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## J ANUARY 2020:

CHAL RMAN Good morning.
ME. MEGRATH Good morning, Chairman. The first witness this morning is Garda Olivia Kelly. Her statement is at 3640 of the brief, Chairman. CHA RMAN Thank you very much.

GARDA OLI V A KELLY, HAV NG BEEN SUDRN, WAS
DI RECTLY- EXAM NED BY MS. MEGRATH, AS FOLLOVS:

THE WTNESS: Garda Olivia Kelly. CHA RMAN Thanks very much. Good morning, Garda. Now, Ms. McGrath.
1 Q. M5. MEGRATH Good morning, Garda Kelly. Garda Kelly, I think as you are aware, the issues in respect of which we just require evidence this morning is issue 12, which is the alleged misrecording of sick leave for Garda Keogh, okay?
A. Yes.

2 Q. Now, I think looking at your statement, you came to Ath1one in April 2013, isn't that right?
A. Yes, that's correct.

3 Q. And you would have been in Athlone Garda Station from that date to when Garda Keogh went on long-term sick 1eave?
A. That's correct.

4 Q. In December 2015, is that right?
A. Yes.

5 Q. Okay. Now, you say in your statement that you became the district clerk about a year and a half later, on 1st December 2014?
A. That's correct.

6 Q. After arriving in Athlone, isn't that right?
A. Yes.

7 Q. Now, we will come to that in a minute and your role as a district clerk, but $I$ just want to ask you about Garda Keogh and any dealings you had with him or how well you might have known him during your time there?
A. I wouldn't have known him very we11. I was new to the station and after arriving in the station in 2013, 1 went on maternity leave. So when I came back, I was still relatively new and I didn't know a lot of people in the station. I only recall one conversation ever with Garda Keogh and maybe even two meetings with him, but I didn't know him.

8 Q. And would you have been familiar or known about his role in a protected disclosure in May 2014 ?
A. Yeah, I would have been aware that he had made one, but it was never a conversation $I$ had or discussed with anyone. I was just aware.
9 Q. Okay. Now, as you say, you were the district clerk in Ath1one from 1st December 2014. First of al1, before we go into the sickness recording and all of that, would you just outline to the Chairman what the role of the district clerk is in the station?
A. So, it's just the superintendent's clerk. I worked in
the district office. Myself and -- as the garda clerk and I had three civilians with me in the office. All the correspondence would have come through the sergeant's office into our office, where it was just recorded on the correspondence register and essentially left for the superintendents and inspectors to receive their post. I also did the e-mails on the selection mailbox and a number of other roles, just like firearms and just other little bits like that, so...
okay. Now, you say in your statement that one of your role in particular was to look after the sick leave or sick absence of Garda members in Athlone Garda Station and recording of that absence, isn't that right?
A. That's correct.

11 Q. okay. We know from the evidence that we have heard that, as you say, you came on board in that role in December 2014, and you would have been recording his absence then until the following December in 2015, is that right?
A. That's correct, yes.

12 Q. Okay. Now, one of the ways in which you did this, and the Chairman has already seen this, is you used the SAMS system?
A. That's correct.

Isn't that right? Standing for sickness absence management system, is that right?
A. Yes.

14 Q. Okay. Now, can I just ask you, just on a general leve1 about SAMS, when we heard from Chief Superintendent

Murray, he said it was a very confidential system, primarily owned by HRM. Can you just explain that to the Chairman?
A. Well, as far as I'm aware I was the only one that used to have access to SAMS and it was main7y me that put it 10:35 on. There was one other girl trained but I know that she didn't use it. So essentially I was the only one in Athlone using it. HRM were able to log onto SAMS and were able to check, say, how many days a member was out or there was tabs on it, whether they had medical certs submitted, you were able to tick them. So they were able to monitor it that way as well.
15 Q. Can I ask you is, it a passport protected system then?
A. Yes.

16 Q. In the sense you have to --
A. I have to log on with my own password, yeah.

17 Q. Okay. Did anybody else in Athlone have that password for SAMS to your knowledge?
A. No.

18 Q. Okay. Now, you say in your statement with regard to the recordings on SAMS, you say that no member was treated differently in relation to how matters were recorded, is that right?
A. That's correct, everyone was the same.

19 Q. okay. I think that is as regard the process that you followed?
A. Absolutely, yes.

20 Q. Okay. Now, can I just ask you, again we are just talking generally about the SAMS system, were there
guidelines, official guidelines, can I ask you, for how you would record illness on SAMS?
A. Well there is a SAMS document, just basically it kind of outlines when a person reaches 28 days then they have to be referred to HRM to the CMO. There's guidelines like that. But not specifically as to how to record an illness. On the SR1 form you can see, in bold in black writing in the middle, it outlines that every illness must go on as ordinary illness.
okay. I just want to ask do you know where -- first of al1, actually, the easiest thing to do is, if I open an SR1 and you can point out the section you're talking about. Just by way of example, page 9340, please, Mr. Kavanagh: If you go just to the middle of the page there please. I think, Garda Kelly, is that the paragraph you're talking about?
A. Yes.

22 Q. That's in the middle?
A. It's in black, bold writing, yes.
Q. Just explain your understanding of that?
A. So it says that every absence must be categorised as ordinary illness until such a time as a certificate in accordance with Code 11.37 has been issued. There would be an investigation done into it and then the chief would decide and he or she would issue the Code 11.37. And once that was received, then it would allow you to change the SAMS recording to an injury on duty or critical illness, whichever the case may be. But a11 illnesses or every member reporting on duty --
whether it was injury on duty or not, they have to be initially recorded as ordinary illness.
24 Q. okay. Can I just ask you about the reference there to a certificate, are those certificates signed by the chief superintendent or the CMO? Can you maybe explain 10:38 to the Chairman?
A. The code 11.37 is signed by the chief superintendent. what would it look like? what would it normally read or look like?
A. It is just headed paper from the chief superintendent's office and it basically just says that it was through no willful neglect of the member themselves, that they were injured on duty, and that's just taking it from, say, a member that was injured on duty.
26 Q. Okay. Now if we just stay with the SR1s there. Some of these have been opened to the Chairman already in evidence already and I think you would have been here in the early courses of october for the evidence and you would have heard these being opened and spoken about, isn't that right?
A. That's correct, yeah.

27 Q. Now, if you look at the SR1s and even, for example, the one in front of us for 1st march 2015, you see there under "ordi nary illness" the box that's ticked or referenced is "other" and it says "work rel ated stress", isn't that right?
A. That's correct, yes.

28 Q. Now, I think they varied in the manner in which they were filled in, isn't that right?
A. That's correct, yes. would see different things, different reasons that were on them, but when I knew the 11.37 hadn't been received, then I automatically knew it had to be ordinary illness, because that's what it states on the SR1 form.
okay. Can I ask you, would you ever have discussed just highlighted what was coming in on them and whether or not something needed to be done?
A. I don't recall high1ighting anything on them. Usually
they would come in from the guard in the public office to the sergeant in charge's office and if there is anything amiss on them or that requires further attention, they it would usually go back out from the sergeant in charge's office.
okay. And would you ever, for example, have highlighted the difference in the forms to your district officer, Chief Superintendent Murray?
A. I don't recall.
okay. Now, can I just ask you to look at SAMS then itself. Again, we would have looked at this briefly earlier on in the evidence of Garda Keogh. If I can just ask Mr. Kavanagh to open up 11789. Again, very helpfully, they have been provided in a manner which shows how the drop downs work. So if you put in "ordi nary illness" as I think was inserted in respect of Garda Keogh, in the next page you get your options?
A. That's correct, yes. The "ordi nary ill ness" populates itself because that's what every illness has to go down as initially, so it just happens to autopopulate once you create a sickness absence.

Okay. If we go on to the next page, 11790, it shows you your options then. Now, the first one there is "flu/viral" and just again, can we speak generally for a moment, we will look at Garda Keogh's SAMS record in a moment, but just to speak generally, you have the option of "mental heal th", I think you said in your statement that you didn't select that for Garda Keogh, isn't that right?
A. That's correct. okay. And you didn't use the "not provi ded" box or "other - pl ease specify" for Garda Keogh?
A. It was a possibility, it is there, but like the "ordi nary ill ness" auto populates "flu/viral" also auto populates. And because $I$ had done it so often, it had auto populated all the previous times, I think it was 18 times in total that he had gone sick and I had created those and I just didn't alternate, it auto populates to "flu/viral" so I left it as "flu/viral".
38 Q. okay. Can I ask you, you mentioned a moment ago that in to place a work related stress category on SAMS, you wait for the certificate under Code 11.37; is that right?
A. That's correct. okay. Can I ask you then whether or not, and I am talking about a hypothetical situation, where you get the certificate in signed by the chief superintendent stress"? Would you put it under "occupational ill ness"?
A. It would be, yes.

40 Q. So if you go to 11794. 11794, which I think is the next page, Mr. Kavanagh. Yes. So, in situations where you have received certificates in relation to work related stress, where do you enter the record on SAMS?
A. I would change it from "ordi nary ill ness" to that "occupational injury/ ill ness arising from duty". In my experience it's mainly been physical injury that a guard would experience from a prisoner or... So it would depend on the guard or the injury. It's usually malicious, on duty.
41 Q. Just if there is work related stress specified on the Code 11.37?
A. I'm not sure, because this is the first case of work related stress that I've dealt with and I didn't receive the 11.37 , so $I$ had no reason to change it.

42 Q. So have you ever entered work related stress on a SAMS in Athlone?
A. No.

43 Q. okay. Can I ask you then, the role of the medical certificate in what you are doing, we know that the medical certificates for Garda Keogh, and again if we can just look at them, page 421. This is just a record of the sick notes that were coming in. So it is 421 , please, Mr. Kavanagh. If you just scroll down there. Now, you see in December you were on board on the 1st December, isn't that right, in this district clerk role?
A. That's correct.

44 Q. So we see the sick notes coming in. Again, if you keep
scrolling, Mr. Kavanagh, please, you see "work rel at ed stress" recorded. Can I ask you about the role of those certificates? Again, they come in to you, is that right?
A. They do come in to me, yeah. With a normal member who wouldn't have much, say, sick, what I would do is, we'd just hold the medical certificates, they don't go anywhere. But when a member is approaching half pay, which is at essentially 92 days, then HR will -- they expect us to send up or scan and e-mail up the medical certs. So as far as I am aware, from what I can recal1, from even when $I$ started in the district office, I think Garda Keogh was pay affected at that stage. Because as far as I can remember I was always faxing or scanning his medical certs up to HR.
A. After 92 days, yes.

46 Q. So HRM were seeing these?
A. They were seeing them essentially from just after I started in the district office.

47 Q. Okay. Has anybody else seen them, the medical certificates when they come in? would the district officer have any knowledge of the medical certs coming in for a member?
A. Like he wouldn't essentially see them straight off hand. I would file them away. Now when referring them to the CMO, the district officer would complete the form, a referral, and he would attach the cert, well I would attach the cert and he would see it and we would
send it up to HR.
48 Q. okay. So whilst you're logging the medical certs on SAMS, is that right, you log them on SAMS?
A. That's correct.

49 Q. While SAMS, as you say, is password protected and confidential and you are dealing with it, the medical certs may be seen by your superior officers?
A. A physical medical cert can be seen, yes. In Garda Keogh's case, he would drop the medical certs or post them into the station and the sergeant in charge's office would actually receive them first and open them and then hand them into me and that's when I would record it on SAMS.

50 Q. Would you have provided Garda Keogh's medical certs to Superintendent Murray during that period? Do you remember providing him with the certificates or speaking with him about them at any stage?
A. I don't really recall. I know when he did up the report to the chief superintendent westmeath when referring Garda Keogh to the CMO, he would have seen the medical certs then.

51 Q. Okay. Now, can I ask you about another form. Again, Superintendent Murray was asked about these forms, the D5 forms?
A. Yes.

52 Q. Can I ask you about those?
A. Yes.

53 Q. Now, the D5 forms, and again just by way of example, 9308, please, Mr. Kavanagh. So it's 9308. Now, can
you just tell us a little bit about the role of the D5 forms? Is that your writing, for example, on that form?
A. My writing, yes, is at the bottom of that form.

54 Q. Who fills in the columns on the left?
A. The columns on the left are filled in by me.

55 Q. okay.
A. From SAMS. So they're done every couple of months, they're updated. Because we have to update everybody's in the district at the same time, so we update them and $10: 50$ just basically, you're taking the information from SAMS and inputting it on the D5.
56 Q. Okay. If you just scroll down a little bit, do you see the column on the very right, which is recording, now it's difficult to read from the screen, it says "remarks, incl ude name of doctor, cause of illness, nat ure of special cause or reason for suspension or date of injury on duty if applicable", do you see that column there?
A. Yes.

57 Q. I think number 17 is at the top of it. who populates that?
A. I would at times. Now, I know in this one you can see different writing on it, so it would have been -- I know at one stage our finance officer used to give us -- used to help out in the district office and she would just populate them onto the form.
58 Q. Okay. And that writing is "stress" there at the bottom?
A. That says "stress", yes.

59 Q. Is that your writing as well?
A. No, that's not my writing. I think at that stage down there at the bottom, that would be someone that took over from me when I was on maternity leave.

60 Q. Okay. And if you see 9307, which is the previous page there, Mr. Kavanagh. And again, this is all from April to August 2015, this D5 form, again recording on the right-hand side the certificates?
A. Yes.

61 Q. Did you populate that form?
A. Yes.

62 Q. Okay. Now, these D5 forms, where are they filed and who has access to these?
A. So they're in the district office. They're just in a
filing cab set behind me. We have a little kind of tambour unit, they're in alphabetical order, they're not in the member's personal file and they're all together. Essentially every members' D5 for the district is all together in alphabetical order.

63 Q. And are these signed off by the district officer?
A. No.

64 Q. Would the district officer have any role in maintaining the D5?
A. No.

65 Q. Okay. Now, can I ask you in particular to move on to 24th May 2016, please, Garda Kelly. Sorry, it's 23rd May 2016. I just want to make sure I have the correct date.
A. Yes

66 Q. Yes, 23rd May 2016. I think you deal with this in your statement. This was the date I think that you changed the drop down on SAMS from "flu/viral" to "ment al heal th" for Garda Keogh; is that right?
A. That's correct.

Can you tell me or tell the Chairman please how that came back?
A. So I was in the office and I took a phone call from Ms.

Clare Egan from HR sick section and she just told me that basically Garda Keogh's illness was wrongly categorised and that he was being pay effected and that he was liaising with the Commissioner, from what I can remember of the phone call, and she told me that the correct category was "mental heal th". So I changed it as a result of her telling me to change it. From her working in $H R$, in the sick section in particular, she is well experienced from working there and I am sure she is dealing with it every day. So I just -- when I was told to change it, I changed it.

68 Q. Okay. Can you te11 the Chairman what happened next then?
A. So I changed that, I went home and I received a phone call from Superintendent Murray and I just told him what had happened and who had phoned me and --
69 Q. We11, if you can just start at the beginning, you received a phone call from the superintendent?
A. Yes.
Q. Can you give as much detail about that as you can?
A. He just asked me did I change the SAMS, the category on SAMS. I told him I did and he just probably asked why, I can't really recall the full phone call. But I had told him then that $I$ had been speaking to Clare Egan from HR sick section and that was pretty much it, he just said, we'11 report it in the morning. I went in the next morning and I did up a report and he sent it on to the chief superintendent in Westmeath.
71 Q. okay.
A. That was it.

72 Q. Now, did you know how he became aware that it had been changed?
A. No.

73 Q. Did you get any indication as to how he was aware it had been changed?
A. I can't recal1. I don't know.

74 Q. Can I just ask Mr. Kavanagh to open up page 3094 of the book? This is the statement of Superintendent Murray on this issue. So it's 3094. Do you see there at 1316?
A. Yes.

75 Q. So he says he had no role in recording sick leave for anybody, including Garda Keogh.
A. That's correct.

76 Q. "I never entered data onto the system absence management system"

Again?
A. That's correct.

77 Q. That's correct.
"The district clerk in Athl one performed that role.
Thi s became an issue in May 2016 and I was anxi ous to bottomit out and the district clerk was able to do that very qui ckl y. "

Now, that might suggest that the superintendent played a role in the changing of --
A. No, absolutely not, no. It was me that was solely responsible for SAMS.
78 Q. Okay. Can I ask you finally to look at document 11737. Now, this is the absence report for Garda Keogh. We have been speaking about the entries and I think you have given very clear evidence as to the manner in
which you were filling out SAMS. Can I just ask you about the last entry there, 26th December 2015, Garda Keogh. It's recorded as "mental health". Can I just clarify something, in the sense that $I$ understand from your statement that once you open the entry it remains open until there's a resumption of duty, is that right?
A. That's correct.

79 Q. So according to An Garda Síochána records, or this particular record at least, am I correct to say that Garda Keogh is currently recorded as on sick leave, ordinary illness, mental health, is that right?
A. That's correct.

80 Q. That entry currently remains open on SAMS?
A. That's correct.

81 Q. Now, can I ask you then, we have heard evidence or certainly e-mails were opened previous7y, which you may or may not be aware of, relating to a discussion of Garda Keogh being on administrative leave, do you have any knowledge of that or can you assist in relation to that?
A. No.

82 Q. Is it your evidence that as far as you're concerned in recording sick leave, that remains the position for Garda Keogh, "ordinary ill ness, mental health"?
A. That's correct.

ME. MEGRATH Can I ask you to answer any questions please, Garda Keogh.

END OF EXAM NATI ON

CHA RMAN Thanks very much. Now, yes, Mr. Kelly. Ms. Mulligan, yes.

## GARDA OLI Y A KELLY WAS CROSS- EXAM NED BY ME. MLLI GAN, $10: 57$ AS FOLLOVB:

83 Q. MG. MLLI GAN Good morning, Garda Kelly. I don't have very much for you. Can I just clarify one or two things. In relation to your role, you report to the district officer; is that right?
A. That's correct.

84 Q. In terms of your role, do you also work with the sergeants as well or as a district clerk do you have
several roles?
A. Well, I am in the district office, so, as I said, the sergeant's office is a separate office to mine, but for medical certs, say, the sergeant would bring them into our office and I would record it on SAMS, so I would have dealings with the super and the sergeants.

85 Q. Okay. So you do have dealing with the sergeants and the superintendent but your direct line to whom you are responsible to, that is the superintendent, is that right?
A. That's correct, yes.

86 Q. Can you just for my sake, in terms of how any absence occurs in An Garda Síochána, as you understand it, so someone has to notify their sergeant that they are taking time off for sick leave, isn't that right?
A. That's correct.

87 Q. Then that starts a process. Can you just confirm to me what that process is? So you open an absence on SAMS, is that right?
A. That's correct, yes. Once I received the SR1 form from the sergeant's office, then $I$ create an entry on SAMS.

88 Q. Just so I am clear, the sergeant, is that the sergeant who presumably was in charge at the time that somebody reports the illness, is that right?
A. Yes, the sergeant in charge of the station that day or the working sergeant that morning or to whom the illness was reported to.

89 Q. Okay. So it's a non-specified person, it's not fixed per se, does that make sense?

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Q.

So I have reported sick, you have gotten the SR1 form, that opens the process of SAMS and when you open the process for SAMS presumably you have on7y -- you haven't got a medical cert at that time when the SR1 comes in, at the very first instance, is that right?
A. That's correct.
A. That's correct. So on that basis you would open the SAMS report form in an ordinary illness category. If you were given very specific information, for example if there had been a previous, I think it was referred to as SR7 form, and were told that this is a repeated absence on that basis, would you log it as ordinary illness or would you 10 l it as the occupational injury?
A. No, every illness goes down as "ordi nary illness".

93 Q. Even where it has already been certified as occupational injury?
A. Yes, because it is the chief that makes that final decision with the Code 11.37.

94 Q. okay. Just so I am absolutely clear about this. In the ordinary course everyone goes in as "ordi nary illness" irrespective --
A. That's correct.

95 Q. -- of what we know on the larger file?
A. That's correct.

96 Q. okay. would that change then only if there's an SR7?
A. Well, there it's the SR1 resumption form. There is no SR7.

97 Q. Sorry, is the SR7 not where you described to the Chairman about where there is an occupational injury or something certified by --
A. Code 11.37.
sorry, my apologies. The Code 11.37?
A. So if the Code 11.37 is received, $I$ can go in then and change it on the SAMS. So you can go in then and change it on SAMS?
A. That's correct.
Q. But only with --
A. On7y with Code 11.37.

101 Q. And that's not the superintendent, that's the chief superintendent?
A. The chief superintendent.

102 Q. You may not know the answer to the question, and if you don't that is fine, because it might be for the chief superintendent, but does that normally directly from the chief superintendent's office or is it done with -- 11:01 you know the way sometime Superintendent Murray might do things on behalf of Chief Superintendent wheatley?
A. No.

103 Q. Is it always on her --
A. No, it has to be chief superintendent.

104 Q. So it's her headed note paper, basically, is what I am trying to understand?
A. Yeah, the chief superintendent's headed paper and it comes from their office in hard copy, yes.
Q. That's fine. Can I just confirm, in terms of the extension of your role, you're the district clerk and am I right in saying, $I$ have seen your name on a view of the PAF meeting notes; is that right?
A. That's correct. I would attend the meeting in the morning and just record who was at the meeting, if anything came up I may have to send an e-mail, if there was a serious crime overnight I would construct a report on the crime to the chief superintendent's office, just to let them know. And also at the meeting, at the end they discuss -- the sergeant in charge discusses resources, so I would record who was absent or who was out sick for that day.
Q. okay. In terms of any queries that you have, if you do have them, do you go to the superintendent or do you go 11:02 to $H R$, in terms of anything sickness related?
A. Well, if I have queries, there has been times where I would ring HR directly to the sickness section and they would advise me.
Q. Would you also go to your superintendent?
A. Em, I don't recall going to him with many questions about sick. I would just ring HR sick section themselves, yeah.
Q. Okay. Just to confirm, in terms of who you would deal with in the sick section in $H R$, would that be clare Egan?
A. Not always.
Q. No.
A. There's a few girls working there and it's really
whoever picks up the phone, I would just ask the question.
110 Q. okay. And just off the top of your head, is there any other additional person other than Clare Egan that you discussed Nicholas Keogh with?
A. No.

Just because Ms. McGrath asked you about a guideline in relation to, I suppose, the management and systems of SAMS, you did say that there were guidelines, is that right?
A. There's a SAMS document and it essentially shows you just, I suppose, how to use SAMS and I know it mentions that on the 28 days that a person is to be referred to the CMO, but it's just a guideline document really.
113 Q. Okay. Just on that note of referring after 28 days, because that's something that did arise in this case, can I confirm, does that normally come from you or does that -- I suppose the starting point for that, does that come from HR directly?
A. Yeah. In the majority of cases $H R$ initiate it, and then in some cases, it just depends, if we know a member has been injured on duty, we might initiate it. so it just depends on the case.
114 Q. Okay. So is it fair to say that both parties do look after it, depending on the individual circumstances?
A. Exactly, yes.
Q. You just gave the example of an accident, it's a very
good example, it being clear to you that somebody might still be in the hospital and therefore you know they are going to go past the 28 days?
A. Yes.

116 Q. So you might, for want of a better word, be on top of that?
A. well that's it, yeah. And if we felt that they were injured, say, at a football match or were having injured, then we mightn't just refer them at the 28 days, because they may not be able to drive or may be just recovering from surgery. So it really depends on each case?
117 Q. There is a notification post 28 days, that also goes to the member, is that right, it goes to the guard as well?
A. Well, the referral themselves just goes straight to $H R$ from, say, the district office, or superintendent's up to the chief superintendent and on to HR and then HR will come back with a date for the member to see the смо.

118 Q. The CMO.
A. And then that's when we notify the member then through their sergeant of the date.

119 Q. Okay. Just in terms of beyond that point, presumably you don't have any non-executive role?
A. No.

120 Q. It's purely functional, is that fair?
A. Yeah, that's correct.

121 Q. okay. Sorry I just have one or two very short
questions. In relation to -- I think you were very clear, you arrived in Athlone in 2013, is that correct?
A. That's correct, April 2013.

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Q. April 2013. You then went on maternity leave?
A. That's correct.

123 Q. And then came back, can you remember when in 2014 you came back?
A. I'm not too sure. It could have been maybe -- I'm not too sure, he was born in January '13, so six months 1ater.
Q. Give or take?
A. Give or take, yeah.
Q. Did you then go on second maternity leave?
A. I went on second maternity leave while as district clerk in 2017.

126 Q. The only relevant time from our point of view is 2015 to 2015, give or take?
A. No, that was the only time then.

127 Q. Can you just recall who looked after the -- when you are on holidays, who looks after the SAMS system and
A. Well, if I was just taking brief holiday, nobody would, as in I would just do it when I came back.

128 Q. Yes. okay.
A. But I wouldn't have started in the district office until after I was on maternity leave, when I returned on the -- I started on 1st January 2014.

129 Q. Okay, perfect, no issue with that. Just, Mr. Kavanagh, if $I$ could have a little look at page 11794 again,
please. I have a very quick question about this, the categorisation in relation to "injury on duty". When you find out -- Chief superintendent wheatley gives you the notification that it is an injury on duty and you have gotten that document, as I understand it, time stops running effective1y, your 92 days that you have stop. But there also might be a period of backdating required. So say, for example, you categorised for 28 days that somebody is off and that's ordinary illness and those numbers are going up, but then 28 days later you get the letter from Chief Superintendent wheatley saying, no, this is actually an injury on duty, who does that?
A. So it would be me. Once we get the thing to say to classify it as injury on duty, I go back in and edit the document essentially and change it to injury on duty. So the initial start date from when that member went sick, it would be injury on duty, essentially.
130 Q. Just that editing facility, where is that editing facility?
A. It's on the main screen. So essentially it's an open record and when you $\log \mathrm{in}$, when I log in, you go into the open absence on the screen and it just allows you to change or to add stuff to it.
131 Q. okay. It's tricky because we don't have the computer system in front of us, it's not on this page, is that right?
A. That's the main page.

132 Q. That is the main page?
A. Yeah, so it would be on the main screen because there is on7y one screen.
Q. Okay. You can't see that edit page there, is that right?
A. We're in the screen there, so it would be the page before that. You would have to go into the open absence and then you are essentially into the screen.
Q. Just so I am absolutely clear about this, the SR1 form comes in, you open the SAMS record of the absence, those days are accumulating for however many days, until we get --
A. The resumption.

135 Q. It could be past 100 days if we are doing a work related stress investigation, for example, and then you get the letter from Chief Superintendent wheatley or it 11:10 might have been Chief Superintendent Curran at the time, and it says this person is categorised as an occupational injury and therefore we have to change numbers back. You go into the SAMS locally, not HR?
A. No, I go in and literally it's just the reason, you can 11:10 see it there "reason: Occupational " you're only changing the reason tab.

136 Q. Yeah.
A. You don't touch dates or anything, you just change the reason and then it wil1 just change the category of it. 11:10

137 Q. Then just so that I am absolutely clear about this, the time running point, which is what I am asking about, does that automatically correct itself?
A. It does. You see it's changing it from the very start,
from when that member went sick.
Q. So, in particular in relation to Garda Keogh's case, when he goes back to -- I think he goes on administrative pay. Did you edit that and make that change or how was that done?
A. No, that's through HR.
Q. So that was done through HR?
A. Yes.
Q. So as a general rule, you would do it?
A. I would only create the absence and if I was told to change it, as in if the Code 11.37 was received, I would change the reason but I wouldn't touch anything else.
Q. Okay.
A. It's just with the accumulative days, it automatically goes to half pay at 92 days and that's for every member.
Q. That is what I am trying to understand practically. In terms of Garda Keogh's case it deviated slightly because he is a different case, his time isn't running at 92 days and past the 92 days because he's not on TRR income, he's on regular pay, isn't that right?
A. Well he's down as "ordi nary illness" so essentially he should be pay affected but I think because $H R$ have sorted that out for him, he's not any more.
Yes. So my question is then, that was done by $H R$ ?
A. That was done through HR only, I had nothing to do with that.
Q. So as we currently stand, Garda Kelly, you are
recording the illness, Garda Keogh would continue to be pay affected?
A. That's correct yeah.

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Q. But --
A. The on7y time I changed it was on 23 rd May ' 16 , when Clare Egan told me to change it to "mental heal th" and that is the last I have touched of the SAMS for Garda Keogh.
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Q. For Garda Keogh?
A. Yeah.

147 Q. So there is a separate, I suppose, page somewhere else that you haven't seen probably, in HR, that would explain how his pay is being affected?
A. I am sure there probably -- I don't know, I'm not up-to-date with HR.
148 Q. That's fine. But it has nothing to do with you?
A. No.

149 Q. Is the short answer. You haven't changed the system --
A. No.

150 Q. -- in Ath1one locally?
A. No.
Q. So Garda Keogh continues to provide certificates in relation to his absence to you, is that correct?
A. That's correct, yeah. And they're still scanned up to HR.

152 Q. You scan them up, but you haven't amended --
A. No, we don't.

153 Q. You haven't touched or changed the current SAMS system and approach?

154 Q. Okay. A11 right. Can I ask you just very briefly ask you about the conversation that you had with Superintendent Murray in May of 2016. Just in relation to the -- so Clare Egan contacted you to change the categorisation of illness for Garda Keogh to mental health?
A. Yes.
Q. Can I just ask you, was the same day the phone call was made?
A. Yes.

156 Q. Were you at home or were you in the office?
A. From what I recall, I was at home.

157 Q. When you received the call?
A. Yes.

158 Q. Would that happen on a regular basis, would Superintendent Murray ring you at home very often?
A. No. No.

159 Q. Has it ever happened before?
A. Not that I can recall of.

160 Q. Was it a short conversation?
A. Yeah, it was, yeah.

161 Q. Just to be clear, he asked you why you had changed --
A. Yeah, the illness reason and I told him that Clare Egan had rang me from $H R$ and she had told me to change it it. He just said he would look for a report off me, which I provided him with the following morning.
162 Q. I think you agreed with Ms. McGrath when she said the

SAMS system is confidential and that essentially you're the only person who has access to the system?
A. Yeah, that's correct.

163 Q. Did you ask -- I presume you didn't ask Superintendent Murray how he knew that information?
A. No. He may have told me who told him, but I just don't recall at the minute.

164 Q. You don't recall?
A. No.

165 Q. Just if I can ask Ms. McGrath, she opened a D5 form, I missed the reference pointed, I would be grateful to my Friend?

MG. MEGRATH 9308, Chairman, and 9307 were opened.
M5. MLLI GAN Can I just ask, this document, is this processed by you?
A. It is processed by me. Now, as I said, the other writing there would have been Catriona Quirk, who has passed away since. when I go onto SAMS, she might just fill in the form for me, just to give me a helping hand, because there's a lot of members in the district. 11:16 So it's just a matter of her writing in the form or me writing on the form from -- I would $10 g$ in to SAMS on my number and read it out to her and she would jog it down, just to help with the form.
167 Q. Just to be clear, what's the purpose of the D5 form on 11:16 top of SAMS?
A. It's just another document. I mean there's no real need for it. But HR do look for it when you refer somebody to the CMO, they look for the D5 hard copy,
but I'm not too sure, you would have to ask HR.
168 Q. Specifically, from your point of view it's a paper version of SAMS?
A. It's an extra -- yes, exactly, it's a paper version of SAMS, yeah.
169 Q. Just so I am clear, it's not for anyone else?
A. No.

170 Q. Is it something that is kept by you or where is it kept in the station?
A. It's just behind me essentially.

171 Q. Behind you?
A. Yeah.

172 Q. I presume that is not locked?
A. No, it's not locked, no. The office itself is locked every evening, but the D5s aren't locked.
MS. MLLI GAN No further questions. Thank you very much.

## END OF EXAM NATI ON

CHAN RMAN Very good. Yes, Mr. McGuinness.

GARDA OLI Y A KELLY WAS EXAM NED BY MR. DONAL MEGU NNESS, AS FOLLOVS:

173 Q. MR. DONAL MEGU NESS: I have just one question, Garda Kelly. In relation to the form SR1, there is a stock of these forms kept at the main desk; isn't that correct?
A. That's correct.

174 Q. It would be a common enough job for the person who is in charge of the main desk to complete the form and be familiar with the form?
A. Yes, that's correct.

## END OF EXAM NATI ON

CHA RMAK Anybody else? Very good. Thank you very much.

ME. MEGRATH Nothing arising, Chairman. Thank you, Garda Kelly.
CHA RMAN Thank you very much and you are free to go now. Thank you very much.

## THE WTNESS THEN WTHDREW

MR. MEGU NESS: The next witness, Chairman, is
Sergeant Cormac Moylan.
CHA RMAN Good morning sergeant, thank you.

## SERGEANT CORMAC MDYLAN HAM NG BEEN SVDRN, WAS

 DI RECTLY- EXAM NED BY MR. MEGU NNESS, AS FOLLOVE:THE WTNESS: Sergeant Cormac Moylan.
attached to Ath1one Garda Station at present?
A. That's correct, yes.
Q. I think you were originally attested as a member of the
force on 29th July 1996?
A. I joined An Garda Síochána, went into Templemore in July 1996 and I was attested about 13 months later, in 1997.

177 Q. I beg your pardon.
A. Yeah.

178 Q. Where did you serve as a member first?
A. My training station was Fitzgibbon Street Garda Station in Dublin, I then was posted to whitehall station, from there I went to Santry station. I then came in here to Dublin Castle, where I spent five years in the traffic, the traffic unit. From there I went to Templemore, to the Garda college, where I was an instructor for three and a half years, during which time $I$ was promoted. And I left there in April 2009 and went to Athlone.

179 Q. I think you were promoted during the time in the college to the rank of sergeant?
A. That's correct, yes.
Q. What were you instructing on during your three and a half or four years in the college?
A. Legal and policing studies, but primarily I was the road traffic instructor.

181 Q. Yes. I think you moved then to Athlone in 2009 and you were there for approximately seven years and then you went to Kilbeggan for a short while?
A. Well, I am still technically attached to Athlone Garda Station. In 2015 I was asked to take care of Kilbeggan Garda station. I then moved into Moate, into the traffic corps and since last November now I moved back
to kilbeggan Garda station. So I have kind of taken on other responsibilities but I suppose technically I am still attached to Athlone Garda Station.

Certainly when you went to Athlone as a sergeant, particularly maybe from 2014 onwards, what were your duties there and in particular any interactions with Garda Keogh?
A. Yeah. In December 2014 -- when I moved to Athlone first I was attached to unit B. In December 2014 I moved units and I moved across to unit C , which was Garda Keogh's unit.

183 Q. Yes.
A. There was a realigning of sergeants in different units. So I moved units. I was on that unit until July 2015, at which stage then I moved out to Kilbeggan.
184 Q. Yes. So you had a closer working relationship with him during that period, really from December '14 to July '15?
A. Correct.

185 Q. Obviously you became aware of the fact that he made a protected disclosure in May of 2014?
A. That's correct, yeah. And I have thought about this, Judge, just in relation to when I knew about it. I know it was in the public media, but I do remember I met Nick and I find it very hard to pin it to a calendar when I knew about the protected disclosure, because he said something to me around that time, it could have been after, it could have been before, about that he was making a protected disclosure and he had to
make it by way -- it was the Ming Flanagan, he said to me, but that Ming wouldn't take the complaint unless he made it by affidavit or something. Now I find it hard to pin that. Now that could have been a month or two either side of that, but, yes.

186 Q. Yes. Do you have a recollection of discussing the content of it or the intended content of it --
A. No.

187 Q. -- at any stage with him?
A. No, just a chat, I suppose. I would have -- he was an Offaly man, I was an Offaly man, so when I'd meet him in the station, you know, we would have had an informal sort of, you know, how are things, how are you getting on, you know, a bit of chat. Any time I met him when I was in Athlone, we would have always got on well or had 11:22 a good working relationship, you know.

In terms of what occurred in the station, did you become aware that he had been allowed to address his view about his protected disclosure in a general way?
A. No. I actually hadn't heard that at the time. It was 11:22 probably years afterwards I think maybe that I heard about that. I wasn't on that unit at that time.

189 Q. Yes. Now the first four issues that the Tribunal is concerned with is the creation of a Pulse entry by him on the 18th May, the making of a Pulse check also and his interactions with Olivia O'Neill and Liam McHugh. You had no involvement in any of those matters, is that correct?
A. No, I actually never had involvement with olivia

O'Neill. I had involvement with Liam McHugh. I would have known Liam McHugh around the town. I think every guard in Athlone would have known Liam McHugh. I find it hard to say that people couldn't find him, he's easy enough to find.

190 Q. Yes. Certainly the events that the Tribunal is concerned with, Garda Lyons' report and any action taken on foot of that, were you involved in any way in any of that?
A. No. I had no hand, act or part in any of it.

191 Q. In relation to the issue of supervision, microsupervision or excessive supervision, three sergeants being put on him, you explain in your statement at paragraph 3.3, which is at page 606, if we just look at that. You had an involvement obviously which increased in AGSI, isn't that correct?
A. That's correct. In April of 2020 I took up the role on the national executive of AGSI, the Association of Garda Sergeants and Inspectors.
192 Q. Yes.
A. That would have probably impacted on my frontline supervision duty, in that we worked kind six on four off structure, and on the six days kind of on, $I$ probably would have been three of them gone to Dublin, meetings with management, whether it be the chief or Garda Headquarters or different places, Department of Justice, etcetera. So I wouldn't have been there the full-time.

193 Q. CHA RMAN Would you have been there $50 \%$ of the time,
rough7y?
A. Yeah.

CHA RMAN what was the rough kind of picture?
A. We11, I suppose, Chairman, I actually done a kind of an analysis. When I got this thing, I looked at the first 11:24 100 days that I went onto the unit, unit C. I think of the first 100 days, $I$ think $I$ was 36 days working on the unit and 35 days in AGSI. That would be meetings with Garda management in headquarters.

CHA RMAN I understand, whatever issues arising?
A. So it was nearly 50/50.

MR. MEGU NESS: Yes. Just before we deal with Superintendent Murray's instruction, as it were, in early 2015, I think you had been asked to provide a performance report in relation to Garda Keogh, isn't that correct?
A. Yes, that was I think around February 2015.
Q. Yes. Certain7y Garda Keogh has it referred to in his diary, perhaps we will just look at that entry, Volume 47, page 13300. It's there, Tuesday, the 24th:
"Sergeant Mbyl an informs me he has to write report on my performance. "

Then he has gotten entries relating to rest days. On the top of the next page, which appears to be the 27th:

[^0]He must have learnt of that at the time. But that instruction was received by you to write a performance report, isn't that correct?
A. Yeah. From my recollection, that emanated from the Garda Occupational Health Service.
Q. Yes.
A. I think he was being referred to the Occupational Health Service. It comes down, there was four or five items that we address, that the front line super was to sit down with him and just go through with him.
199 Q. We will look at those in a minute. But if we go to the next page in the diary, 13301, there's an entry there on Sunday, the 8th:
"Si ck. Rest day. Texted Sergeant Mbnaghan 14: 29.
Cormac, can l get a copy of that progress report pl ease?"

Do you recollect sending that to him or not?
A. Well, I think that's saying that Nick Keogh may have texted me looking for a copy of the progress report and got no reply.

200 Q. Yes. Do you recall subsequently sending it to him or not?
A. No. But I do know that, I actually, unlike probably what I would have normally done when you're doing a progress report and I would have completed it myself.

201 Q. Yes.
A. In the instance of Nick Keogh's progress report, I
actually sat Nick down at the computer in the sergeant's office beside me when I wrote the performance report. Because I specifically remember there was a line in it, I think it could have been the fourth point or something, and it was that he had no issue with his immediate supervisors.

202 Q. Yes.
A. And he wanted the word immediate in.
Q. Okay. We will come to the report in a moment. Perhaps if we just look at volume 33 , page 9378 , just to see the sequence of it. The top e-mail there is from Alan Mulligan to Dr. Cathal Collins the CMO, forwarding the chief superintendent's report on 24th February, 12:35. And underneath that, Chief Superintendent Curran had forwarded the report to assistant commissioner, sick section. If we go down to the bottom of the page, the original report, and over the page it says:
"Pl ease see attached report from Sergeant Cormac Mbyl an on his meeting with Garda Keogh. Forwarded for
information pl ease. For onward transmissi on to HRM Sick Section. Sent on behal f of superintendent by I nspector M nnock. "

Then if we go down that page, there is quite a jump in time because what appears there preceding that is a reminder of 1st October 2014, it says:
"Second remi nder. Athl one. Superintendent Athl one re
si ck report.

The attached correspondence dated 1st October 2014 assi stant commi ssi oner Eastern Regi on --"

I think that was Assistant Commissioner Fanning at the time.
"-- is forwarded for your attention and report."

So, if we proceed down that page then and go to the top of 9831 in fact, the next page. It says:
"Repl y to this branch correspondence dated 14th J anuary and 15th May 2014 in respect of the above member is awaited at this time."

So this appears to have generated the reminder again in November that we have seen.
"Local management should provide an up to date unit report under the bel ow headi ngs and prepared in consultation with the member for the attention of this br anch:

1. Wbrk performance to incl ude what duty the nember currently performs.
2. Hi story of attendance at work clarifying periods of ef $f$ ect $i$ veness/ non- ef fect i veness.
3. Coping skills and efforts whi ch have been made to
assi st the member to improve coping skills where this has been percei ved necessary. Code 11. 32 (2) refers.
4. Rel ationshi $p$ with peer and supervisors.
5. Any ot her inf ormation deemed rel evant in this case (incl uding any rel ated matters of concern fromthe nember, if any).

It is essential that this unit report is made available to the CMD for information and advi ces.

For favour of immedi ate attention."

That is sent then by Mr. Mulligan, the director of HRM.
A. That's correct. I suppose that report would have originated prior to me coming onto the unit.
Q. Indeed, yes.
A. From my recollection, I don't think it would have been a big report, it wouldn't have been a big task. So I an just wondering why I didn't do it until February. I would imagine that I would have probably got a reminder in February, not having seen the previous original correspondence.
Q. Yes.
A. And then acted upon it.

206 Q. It doesn't appear to have been previously replied to, 11:31 no criticism of you, it hadn't been referred to you prior to your dealing with it in February?
A. No.

207 Q. of 2015?
A. No.

208 Q. I think you prepared a report, it's to be found at 9382. You make that point in your first paragraph:
"In rel ation to the above and attached correspondence, 11:31 I wi sh to report that I am not in recei pt of previous correspondence referred to as I onl y became Garda Keogh' s supervi sor I ast December.

In respect of the poi nts raised, having spoken to Garda 11:32 Keogh, I amto reply as follows:

1. Garda Keogh currently performs all duties consummate with his rank, incl uding beat, station prisoner management duties.
2. A history of his effectiveness/ non- effectiveness is 11:32 available in the district of fice.
3. There are no coping skills or ot her met hods deemed necessary at this stage.
4. Garda Keogh states he has a good working rel ationshi $p$ with his peers and immedi ate supervisors al ike.
5. Garda Keogh does not wi sh to note any other areas of concern."

Now, do I understand your evidence to say that you, in 11:32 fact, had sat down with Garda Keogh at the computer?
A. Absolutely, yes.

209 Q. And prepared this report. I think you are required to consult the member when you are sending a unit report
up like this, isn't that correct?
A. Well, it would be my practice. I think if you are going to write on somebody like that in terms of welfare, it'd be only right that you'd talk to them. But certain7y from the point of view of Garda Keogh, number 2 there:
"History of his effectiveness."

The reference there to the district office, what was available in the district office?
A. We11, they have access to the SAMS, they have access to all the sickness records.
Q. Yes.
A. As a sergeant on the unit in a busy station like

Athlone and the scant resources available, I wasn't going to go trawling for all that information. It would have taken me days to try and find that information.
Q. Yes.
A. So that was available at the push of a button in another office.
Q. You told the Chairman he wanted "i mredi ate supervi sors". Had he some reservation about his non-immediate supervisors or did he articulate anything 11:33 to you about that?
A. He did. And Superintendent Murray hadn't even 1anded in the station at that stage.

214 Q. Yes.
A. So he was indicating to me that, yeah, he wanted specifically the word immediate, he looked for the word immediate supervisors. He just said, look it, that he had no problem with the sergeants but management and other people in the station he had. He just wanted to hold that. He mentioned a couple of names. He mentioned Aidan Glacken, who was a former super. He mentioned Superintendent Noreen McBrien, from what I recall. I don't think he named anybody else in that.
215 Q. Obviously Superintendent Glacken had been replaced?
A. He had yeah.
Q. By Superintendent McBrien quite sometime ago?
A. Yes.

217 Q. Did he articulate any complaints against Superintendent McBrien?
A. No, that was it. He was satisfied, having gone through the different points, he was satisfied with the word immediate. It was allowing me to reply to the correspondence and he was happy enough for that to go back.

218 Q. Number 5:
"Garda Keogh does not wi sh to note any ot her areas of concern. "

Were you aware of the Ó Cualáin investigation into his allegations being up and running?
A. Yes, I was aware that the protected disclosure had been made. As to when the ó Cualáin investigation started,

I suppose once again, when it had started, but I do remember there was activity around the station one day I think where some investigators were in looking for custody records or different things. So whether that was before or after that time, I couldn't pin it to the 11:35 calendar.
Q.

Yes. Did he bring anything to your attention in relation to his medical record or his medical condition?
A. There was something in relation to it about medical reports or whatever the case would be, and he said to me that, yeah, he would have copies of them available for the surgeon when he met them.
220 Q. Yeah.
A. Because this was going back up to the chief medical officer or the Occupational Health department for an appointment with him.

221 Q. Yes.
A. And he indicated that he would have --

222 Q. There was a discussion on a later date about that.
A. Yes.
Q. We will come to that. But at this point in time he doesn't seem to have made any complaints about the ó Cualáin investigation or any other matters, is that fair?
A. No.
Q. In any event, you sent that in and that was transmitted up?
A. That's correct.

225 Q
Q. In the interim then, between your next sort of contact with him in an official sort of way, Superintendent Murray came on the scene and was assigned to be the superintendent in Athlone, isn't that correct?
A. That's correct, yes.

Were you aware of any issues concerning Garda Keogh's car tax or expenses claims? Had you any involvement in those?
A. I had no involvement in them.

Insofar as the issue of assignment of sergeants and supervision of Garda Keogh is concerned, I think you obviously received the memo from Superintendent Murray which he issued about the supervision of the sergeants. Could you give the Tribunal your perspective on that?
A. In actual fact, I actually taught to myself, fair play, 11:37 the new superintendent is actually listening to me. Because I had previously met the previous superintendent and Inspector Minnock after a meeting in relation to -- the fact that $I$ was gone half the time off the unit and not being around, I thought maybe it was -- for one, it was probably unfair on me because the workload still remained the same, you were doing al1 the unit work in half the time. And I had brought it to their attention. I know they undertook to have a look at it. Obviously the superintends moved at the time. Superintendent Murray came in. And within a short space of time he had made suggestions, even within a couple of months $I$ was given the option of moving to Kilbeggan, etcetera. So I just felt it was
something, it was part of him reviewing the process of me being able to manage my workload as well because I wasn't always going to be there. So Sergeant Haran, he was the community policing sergeant, but he rested with unit $C$. So it was kind of putting it on a more sure footing, that when I wasn't Sergeant Haran was to be there. We were kind of operating on that basis anyway, so that if I needed leave on a Saturday night, I would ring Sergeant Haran to see was he working. So there was always one of us working. we'd bounce off each other. For the first time, I suppose, I seen it in black and white that the superintendent was putting it on a more sure footing.
228 Q. Yes. Could I ask you to comment on the suggestion that this was a form of excessive unjustified microsupervision imposed on Garda Keogh by Superintendent Murray?
A. Well, I didn't see it that way at all. From what I have explained, I felt from my perspective, when I read that, I thought, fair play to the super, he's listened to me in relation to the fact that I'm not there. I'm only there $50 \%$ of the time, so he is actually doing something about it and looking at it. That's the way I took it.
229 Q. Garda Keogh has obviously given evidence in relation to 11:39 how Superintendent Murray dealt with the car tax, the regulation 10 notice. Did you become aware of that at that time that, that had occurred or was occurring?
A. No, I hadn't any dealings with that. I subsequently
had dealings with another member in the district, car tax. But I was aware of the Nick Keogh issue with car tax at all.

Was that the guard who was subsequently off sick through an injury that had occurred and that you dealt with at a much later stage?
A. That's correct, yeah. When I moved to kilbeggan, there was obviously correspondence in around the time when I was in Athlone in relation to checks for car tax.
Q. Yes.
A. But when I moved out to Kilbeggan, I remember getting a reminder about car tax and I remember replying saying that the member had been out sick. He had been injured on duty arresting a prisoner and badly damaged his knee and he needed surgery on it. So he was out sick and off duty. So I reported that, that he was out sick and he wasn't due to return I think until around January 2016, was what he was indicating to me, he wouldn't be back until.
Q. Yes.
A. So I reported that and was asked to deal with it, even when he was out sick, to try and get it dealt with, it needed to be brought to a conclusion.
Q. I think despite perhaps his own view about his obligations, he complied with the suggestion or requirement that he do tax the car or the vehicle?
A. Yeah, well, I met him in January before he came back to work, the member, and I spoke to him. I suppose in the instance that $I$ was dealing with, $I$ had moved in July
to Kilbeggan, the member was not working, had never worked, had never appeared into work in all that period, so I never witnessed him driving. In actual fact, I had actually seen him twice during that intervening period driving, but he was driving a family car. So they had a five series BMW car, that's what he was driving on both of those occasions. In January when I spoke to the member when he came in, he also had a jeep, a work jeep, a farm jeep, he has a herd number and a farm, and I would know where the farm is and I knew he was farming.
234 Q. This is 2016?
A. This was January 2016, when I spoke to the member and I gave him advice. From an ex-road traffic perspective, my advice was, if you are driving your car one day, if you are going to require that for one day a year, as hard and al1 you fee1 that, as unfair you fee1 that is, to get to work, you know, because the wife might be working, mightn't be home, and he would need to use the jeep to come to work, I said, if it's only one day a year you are going to tax that privately. He felt unjust, he felt it was unfair, he thought I was coming at him. I said, unfortunately, the law is the law, that's it.
235 Q. Yes.
A. He said, you know, that's going to cost me. I think it was going to go from 250 or $€ 300$ to $€ 1,600$ for the year, for a very occasional time he was going to use it. But he did.
Q.

Just from the point of view of the impetus for you keeping at this, you were receiving reminders from the checks been completed and what action had been taken. That was ongoing from the summer of 2015 onwards, is that right?
A. That's correct, yes.

244 Q. We have seen from the papers that, in fact, you sent Garda Keogh's expenses claim back to him in January of 2015 to be resigned and resubmitted. Have you any memory of that?
A. I don't. I don't, just natural correspondence, just forwarded.
Q. In any event, the Tribunal has heard from Superintendent Murray about sorting out the car tax, the discipline regulation, his interview with Garda Keogh on the 26th March and his intention to refer him to the CMO. I think you became involved in that to some degree. You were instructed to bring his absence from work and the consequences for his pay to his attention. If we look at page 9405 in volume 33. This 11:44 is directed to you. You were the unit sergeant at that time, the 16th April.
"Ref erence to the above. Garda Keogh has now exceeded 183 within the past four years due to hi mreporting
non- effective for duty on 31st March 2015. In accordance with the public service management regul ations 2014, the member may be paid temporary rehabilitation remuneration.

Please have the attached document handed personally to Garda Keogh and thi s office apprai sed when he has been provi ded with same.

For war ded for your inf or mation and i mmedi ate at tention. Repl y by return. Superintendent Murray."

I think you did that. If we go back to the preceding page, page 9404. That was sent down by you for Garda Keogh. It came through Sergeant Baker to you, and then you sent it down to Garda Keogh. And you made him aware of that.
A. That's correct, yes.

246 Q. okay. You then, I think, became involved in making sure that Garda Keogh was aware of his appointment with the CMO, isn't that correct?
A. Yes.

247 Q. If we could look at page 9418, and at the bottom of that page, just to follow the sequence, Mr. Mulligan says:
"The above named nember is due for revi ew at the Garda Occupational Health Service, Garda Headquarters on 19 May at 1 p.m

Under no ci rcunstances can the appoi nt ment be cancelled without the permissi on of the Executive Di rector, Human
Resources and Peopl e Devel opment (Si ckness Absence Section).

Prior to the member's review, local management shall meet with the member to di scuss the following:

1. The reason the menber is being referred to the CMD
is to determine the member's medi cal fitness grade for pol icing duty.
2. To advi se the menber to forward all rel evant medi cal reports fromtreating/certifying doctors, incl uding specialists to the Garda Occupational Heal th Service on or prior to the review date. The member should be assured that these medical reports will be treated in strictest medical confidence by the CMD in consultation with the member's treating certifying doct ors.
3. Any ot her non- medi cal issues whi ch may have a bearing on the member's medical fitness for duty.

Local management shall not di scuss issues of a confidential medal nature in the course of this reeting.

Pl ease forward report on the outcome of this meeting with the member to this branch in early course, which will be forwarded to the Chi ef Medical Officer for his inf or mation. "

That is sent by Mr. Mulligan. That goes to -- if we go to the top of that page, that is sent by Chief Superintendent wheatley on to the superintendent in
Athlone. And if go back to the preceding page. If we go to the top there, we see this is from you to the superintendent in answer to it, it having been referred to you.
"Re Garda Ni chol as Keogh. In rel ation to correspondence bel ow, I spoke to Garda Keogh on 4th May ' 15 and made hi maware of the time and date of the upcoming appoi nt ment with the Garda Occupational Heal th 11:48 Servi ce on the 9th May at 1: 00pm Garda Keogh states he will attend on that date.

As Garda Keogh is currently working ni ghts and not due back on days until next week, I have al so made him aware of the text of the letter, in particular the three itens to be di scussed with the member. Garda Keogh is aware that he is being referred to the CMD to determine his medal fitness grade for policing duty. Garda Keogh has been advi sed to forward all rel evant medi cal reports on or prior to the revi ew date. He i ndi cates that he may have a report with hi mon the day as he is due to see his GP this week. He was al so made aware that these reports will be treated in strictest confidence. In rel ation to ot her non- medical issues, 11:48 Garda Keogh states that he may wi sh to di scuss this with the Chi ef Medical Officer in person.

Finally, as the 19th of May is a schedul ed rest day for Garda Keogh, I have schedul ed hi mto alternative rest day on Mbnday, 11th May 2015, whi ch was hi s preferred choi ce.

For war ded for your inf ormation, pl ease."

Does that reflect a discussion that you had with Garda Keogh about the contents of the HR request?
A. Yeah. And I would have shown him the contents of what I was writing and then you will actually see I actually 11:49 cc'd him in that e-mail, to Nick. So he got a copy of the e-mail as well, so he was fully apprised of what I was saying and writing.
248 Q. Yes, it's sent to the Ath1one district office, yes, and cc'd to Sergeant Baker and Garda Keogh?
A. That's correct.

249 Q. You didn't discuss his medical condition or his doctor's certification of it, $I$ take it?
A. No, I didn't think it was my place to involve myself in that.

250 Q. Yes. Now, going back to your statement at page 606, at page 3.3, we were just looking at that, and in the fourth line of paragraph 3.3, you say:
"The correspondence al so requested I sit down with
Gar da Keogh and go through his notebook, Pul se, DPP and crime file list. I duly did go through Garda Keogh's Pulse, crime file and DPP lists. I do not recall going through his notebook."

Was that an unusual thing to do or was that in some form of manner a special procedure in relation to Garda Keogh?
A. Had I got correspondence like that before? Possibly
no. Did I see it unusual? No. He had been sporadically out sick and stuff, he had his issues with alcohol etcetera, he was returning to work, there was a request for me to do it as a his sergeant. It was just to make sure there was nothing falling through the cracks. I suppose the accountability that was within Athlone, it would be fair to say from my experience, and I think it's important that having worked in a number of stations and national specialists units and Dublin areas and being in the college, when I moved to Athlone I found the accountability level and systems and processes much better than anywhere I had worked before. In fact, when they were designing processes around accountability for the Garda organisation, there was a number of Athlone personnel were involved in that, designing the processes. I suppose when Pat Murray, the super came, I suppose it went from fourth gear to fifth gear, or fifth to sixth, because it was ramped up another 1eve1. Everything, nothing was missed, if you know what I mean. So it was just ensuring that if there was a serious incident -- and there wasn't anything that serious in it. Nick had more concerns and he did have concerns, but like there was a passage of time $I$ think in relation to one investigation, but $I$ think the matter was being withdrawn, so it didn't really impinge on it.

251 Q. Yes.
A. I didn't see them as all that serious or all that insurmountable.


11:52
you were asked to attend the accountability meetings. So you were involved in a lot of decisions around the table. Sometimes you didn't agree with them, sometimes you did. In fairness now, they were debated and sometimes the superintendent would change his mind and did on a couple of occasions because, you know, he took your viewpoints on board. So I thought it was a good process.
Yes. At this point in time Superintendent Murray had issued a general instruction based upon a general, but out of concern that he referred to an instruction about members' cars, licences etcetera. Perhaps we will look at that, at page 184. You obviously got that, I think. At this point in time $I$ think it seems to be your evidence that you weren't aware that Garda Keogh had been dealt with by Superintendent Murray, either in relation to car tax or in relation to a discipline related to it, is that right?
A. No, I didn't deal with that.

257 Q. Yes.
A. With Garda Keogh's car tax.
Q. But that wasn't, as it were, public police knowledge within the station then, is that right?
A. I wasn't aware of it.
Q. Yes. And you were his unit sergeant?
A. At that time, yeah. I think Nick would have been sporadically off sick at the time.
Q. Yes.
A. So I think he might have been out.
Q. In any event, you gave effect to this direction and reported on that. If we look at Volume 31, page 8770. That's a report from you dated 2 nd Ju7y to the sergeant in charge:
"In rel ation to the above, I have inspected the driving li cence, insurance di sk, tax di sk and NCT di sk for the following members attached to unit $C$ and they are all in order."

That includes Garda Keogh there. There is a reference to another guard there at the bottom. Can I ask you to comment on the general instruction and the effect that was being given to it? Did you see that in any way as either a targeting of Garda Keogh or a favouring of other members?
A. If I am correct, I think this was after everything had been rectified.
Q. Yes.
A. So, no, this was before I left, I dealt with the Kilbeggan issue.
Q. Yes.
A. I didn't see that as any targeting. It was just a matter of ensuring that everybody -- it was right and proper that everyone had their documents in order.
Q. It would reflect badly on policemen if they were found not to have any of these matters in order?
A. Absolutely.
Q. Had you been made aware of a previous anonymous
complaint that Inspector Minnock had dealt with in January 2015?
A. No.
Q. Relating to another guard?
A. In actual fact, I didn't know about that until recently.

267 Q. I think he said that he kept it, as it were, confidential in a sense?
A. Right.

268 Q. In any event, you had involvement with a number of crime files submitted by Garda Keogh, isn't that correct?
A. That's correct, yes.
Q. Perhaps we will just look at one or two of those. If we look at page 190. This is one of two files that relates to theft at Custume Place on 4th July of 2015, isn't that correct?
A. Yes, that's correct, yeah.
Q. Can I just ask you first a general question: At this point in time the matter had obviously been logged on to Pulse, isn't that correct?
A. That's correct.

271 Q. At what stage then does this crime file come into existence? Does it come into existence after a PAF meeting or as a result of a direction of the PAF meeting?
A. No. It wouldn't normally -- well it may be a direction at a PAF meeting to complete the crime file. But members would be aware that in any crime they would be
issuing a crime file. So when they are issuing a crime file, any crime, the responsibility would be to issue a crime file or to complete a crime file.
yes. But looking at that, is that the front cover of a folder?
A. well, I'd imagine just on the dates of this, this is dated -- the incident happened on the Saturday, 4/7/15.
Q. Yes.
A. So this incident wouldn't have been dealt with in a PAF meeting until Monday 6th or the 7th, but it's obviously 11:58 completed because as I signed it on the $5 / 7$.
Q. Just go down the page a little bit there. Is this created by Garda Keogh?
A. Yes.

275 Q. Then it's signed by you at the bottom, is that right?
A. That's correct, yes. And I have written remarks there:
"CCTV vi ewed but of no evi dential val ue. I used the camera panning qui ckly past premises."

There is a person there, I won't say:
"Collated at Custume place at the time of the offence and a possi ble suspect. Statement of injured erred excl uded. "

276 Q. Would you have got that information from Garda Keogh directly then?
A. That was the information that coming from Garda Keogh.

277 Q. Yes.
A. He has it in the following page, which would be written in before I would have got it. On page 191.
Q. Yes.
A. At point 12 there:
"Additional i nquiries conducted. CCTV vi ewed with i nj ured party."

Then the investigating member's comments, where it's blanked out.

279 Q. Yes.
A. So he would have put forward that.

280 Q. Would that have been on the form when it was presented to you, as it were?
A. That would have been on the crime file when $I$ got it, yes.
281 Q. That's Garda Keogh's writing, is it?
A. That's Garda Keogh's writing.
Q. Number 12.
A. Yes.

283 Q. The one on page 194 relates to the other theft of the same place, submitted at the same time?
A. Yes.

284 Q. With the same essential comments on it?
A. That's correct, yeah.
Q. Did you note that the statements had been made by the
the injured party themselves?
A. Yeah, well I would have noticed. I did notice, I think it's one of the statements, where there was something written on the back of the statement. I only became aware of that during disclosure. The statement form, you know when you kind of lift the statement form to see the back of it, I never noticed the writing on the back of it.
Q. Yes.
A. But I would have noticed the writing. I suppose from my perspective, and I dealt with probably a number of traffic accidents and stuff over the years, where people will come with a prescribed statement having been made to their solicitor, typed format, and hand it in and you'd get them to sign it or whatever.
Q. Yes.
A. So the fact that someone hand wrote it out, I didn't pick up on it, I suppose. It was unusual.
Q. Yes.
A. It was something I don't think I had seen before.
A. But I didn't pick up on it. I didn't stop it and return it.
Q. We know obviously it was sent back with queries, did you see anything wrong with those queries or did you see anything wrong with the file yourself?
A. Well, queries in terms of investigation.
Q. Yes.
A. Like, we would have a number of cameras, like $I$ think
there's 23, 24 cameras -- sorry 26 cameras in Athlone, within the town, and there are other businesses
etcetera. So in terms of investigation and the queries that went back to kind of complete a more comprehensive investigation or a comprehensive look at it, would have 12:01 been -- it would have put the suspect in place. You know, we were aware he was in it. It would have maybe solidified it a bit. But I suppose I didn't take issue one way or the other. I suppose when the correspondence came back, I just forwarded it on for the attention of the member.

292 Q. Yes. The memo from the superintendent is at page 197. The queries are set out. Would you have regarded those as reasonable or unreasonable supervision or issues to raise?
A. Well, in terms of the first point, in relation to the suspect, that was the person who was nominated by Nick himself. So I found absolutely no issue with it. And I suppose when I came back asking about the statements, I suppose you would have to bow to the higher authority, the superintendent said that the statement was -- should have been -- you know, in relation to the taking of it. It was forwarded on to the member for their consideration.
293 Q. Yes.
A. But I didn't see anything wrong either way.

294 Q. Can I ask you to look at another file at page 213, it's not clear whether you had a dealing with this or not. It's a theft on the Dublin Road of a trailer?
A. That was in August, I was gone to Kilbeggan at that stage. dealings with Garda Keogh in relation to him being off sick and then ringing in off sick and that being brought to your attention, isn't that correct?
A. That's correct, yes. at page 2218. I think you yourself hadn't been on duty on the Friday or the Saturday night, isn't that correct?
A. Or the Sunday either.
Q. Or the Sunday either. And you came into work on Monday 12:04 13th?
A. That's correct, yes.

300 Q. It was brought to your attention that Garda Keogh hadn't shown up for duty on the previous two days, isn't that correct?
A. That's correct, yes.

301 Q. Just who informed you of that?
A. One of the guards on the unit, from recollection I think it was Martin Linnane.
Q. Yes. Was that a matter of concern?
A. Of course, yes.

303 Q. What steps did you take then to deal with that?
A. I spoke to the unit, they indicated to me anyway that he hadn't turned up. I tried ringing him, I couldn't get through to him. I know that some of the members tried to ring him because they were able to come back to me -- I never got a reply, I never got a text, I never got anything back. But they were able to tell me that -- it was from them that I heard that he had broken out and that he was in Tullamore. He was drinking in Tullamore, he had broken out.
304 Q. Did you have one phone number for him or more?
A. I only had one.

305 Q. Can you recall who it was that told you he had broken out in Tullamore?
A. From my recollection again it was Martin Linnane.

306 Q. This is sent to the Athlone office, as it were, at 3:15 in the morning. Was this the culmination of a number of hours of attempting to contact him?
A. Well, that's correct, yeah. Well, I suppose, we still have the normal police work to do. As I say, I was after being off for the previous three days, so I was catching up with correspondence incidents and incidents etcetera and the run of normal policing and calls that had to be done. But I remember trying to make contact with him. I think I would have tried ringing him a few times and talking to the lads to try and put out the feelers to see where he was, if he could be made
contact with. From my perspective, now I wasn't overseeing it, but I do think that some of the members were trying to make contact with him and were unsuccessfut in trying to do it.
307 Q. Just from the point of view of your contacts, can you recall whether his phone was ringing out or going to voicemail or just not getting through?
A. I can't recall, no.
Q. okay.
A. I just know that I couldn't get through.

Yes.
A. If I remember correctly, I would hazard a guess that it was ringing out but with the passage of time, you know, years later, $I$ just couldn't be exact.
310 Q.
Sure. I think you weren't actually asked to make a statement for the purpose of the disciplinary inquiry, isn't that correct?
A. Em.

311 Q. Did you make no further report other than this to the superintendent?
A. No, that was it.

312 Q. You don't refer in this report to a Facebook message but you do describe in the statement having got a Facebook message?
A. I did, yes.

313 Q. That was received on your Facebook page certainly at 00:29 hours:
"Sorry about this, Cormac, l missed your call, haven't
credit to call you back."

CHA RMAN Sorry, Monday is the 13th, as I have it here, according to your statement?

MR MEGU NNESS: Yes.
CHA RMAN Maybe I'm wrong about this, but what you say 12:08 is Monday, the 13th. Because I was just trying to work out the various dates.
A. Yeah, but I suppose the phone call -- I sent the e-mail on the 14 th, which was in the -- I suppose I call it the Monday, but it was actually in the early hours of Tuesday morning.

316 Q. CHA RMAN Ah, I'm sorry?
A. Because I'm on nights.

317 Q. CHA RMAN It's the night of Monday/Tuesday that you sent your e-mail?
A. Yes, that's correct.

318 Q. CHAN RMAN So Monday night, into Tuesday morning, 3:15am?
A. That's correct.

319 Q. CHAL RMAN which is actually on the Tuesday?
A. Yeah. On the 14th, on the Tuesday, yes.

320 Q. CHAI RMAN Correct?
A. The 14th was a Tuesday.

321 Q. CHA RMAN Now at 00:29 you got the Facebook -- or
sorry, the Facebook message came in onto your Facebook page?
A. Yes.

CHAL RMAN Is that 00:29 on Tuesday, the 14 th?
A. That came in at 00:29 hours on 15/7, which is the early 12:09 hours of Wednesday morning. CHA RMAN okay. Very good. I just wanted to clear up that.
A. Yeah. I had worked on the Monday night, I had worked from 6:00pm till 4:00am. Shortly before I left, at around 3:30 I made the super aware of what had happened.
324 Q. MR. MEGU NESS: Yes.
A. On the Tuesday, I was actually due to work nights on the Tuesday night, but I actually took leave, because on that Tuesday I was actually in Croke Park with a bunch of under 8 hurlers, they you were doing a blitz. So that's when I had taken 1eave. At some part of that night when I got home, I went to bed, and the following morning I realised, you know, I'd got this message. It 12:10 came through on Facebook messenger.
A. It was, yes.

CHA RMAN Okay. Thank you.

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Q. MR. MEGI NESS: And it came to your attention only then, in the morning of the 15th?
A. That's correct, yes.
Q. I mean, you don't get Facebook alerts on your phone, I take it?
A. It's Facebook messenger.
Q. Messenger?
A. So, no. No, I wasn't aware of it until the following morning.
A. No. No, no, it was the day after, the night after.
Q. I think you didn't have any involvement in the discipline issue as such?
A. No, I didn't.
A. No, I wasn't, no.

Just in terms of the supervision of Garda Keogh in a general way while you were directly in charge of his
A. Well, I always got on reasonably well with Nick, but I would say that in the period that $I$-- in the seven months that I was dealing with Nick, he was
sporadically out sick and stuff. But I did have two incidents where I had to kind of -- Nick loved doing the beat but he wouldn't be detailed maybe to do the beat. On two occasions I would have had to call him back from doing something that he wasn't to be doing. I remember one of them was specifically a Saturday night, we were short resources, $I$ came in at nine o'clock and someone said to me, yeah, Nick has gone on the beat, but he wasn't actually down to do beat. I think he was due to do the car or do the public order van, and I had to instruct the unit to make contact with him to tell him to come back. He came back and I kind of had to call him aside and say, Nick, look it, you just can't go and do the beat, you are being instructed to do something else. That is the duty. I have decided it, I'm sergeant and that's it. And he took it on board. But, yeah, that was the only time I had an issue with him. Other than that, we always got on fairly well.
He says in his own statement that he has always had a good working relationship with Sergeant Cormac Moylan and you note that he hasn't accused you of any wrongdoing. But have you any evidence to give the Chairman in relation to any targeting or bullying or victimisation of Garda Keogh by anyone?
A. I never seen it, never heard of it. As the AGSI representative of sergeants around the area, if it was going on I would have heard about it, I'm sure someone would have said it to me. I never heard anything or I
was never instructed in any way to target Nick Keogh. I would actually say I treated Nick very carefully. You know, even in terms of some of the reports, sitting him down in front of and going through them, it mightn't be something I would have done with other members, I was probably giving him extra treatment, do you know what I mean, and making sure that he was satisfied that everything was done, you know, ccing him in e-mails and stuff that was going up, to make sure that he was fully au fait with what was happening and, you know, going through the correspondence with him and helping him with the investigations.
336 Q. In terms of being aware or seeing or knowing of any targeting or victimisation or bullying by others members, did you see any evidence of that?
A. Never saw any evidence.

MR MEGI NESS: Would you answer any questions that people might have.

END OF EXAM NATI ON

CHA RMAN Yes. Mr. o'brien, yes.

## SERGEANT CORMAC MDYLAN WAS CROSS- EXAM NED BY MR. O BRI EN AS FOLLOVS:

337 Q. MR. O BRI EN Good afternoon, Chairman, good afternoon, Sergeant Moylan. Just in relation first of all to Superintendent Murray's memorandum to you on the 2nd

April, I think you told the Chairman, just to clarify, that you hadn't received correspondence like that before, in terms of the direction that it gave to sit down with Garda Keogh, is that correct?
A. I would have got it probably in a different format, but 12:14 I often got an e-mail saying, you know, such and such a lad on the unit might have an incident or some crime or something that's due, you know, it's near statute barred or a summons that is coming up, kind of assist them to say that the six months is fast approaching. But in terms of the direction, it's probably something that I was looking from Superintendent McBrien, that she would put in place to maybe make my job a little bit easier in terms of the management of the unit, because of the unit duties I had. So I had actually 12:15 met Superintendent McBrien to relay that issue but I didn't get it. So, I suppose when I got it, I seen it as being that $I$ was being listened to.
338 Q. I think you say in your statement at page 606, it's paragraph 3.3, I think you did sit down with Garda Keogh, isn't that right, just in relation to this direction?
A. That's correct, yes.

339 Q. You confirm that you went through Pulse, crime file, DPP lists, is that correct?
A. Yeah. And I think I was asked to do the notebook and I actually didn't do the notebook.

340 Q. Is that because you didn't feel the need to do it because things were in order?
A. We11, what I had seen so far had been, yeah -- like there was issues, but, as I said already, there was nothing insurmountable. You know, the withdrawal of the harassment issue, anything else, there was nothing, nothing that wasn't routine stuff that I could see that 12:16 wasn't -- that couldn't be done. I suppose just some of it had maybe lagged behind, because Nick had maybe been out sick and stuff like that, a passage of time had passed in relation to certain incidents, but it was still okay.

341 Q. Did you view the direction by Superintendent Murray to go through his notebook as being oppressive?
A. Oh, I didn't, no. I just didn't go through his notebook because I suppose guards and their notebooks are -- it's kind of an area, that $I$ just as a sergeant would be reluctant to kind of -- when everything else was okay, $I$ just didn't see the need to go through the notebook.
342 Q. So you were satisfied at the end of sitting down with him that matters were in order, is that right?
A. That what we had and what we were aware of was being dealt with by going through the DPP crime file list, etcetera, and through his pulse. That I had everything sorted, everything was sortable.
343 Q. Just on the issue of microsupervision, I think you have 12:17 been here and you have heard Garda Keogh's evidence and you know his position in relation to that, do you accept that it was Superintendent Murray's intention to place Garda Keogh under microsupervision, as is his
case?
A. No, I don't. As I have said already, I think this -when I got that direction and that correspondence, I just -- my initial thing was saying, now someone has actually listened to me, because I was doing serious mileage on the road, $I$ was up and down to Dublin and I was covering the country, $I$ was all over the country at different meetings etcetera, meeting Garda management, and I just felt that eventually someone was actually putting something in place, you know, and me being able 12:17 to manage that.

MR. O BRI EN I have no further questions, Chairman.

## END OF EXAM NATI ON

CHA RMAN Thanks very much.
MR. DI GNAM I have no questions for Sergeant Monaghan. CHA RMAN You have no questions either. Does anybody else have any questions? No. Very good. Thanks very much. Well, Mr. McGuinness.

MR. MEGI NNESS: Thank you, Sergeant Moylan, nothing further.

CHA RMAN Thanks very much, Sergeant Moylan. Thanks very much.
THE WTNESS: Thank you, Chair.

## THE WTNESS THEN WTHDREW

MR. MEGU NESS: The next witness, Chairman, is

Sergeant Monaghan.
CHA RMAN Thank you.

SERGEANT DERMDT MDNAGHAN HAV NG BEEN SVDRN, WAS DI RECTLY- EXAM NED BY MR. MEGU NNESS, AS FOLLOVG:

THE WTNESS: Dermot Monaghan. CHA RMAN Thanks.
MR. MEGU NNESS: Sergeant Monaghan, could you outline to the Tribunal your career in An Garda Síochána to date?
A. To date. I was attested to An Garda Síochána in 1997, where I was stationed -- my first station was Celbridge in County Kildare, I remained there until 2002, where I transferred to Athlone Garda Station. In 2007 I was promoted to the rank of sergeant, where I was transferred to Ballinrobe in County Mayo. I spent almost a year at Ballinrobe. I was transferred to Granard in Longford. Following six months in Granard, I applied for a position in the traffic unit, the Westmeath divisional traffic unit, I was successful and I was transferred to Moate garda station, or Moate traffic unit, where $I$ was stationed for seven years.

In July 2015 I came into Athlone Garda Station, where I 12:19 temporarily took over unit $C$, before covering maternity leave as sergeant in charge of Athlone until January of that next year, 2016, where I returned to be a supervisor sergeant in unit C. I am currently area
administrator in Moate Garda Station.
345 Q. So your period of being a sergeant in Athlone supervising unit $C$ was the 20th July until 28th August 2015?
A. Rough1y, yes.

346 Q. From that date then you covered Sergeant Baker's maternity leave as the sergeant in charge of the station, is that right?
A. Correct. Sergeant Baker went on maternity leave in October of that year, but prior to her going on maternity leave I was intermittently covering her absences through annual leave and she had other functions to fulfil.

347 Q. Yes.
A. So I would have been covering unit $C$ at the same time during that period I'd say.

348 Q. Yes. And Sergeant Haran had the responsibility for doing unit $C$ then in that period?
A. Sergeant Haran was attached to community policing and he would been covering in my absence.
349 Q. Your period of acting sergeant in charge was completed in January '16, and at that stage you returned to the supervision of unit C in Athlone?
A. Correct.

350 Q. But Garda Keogh was no longer at that point --
A. He was out sick.

351 Q. He was out sick, as it turned out didn't return at that point?
A. Correct.
Q. On your transfer to Ath1one and having the responsibility you did, what was your view of the way the station was being managed by the superintendent and the initiatives he put in place? were you familiar with those?
A. I wasn't initially, because I had been away from mainstream policing, let's say, for seven years because I was in traffic. But I had previously been a guard in Athlone, so I was familiar with the procedures there. Seven years later, or ten years later almost, these were new procedures, that took me a bit of time to adjust to. But when I got adjusted to them, yes, they were good procedures. I found they were good procedures. They were safeguarding me as a supervisor and they assisted members to keep their workload on track and getting anything that is going Statute barred or summary offences and stuff like that.

353 Q. Was it providing strict sort of overview or oversight of files and how guards were dealing with them?
A. Yes. It gave great assistance to guards to bring their files to a conclusion, that they wouldn't end up getting in trouble with the late submission of files, yes.
354 Q. Now, I think you had some involvement in the issue of Garda Keogh being out sick and ringing back in. I think he forwarded to you a short report explaining what had happened, which you sent on to the superintendent, isn't that right?
A. That's correct.
Q. In July of 2015?
A. As a unit sergeant you are responsible when your members are out sick on the unit, to just try and keep contact with them. If they are out for any period more than a day or two, you would ring them. So that was my 12:23 function.

That's to be found in one part of the papers at 2227. It just explains:
"Sergeant Mbnaghan, wi th reference to overleaf."

And that was the superintendent's request for a report.
"I made a mistake regarding reporting unfit for duty.
I thought I was still on sick leave those days. I apol ogi se for same. Si ck cert attached. Forwarded for your inf ormation please."
A. That would have been the second day I would have started on the unit.

357 Q. You sent that on with the sick certificate to the superintendent?
A. Correct.

358 Q. I think you had no more involvement in it, save for the fact that Garda Keogh applied for Haddington Road hours in respect of the period of duty when he was taking the 12:24 phone call from Superintendent Murray on either the 14 th or the 15 th?
A. Yes.

359 Q. As they thought.

360 Q. You transmitted that application up and that was refused, as you became aware?
A. Yes.

361 Q. Now, you had involvement with the submission and transmission of crime files from Garda Keogh up to the superintendent and back, in relation to a number of the months that the Tribunal is concerned with, isn't that correct?
A. Yes. Not just solely Garda Keogh, for unit C in total. 12:24

362 Q. Of course.
A. Yes.

363 Q. At page 198, we saw the short report there, the instruction of Superintendent Murray. This came in obviously after a couple of incidents that we have seen, but you became aware of this obvious7y in August of 2015?
A. That's correct, yes.
Q. Obviously some of the crime files that we looked at came in to being before that. The ones relating to the 12:25 thefts at Custume Place are, of course, dating from the 4th July, that preceded your arrival as such?
A. Yes.
Q. But you had some dealings with them. In particular, if we look at page 200. You were involved in transmitting 12:25 Superintendent Murray's report for Garda Keogh's attention?
A. Yes.
Q. I think you got a reply to that a number of weeks
later, on the 28th August, if you look at page 201. And the response of Garda Keogh is there. Had you examined the crime file yourself?
A. No.

Did you see any issue with it?
A. This is the first time -- it would have been returned down from the superintendent's. This is the first time I would have seen this.
Q. In any event, you got the instruction subsequently from the superintendent on the 3rd September, if we look at page 202. The superintendent sets out his views there. Did you see anything unusual or untoward about what he was asking you to do?
A. No. Not at the time, no. This is in relation to the instructions in chapter 3 of the CIT manual.
A. I printed off a copy of chapter 3 and I sat down with Garda Keogh and went through it in the office.

370 Q. Yes.
A. Because I myself had never seen witnesses submit statements before. The only statements I would have seen were people presenting themselves as possible suspected offenders with their solicitor for cases that were non-arrestible, I'd say.

371 Q. Yes.
A. And you would have sat them down and read it over with the caution. But I had never seen witnesses submit statements before.

372 Q. Yes.
A. So we sat down and discussed chapter 3 and Garda Keogh took it on board and made no comment in relation to it as far as I can remember.
Q. Yes. You reported back up to the superintendent that you had done that?
A. Yes.
Q. If we look at page 207. Did Garda Keogh raise any complaint that this was sort of an oppressive supervision, that he was perfectly entitled to get them to write their own statements?
A. Not that $I$ can recollect anyway, no.
Q. That went up to the superintendent and then he endorsed his -- you sent an attached report, which is at 208 there as well?
A. Yes.
Q. Which gave further detail about what Garda Keogh had done in fact?
A. Yes.
Q. Obviously there's some information that wasn't on the original crime file, but were you concerning yourself with the rights and wrongs or the reasonableness or otherwise of the response or the requests?
A. Not really. Initially I would have thought that the crime file should not have been submitted in the first place, because the instructions were clearly that in absence of a suspect or when all avenues are exhausted you will submit a crime file. Outside that, it would be an investigation file. So, you know, that was the only thing that kind of came to me.

378 Q. CHA RMAN when the crime file is submitted.
A. Yes.
Q. CHA RMAN That is the end of the case.
A. When you have exhausted all your investigation purposes, the crime file is submitted.

380 Q. CHA RMAN You put in a crime file?
A. You put in a crime file, yes.

381 Q. CHA RMAN Otherwise there may be Pulse, there may be a report, there may be an investigation file, is that correct?
A. That's correct, yes.

382 Q. CHA RMAN Okay. But when a crime file is done, that is, look, we have done everything we can.
A. Yes.

383 Q. CHAN RMAN And we are going no further with it.
A. The contents of a crime file would be the A4 piece that's folded over, the original injured party's statement and any other statements, with a copy of an incident summary report.
CHA RMAN I follow.
A. That would be sent to the victims office, where the victim would be notified of the outcomes and filed away for --

385 Q. CHA RMAN It's the end of the line?
A. It is, unless down the line it's reactivated.

386 Q. CHA RMAN of course, something else might happen and reactivate it?
A. It's there for any member then to retrieve, let's say, and carry out an investigation.

MR. MEGI NNESS: But can I ask you this question?
A. Sorry.
Q. Yes.
A. The sergeant would put a recommendation on reading what the garda submitted on the file. And if we're satisfied ourselves -- sometimes it comes down for clarity, if they see something, an anomaly that we have missed. That's the beauty of the accountability process; that it's caught at all different levels before it's eventually finalised.
But put it this way: The crime file isn't submitted to the superintendent behind your back or without it going through you?
A. No, it has to go through the channels of communication, which is garda to sergeant, sergeant to the superintendent.
391 Q. But if there are deficiencies in either matters not being clearly reported or other avenues of investigation, or other steps that should be taken, should they not be caught by the sergeants first?
A. Well, in the main they should be, yes, but sometimes, you know, with paperwork and different things, there can be oversight on the sergeant's behalf. That's why the accountability process is there. That at another level then it is caught and it's sent back down through 12:31 the sergeant back to the guard for clarification.
Q. Garda Keogh that he was being micromanaged and sort of harassed in this way, but you say at page 615:
"Li ke all menbers, if his standard of work was lacking he was asked to address outstanding issues and resubmit his files when they were fully compl et for di rections through his immedi ate supervi sor sergeant, and then onwards to the di strict officer (superintendent/inspector) for thei r di rection."
A. Yes. So if an investigation file came to me or a crime file came to me and I saw something lacking on it, I would send it straight back to the guard and ask them, this is what is missing from this, can you please add it in and I'11 submit it up. Sometimes I would miss one or two things, then it goes up to the superintendent or inspector and they would see it and they will send it back down to me, on to the garda.
393 Q. The superintendent, I mean obviously he came in, he sort of issued a lot of directives and gave different instructions over the period of months since he had been appointed. But was he stricter with Garda Keogh or was he in your opinion evenhanded in dealing with
files that came to him?
A. Well, I can only speak for my own unit, and any files I would have submitted, if there were anomalies they would have came back, no matter what guard it was. Even if it was my own files $I$ was submitting, if there was anomalies he would have returned it to me. So I couldn't see Garda Keogh being picked out for special treatment in that case.
394 Q. Yes. Well, looking at the theft of the Dublin Road trailer incident?
A. Yes.

395 Q. That's at page 213. That occurred on the night of, I think, Saturday/Sunday, 7th/8th August?
A. 7th/8th August, yes.

396 Q. That's your signature at the bottom?
A. It is, yes.

397 Q. And the writing there:

## "CCTV vi ewed to no avail as of poor quality."

A. Yes.
Q. "No ID for suspects."

Is that Garda Keogh's handwriting?
A. That's my handwriting.

399 Q. That's your handwriting?
A. Yes.

400 Q. Did you record that from what he told you, is it?
A. On reading the crime file itself, on not speaking to Garda Keogh, I would have read what he had written on
all the fields in the next couple of pages. The sergeant, where it says "remarks to supervi sor", will give a summary of what's contained in the file and if there is not enough sufficient evidence in that, that's what I wrote, no CCTV, no ID --

401 Q. The next page then, for instance, box 12 on page 214 there?
A. Yes. Garda Keogh completed that. That's the second page of that form. okay. So was that filled in before you filled in the first part?
A. It's an A4 folded in two. So it's the one form, it's four pages. It's all the one sheet, if you open it out it's an A3 size but it's folded in half.
403 Q. okay.
A. So it contains four different sheets, let's say.

404 Q. So the information in box 12, that's on it?
A. That would be all completed before I --
Q. Before you fill in the remarks of supervisor?
A. Yes, yes.

406 Q. And that was filled in in that way when you received it then and dealt with it?
A. Correct.

407 Q. We know ultimately the crime was solved, the accused were prosecuted and convicted, etcetera?
A. Yes.

408 Q. It didn't appear obviously that there was perhaps another source of footage?
A. No, on reading this crime file on its face, I have no
409 Q. A11 right. So you had no reason to require him to do anything further yourself?
A. Correct, yes.

410 Q. From your perception?
A. I was taking what he had said on the face, that there was no CCTV, so I assumed he would have tried to cultivate all CCTV that was available. I took him at his word and I sent it forward to the superintendent.

411 Q. Yes. Superintendent Murray raised a query, which the Tribunal has seen, at 215 there?
A. Yes.

412 Q. About the CCTV. There's a reply then on the next page from Garda Keogh. You must have transmitted that to him?
A. I did, yes.

413 Q. Yes. Number 3 is the reply to that one?
A. Yes.

414 Q. It says:
"Garda CCTV stored on computer. I nci dent happened at ni ght. Quality is poor."
A. Yes.

415 Q. It would appear from the Pulse record we have seen that Garda Keogh hadn't received the -- or there is certainly no mention of receiving the footage or the statement?
A. Yes.

416 Q. CHA RMAN That was a long shot anyway, wasn't it?
A. It was. Well, yes, it would be done.

417 Q. CHAL RMAN I mean as it happened?
A. As it happened, it did turn out to be successful, yes.

418 Q. CHA RMAN In the unlikely event it happened, that the thieves stopped for petrol at another -- which had to be a pretty long shot?
A. Yes.

CHA RMAN But full marks to Garda Keogh for thinking, look, I'11 exclude the possibility. But he probably wasn't pinning any hopes that --
A. No, because the Garda CCTV actually covers their route from, let's say, the town the whole way out to that filling station. And I did was like -- it was poor quality.
420 Q. CHA RMAN I follow. You might see something passing or something like that, is that right, they wouldn't have to be --
A. Yes, sort of depending on a shop that has close CCTV.

421 Q. CHA RMAR Okay. Stil1, it was a good piece of work?
A. Yes.

CHA RMAN To think that that might be the case.
422 Q. MR. MEGU NESS: That was brought to your attention later because you reported it up on the 28th August yourse1f?
A. Yes.

423 Q. At page 217, isn't that correct?
A. That's correct, yes.

424 Q. Then, you reported further on the basis of another report from Garda Keogh, at page 220 , which brought it
into September then at this stage?
A. Yes.
Q. In which the position is made clear beyond doubt?
A. Yes.

426 Q. As to what he had done and what was done and what was recovered, isn't that right?
A. Yes, that's correct. When he received the CCTV, myself and another colleague sat down with him in the back office.

427 Q. Yes.
A. And helped him download it and helped him, let's say, put it on discs to be forwarded to the collator and to Ballinasloe Garda station. So that's how it was transmitted onwards, with the assistance of Garda Linnane, who was mentioned earlier.
428 Q. I think ultimately when it came to execute the arrests of the suspects and attend court, Garda Keogh hadn't been able to come in to duty?
A. Yes.

429 Q. There had been Haddington Road hours assigned to be fulfilled in that regard, is that right?
A. Yeah, I was made aware that the suspects were due in Naas court, I think it was on the 18th, I think. I asked Detective Sergeant Curley for assistance from his unit to assist Garda Keogh to go to Naas court to arrest the suspects.
Q. Yes.
A. I think it was on Monday that week Garda Keogh rang me to say that he didn't think he would be in a position
to make it on the Wednesday, because I think he relapsed into his drinking and had met an ex girlfriend or something like that. So anyway, I asked him for permission to retrieve the file from his locker, which he gave me permission to do and I did. And I passed it ${ }_{12: 38}$ on to Garda Brian Lynskey, who was another member from the detective branch, who arrested the accused and brought it to a successful conclusion.
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Q. The issue of mulligan's?
A. Yes.

432 Q. Had that file been submitted to your arrival or were you involved in that?
A. I think I was involved in it, yes.

433 Q. Yes. The queries were sent down on the same memos as the superintendent --
A. Yeah, they seemed to cross in -- yeah.
A. Not really, because the files were sent on the same number, same sergeants, same unit, so they probably just -- all that came back down together, yeah.
435 Q. In relation to the nomination of a certain family as suspects?
A. Yes.
Q. Would you consider it appropriate to have had them ruled out definitively one way or another if possible?
A. I would, yes, because a connection of that family were actually living on that same road, while the family that was nominated were the other far side of town and were active in similar type of crime in the town. But
the family, they had extended family living on the same road, so it was important to out rule them in the investigation of it anyway.
437 Q. In relation to an annual leave cancellation application made to you?
A. Yes.

438 Q. I think you forwarded that as recommended, but were you aware --
A. No, I forwarded it as an error, I put down application approved, where I should have put down application recommended.
Q. I see. Did you believe at the time that you were entitled to approve that?
A. I should have wrote recommended.

440 Q. Recommended, okay.
A. You can have no authority to approve leave or a cancellation.

441 Q. Can you recollect, did you have any, as it were, face-to-face discussion with Garda Keogh as to why he was seeking it?
A. No. It was just left in the unit $C$ tray for me to write on when --

442 Q. I think you, as we have seen, obvious7y, forwarded the superintendent's decision?
A. Yes.

443 Q. And you wrote a memo saying that he could reapply if he wanted to bring any further matters to the superintendent's attention?
A. Yes.
Q. He didn't do so, as it turned out?
A. To date I have received no correspondence back, no.
Q. Okay. The issue of the robbery of the taxi driver and the crime file relating to that. I think you brought it to the Tribunal's attention that you had sent an e-mail, I think at 4:33 in the morning, to the superintendent's office about that?
A. Yes.
Q. Isn't that correct?
A. Yes. I was at the scene with Garda Keogh and Garda 12:41 G1ennon.

447 Q. Yes.
A. They were there initially at first and I arrived shortly afterwards.
448 Q. Yes.
A. So, as per protocol, before the end of tour duty, any important incident had to be reported to the district officer so that it would be taken up the next morning.
Q. Yes.
A. So, if I didn't attend and solely the guard was there, 12:42 I would ask the guard to send the report to me, if I was working.
450 Q. Yes.
A. Then I would forward it on to the district office. But in this event I was actually working at the scene that 12:42 night, so I did the report myself.
451 Q. Yes. In relation to Garda Keogh's evidence in relation to that matter, can you enlighten us as to what happened thereafter then?
A. In relation to the investigation?

452 Q. Yes.
A. Yes. We finished work that night and we had no further part in the investigation. I had none and Garda Keogh -- my unit had no further --

453 Q. Did you know whether Garda Keogh was going off duty?
A. Yeah, we were all finished that night.
Q. Or on leave?
A. Yes.

455 Q. Yes?
A. Yes. We finished nights that night and we were going on four rest days following that.
Q. Did you have any more involvement in that?
A. No, just the initial night, we done initial inquiries on the night with the members who were working, and looked after the taxi driver, seized the car as part of evidence, because that was our scene as such, because the driver was unsure of where it happened and Garda Keogh took some items of clothes, which went on to the property store, but after that, no.

457 Q. You did send in one report from Garda Keogh on the 5th October, isn't that correct? Page 233.
A. No, that's a different incident.

458 Q. That's a different incident?
A. That's a different robbery.

459 Q. Sorry, that's the robbery from the person?
A. That's correct, yes.

460 Q. In relation to the issue of commendations?
A. Yes.

467 Q. Whether it's a failure about it or a failure to do it or a complaint about not doing it?
A. No.

468 Q. There was obvious7y an application made directly within a month for a Seiko Just in Time award --
A. Yes.

469 Q. -- under the Irish Water Safety award system. Were you aware of that and did you support that?
A. I completed the application.
Q. Yes. I think Garda Keogh ultimately did turn up at Dublin Castle --
A. He did.

471 Q. -- to get that, on the 8th November?
A. Yes. I gave his invitation to Inspector Minnock, who was his liaison person at the time, he hand-delivered it, I believe, to Garda Keogh. The Water Safety Commission were on to me to see was Garda Keogh going to attend, because they wanted an idea of numbers, but I got no reply until the day, he turned up on the day.
472 Q. Yes.
A. Where we all received the same award.

473 Q. Yes. You say in your statement at paragraph 5.3:
"I recei ved no reply to the invitation from Garda Keogh. He then arrived at the ceremony to recei ve the award. I deny the assertion made by Garda Keogh that he was deni ed a commendation for this inci dent and that he single handedly pulled the female fromthe water as this was a group effort."
A. Correct. I was in the station at the time when the call came in. I detailed two patrol cars, Garda Keogh being one, to the scene. I walked down from the station, which is approximately 300 metres, I suppose, to the scene. There was a lady in the water, who had rang, called in herself, she left her property on the bank of the river further down. She was swimming up and down about 10 feet from the shoreline and Garda Keogh had a lifebuoy, trying to throw it in to her. But she was communicating with her at all times and she was in no distress or danger. But then we could see her, let's say, failing, running out of steam, so Garda

Keogh, Garda Moore and Garda Glennon got into a rowboat that was moored at the side of the river. I coaxed the lady over beside the boat and the three of them pulled her into a slip way down the river and we got her medical attention.

474 Q. He has given evidence to the Tribunal about commendations or incidents in respect of which he believed he should have got commendations but for Superintendent Murray's view.
A. Yes.

475 Q. First of all, were you aware of the detail of those two incidents, a burglary and --
A. Burglary, no. The robbery from the taximan I was involved in, yes, and the rescue $I$ was involved in.
476 Q. Yes.
A. So I would have been -- I would have known of two of them, yes.
477 Q. In relation to the robbery from the taximan.
A. Yes.

478 Q. That, as we know, developed into an investigation of another related incident --
A. Yes.

479 Q. -- involving the same suspects, etcetera.
A. Yes.
Q. But was it you who applied for a commendation in respect of the investigation of those two incidents?
A. No, I had no part in the investigation from that night.

481 Q. Yes.
A. It was handed over to the detective branch the next
morning and they completed a full investigation subsequently.

Were you aware of any efforts or intention or decision to exclude Garda Keogh from the prospect of a commendation in respect of either the burglary or the taxi driver incident?
A. Well, I can only speak in relation to the taxi driver, I was there on the scene, Garda Keogh went there, none of the three of us got a commendation and there was no issue on my behalf anyway.
483 Q. Yes. I mean, would the first responders who don't or didn't take part of any of the subsequent in-depth investigation of it, would you expect to get a commendation?
A. Only if you done something exceptional when you were first responder there. That if you saved someone's life, let's say, if the taxi driver was bleeding to death and you administered, let's say, urgent CPR or first aid to him, yes, possibly in that circumstance. But, no, in the normal course of work you are dealing with what's in front of you and you secure the scene as best you can. There's nothing exceptional in that. It is just our normal tour of duty like.
484 Q. You refer in your statement, at paragraph 6.5 onwards, to a number of issues relating to Garda Keogh failing to perform hours of duty. They appear to be principally in the period after he was confined to indoor duties there. You're referring to the 13th November onwards, the 22nd November, the 3rd December,
the 22 nd December?
A. $\mathrm{Mm}-\mathrm{hmm}$.
Q. Did you notice any deterioration in Garda Keogh's performance from July/August onwards?
A. No, not generally. His attendance was sporadic but, 12:49 no, he was fine. He was mainly working night shifts, late shifts, worked very little early shifts. I think on the duration of his tours, indoor duties, two earlies, five lates and seven nights I think.
486 Q. Yes.
A. So I wouldn't have seen him because I wouldn't have been on the nights or lates, because $I$ was in the IC's position at that stage.
487 Q. Yes.
A. So I wouldn't see him on the early days.

488 Q. Yes. On the issue of confinement to indoor duties.
A. Yes.

489 Q. Did Superintendent Murray discuss that with you in any way beforehand?
A. No.

490 Q. Or afterwards?
A. No.

491 Q. Were you responsible for rostering Garda Keogh then?
A. As sergeant in charge, I was stil1 over the unit, I would have -- he was detailed PO, it was the only position of indoor duty we had available at the time.
492 Q. Do you have any knowledge or evidence of any targeting that you saw of Garda Keogh by any superior officer?
A. Not by a superior officer.
Q. At any time?
A. No. Not by anybody of any rank, in my time in Athlone anyway.
494 Q. Were you aware of any management bias against him in any form or fashion?
A. No.

MR. MEGI NNESS: would you answer any questions.

END OF EXAM NATI ON

CHA RMAN Yes.

## SERGEANT DERMDT MDNAGHAN WAS CROSS- EXAM NED BY MR.

O BRI EN, AS FOLLOMS:

495 Q. MR. O BRI EN Sergeant Monaghan, just moving back to the issue of Garda Keogh's application to cance1 the day's annual 1eave.
A. Yes.
Q.

I think you deal with this at page 611 of your
statement, it's at paragraph 4.1. You set out at the bottom of that paragraph the reason for the request was to attend at Portlaoise to meet with GSOC. You were presumably aware of the reason as to why he wished to cancel day's the annual leave, were you?
A. Just what he had written on the form. I had never known he was attending GSOC at the time. And seemingly he a meeting the night before with the superintendent, but $I$ wasn't aware of it.

497 Q. Having seen the form, you were satisfied or you were minded to grant his application or even recommend the application?
A. I could recommend the application, yes, on what he was telling me, yes.

We know that the application was sent on to Superintendent Murray, who refused it in the absence of any proper explanation?
A. Yes.

499 Q. Were you surprised at that, just given the content of the application form?
A. No.

MR. O BRI EN: I don't have any further questions.

END OF EXAM NATI ON

CHA RMAN Anybody else.
MR. MCHEÁL O HGG NS: I have one or two questions, Chairman.
CHAI RMAN Yes, Mr. O'Higgins.

## SERGEANT DERMDT MDNAGHAN WAS CROSS- EXAM NED BY MR. M CHEÁL O H GG NS, AS FOLLOVG:

500 Q. MR. M CHEÁL O H GG NS: Sergeant Monaghan, on the same 12:52 page of your statement, on page 611, can I ask you one or two questions surrounding paragraph 3.5. You mention at paragraph 3.5 that Garda Keogh intended to call in sick when he was scheduled to work on the day
shift?
A. Yes.

501 Q. That's your recollection?
A. That's my recollection. On some mornings I would have got phone calls on the way to work from Garda Keogh stating that he wouldn't be in here, to mark me down sick when you go in. You know, that's what happens, not every morning he went sick but some mornings $I$ would have got a phone call on the way in.
502 Q. CHA RMAN what hours would the day shift be?
A. Start at 7:00am to 5:00pm.

503 Q. MR. MCHEÁL O H GG NS: You know, if you received that phone call, would it cause any disruption or would it be something --
A. We11, I wouldn't know until I got into work to see what 12:53 resources I would had available to me. Some days you'd have enough cover, other days you'd be short, yes. It could effect, yeah, the day-to-day work. But, as I said, until I arrived into work, I wouldn't know what was available for the day.
504 Q. CHA RMAN Sorry 7:00 to --
A. 7:00 to 5:00.

505 Q. MR. M CHEÁL O H GG NS: You were asked by Mr. McGuinness a couple of questions relating to the crime files?
A. Yes.

506 Q. Did you also deal with crime files for other members of unit C?
A. I had eight members on unit $C$, so I would have output
crime files for each member, yes.
507 Q. And they would generally buy into the process that --
A. There was buy in. I suppose reluctancy initially because it was new to members, but when they saw the benefits of it, yes, there was huge buy in. And the same system is currently running and it's running effectively and efficiently. And they knew it was safeguarding themselves from getting in bother. So, you know, once they bought into that, you know, it is a good system.
MR. MCEÁL OHGGS: Thanks very much.

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CHA RMAN okay.
ME. O ROURKE: I don't have any questions. CHA RMAN Thanks very much.

## SERGEANT DERMOT MDNAGHAN WAS RE-EXAM NED BY MR MEGU NESS, AS FOLONG:

508 Q. MR. MEGU NESS: Just a couple of details I perhaps should have asked you. After the confinement to indoor duties?
A. Yes.

509 Q. Did Garda Keogh raise any query or complaint with you?
A. None whatsoever, no.

510 Q. Had you a good working relationship with him at that time?
A. Yes, I felt he, and any time he needed help with files I would have given him a hand with files and he would have came in on sick days with sick certs to hand them personally and I would have went through his locker with him at his behest to give him a dig out with stuff 12:54 in cases he fell behind with, yes.

511 Q. I think you told the Chairman that you did detail him then for indoor duty in the public office?
A. Yes.

512 Q. That first duty was I think designated to commence on the 29th October?
A. I think so, yes.

513 Q. Then you give different dates in paragraph 3.2 onwards, when he came in and out of duty and went off duty sick, isn't that correct?
A. Yes, that's correct.

514 Q. Paragraph 3.2 onwards to 3.4. That gives an accurate account, does it?
A. Of my recollection of an accurate account of what his work style was at the time, yes.
MR. MEGU NNESS: Thank you.

## END OF EXAM NATI ON

CHA RMAN Nothing arising out of that? Very good.
Thanks very much.
THE WTNESS: Thank you, Chairman.

## THE WTNESS THEN WTHDREW

MR. MEGUNNESS: Chairman, that's the last witness for today, we have accelerated through the list.
CHAI RMAN Okay, well that's the way it happens, that's not a problem.
MR. MEGU NNESS: It is intended to recommence on Monday morning with Superintendent Alan Murray.

CHA RMAN Very good.
MR. MEGI NNESS: To be followed by Chief Superintendent
Lorraine wheatley.
CHA RMAN Very good. Everybody knows that. We have the schedule and everybody knows what the schedule is. Very good. Thanks very much. So we have an early day. Very good. Thank you very much.



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