I GOT TO PHONE ~~TRISH~~ & TOLD HER MY PLAN
& HOW SHE NEEDED TO MOVE ON.

I ASKED THE GARDA (NIAMH I THINK), FOR
~~A~~ PEN & PAPER TO WRITE DOWN WHAT I WANTED
TO SAY TO THE JUDGE IN THE MORNING. SHE
EXPLAINED I CAN'T HAVE A PEN IN THE CELL. I
ASKED IF I COULD BE ALLOWED ELSEWHERE UNDER
SUPERVISION IF NECESSARY. SHE SAID YES BUT
IT NEVER HAPPENED.

~~My~~ OVERALL STATE OF MIND WAS TOTAL, UNADULTERATED PANIC. THE WAY I TRIED TO DEAL WITH IT WAS TO
TALK TO THE DUTY GARDA ABOUT COSMOLOGY, THE
UNIVERSE, HOW I FIT OR MORE TO THE POINT, DON'T FIT.

I WAS ONLY REALLY INTERESTED IN WALKING INTO
THE OCEAN & SHE COULD NOT DISHADE ME. IF TRISH
DIDN'T SHOW UP I WOULD BE DEAD RIGHT NOW.

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THE DISTRICT COURT

RECOGNISANCE

SECTION 23 CRIMINAL PROCEDURE ACT 1967 AND SECTIONS 5 AND 6 OF THE BAIL ACT 1997

DISTRICT COURT AREA OF Wexford DISTRICT NO: 23D.P.P. AT THE SUIT OF Gdu L.C. Byrne ProsecutorSteven Contra AccusedCharge Sheet(s) No(s): —Case No(s): 2019/213085(1)I, Steven Contra of 80 Oldcourt Drive Bray, WicklowACKNOWLEDGE myself to owe to the State the sum of € 100 to the use of the Minister for Finance and pursuant to the direction of the Judge *I hereby lodge the sum of € —

OR

In lieu of the lodgement of cash in the sum of € — the Court has accepted the following instrument as security —*AND in lieu of surety/sureties I have pursuant to the direction of the Judge lodged the sum of euros — the Court has accepted the following instrument as security —

AND I further acknowledge that both of the said sums are liable to be forfeited to the said Minister or estreated as appropriate if I fail in any of the conditions set out hereunder.

X Signed John Doe

Acknowledged before me this day 25th day of May 2010

Signed John Doe
Judge of the District Court

CONDITIONS OF RECOGNISANCE

The conditions of this recognisance are that the above named accused will:

(1) appear before the District Court at CCJ No. 8 on the(1) appear before the District Court at CCJ No. 8 on the day of September 2010 at 10:30 am/pm and at every place and time which during the course of the proceedings the hearings may be adjourned until the accused's presence is no longer required to answer the charge(s) as set out on the charge sheet(s)/summons(es) listed above.

(2) Not commit any offence and be of good behaviour and

(3) Sign on daily/weekly at — Garda Station between the hours of — and —(4) Other —