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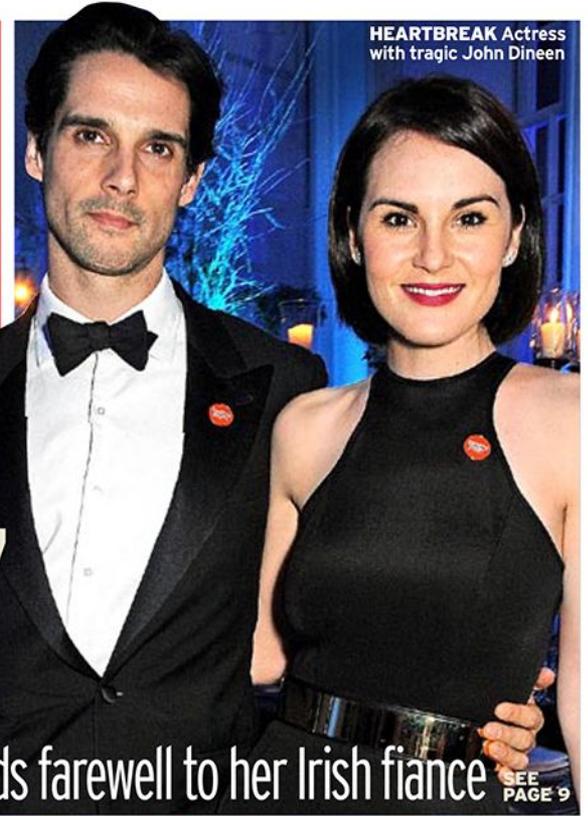
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SPAT AT GARDAI

Troubled singer, 44, admits shocking attack on officers after air rage bust-up

BY GORDON DEEGAN

CRANBERRIES singer Dolores O'Riordan yesterday admitted kicking, headbutting and spitting at cops after an air rage bust-up.

The star, 44, also made two bids to escape from custody after she was taken from the plane at Shannon Airport.

A court in Co Clare heard she told cops: "You can't arrest me. I'm an icon."

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GUILTY,
Dolores
O'Riordan
at court in
Co Clare
yesterday



MUSIC Lewis Hamilton

Lewis just can't wait to make tracks

BY ABIGAIL O'LEARY

FORMULA One ace Lewis Hamilton has said he is serious about starting his music career.

After building a studio for his ex-girlfriend Nicole Scherzinger, the three-time world champion started making music as a hobby.

But after making some tracks of his own, 30-year-old Lewis said he is now more serious about releasing his music to the public.

Speaking to CBS he added: "Music has been a huge passion of mine since I was really young."

"I started playing guitar when I was 13."

"In here, I can be me, I can be vulnerable."

"The plan was that it always started as a hobby but it's got to the point now where it's very serious."

"If I'm not training, getting ready for a race, I'm here."

Curly heir

PRINCE George shows off his curly blond hair arriving for the Queen's annual Royal Family lunch. The two-year-old - third in line to the British throne - sucked his thumb as he was driven into Buckingham Palace with mum Kate, 33, uncle Prince Harry, 31, and six-month-old sis Princess

Charlotte. Dad Prince William could not be there yesterday because he was at a memorial service in Wiltshire for the father of close friend Guy Pelly.

After lunch Prince Philip handed over his 63-year patronage of the RAF Air Cadets to the Duchess of Cambridge as he reduces his workload.



MODEL Adriana Lima

Adriana: I never think of my selfie

BY MIRROR REPORTER

VICTORIA'S Secret angel Adriana Lima has said she doesn't really like taking or uploading selfies.

She added the only time she will take pictures of herself is when she's exercising.

The 34-year-old said: "I don't consider myself a selfie person so much but I do have a lot of selfies from the gym. I have to confess."

"Everybody knows what I look like with hair and make-up, so I want to show the side of Adriana that my kids see, that my mom sees, my best friends see."

Adriana took part in the recent Victoria's Secret show, and the brunette beauty said any pictures she took of herself were for her eyes only.

She told AdWeek: "I keep it mysterious and keep some surprise for whoever watches at home."

We'll honour hero Conor with a civic ceremony

BY COLIN BRENNAN

WORLD champ Conor McGregor will receive a triumphant civic reception, it was confirmed yesterday.

The 27-year-old Dubliner will be honoured by his hometown after his UFC Featherweight win over Jose Aldo in Las Vegas.

He knocked out the reigning champion in 13 seconds to record the fastest in the organisation's championship history.

Lord Mayor of Dublin Criona Ni Dhalaigh said: "I am delighted to honour Conor and acknowledge his wonderful achievement."

"We will hold the reception in City Hall towards the end of next month and further details will be announced."

One fan had organised an online petition calling on city officials to make sure The Notorious received an official welcome.

The council previously organised

Lord Mayor says UFC champion deserves triumphant reception

a homecoming for Ireland's Grand Slam-winning rugby team outside the Mansion House in Dublin.

Thousands welcomed home Kenny Egan, Paddy Barnes and the late Darren Sutherland following their Olympic medal wins in Beijing.

But McGregor could be sidelined for as long as six months if an X-ray reveals damage to his left wrist.

It's the same hand which delivered the devastating blow which floored Aldo.

The Nevada Athletic Commission has already handed out nine medical suspensions to fighters injured at the event in Las Vegas. McGregor must get his left wrist

X-rayed and cleared by a doctor or he will be sitting out until June.

A gate of €9.2million and expectations of UFC selling 1.6million pay-per-views unquestionably makes McGregor the sport's biggest draw.

He will spend Christmas with his family and deciding his next move in the New Year.

SBG Ireland teammate Gunnar Nelson has a potential ban until January 12 because of a nasal bridge cut.

Meanwhile, Lorenzo Fertitta has predicted McGregor will become the first UFC fighter to earn \$100million (€91million). The UFC chairman and CEO told

ESPN The Notorious "will be our first \$100millionaire."

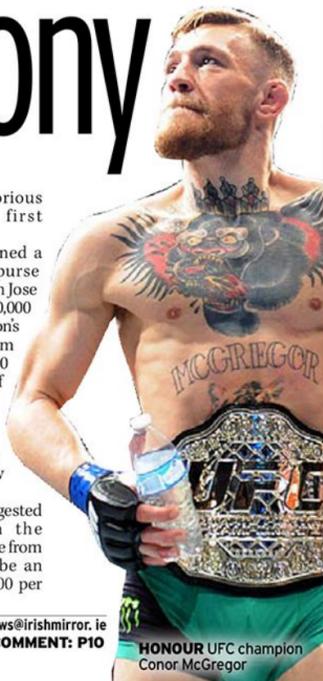
McGregor earned a \$500,000 fight purse from his fight with Jose Aldo as well as \$40,000 from the promotion's Reebok uniform deal and a \$50,000 Performance of the Night bonus.

He also received a portion of the pay-per-view revenue.

It has been suggested the total sum the Dubliner will make from the fight could be an incredible \$622,000 per second.

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HONOUR UFC champion Conor McGregor

CRANBERRIES SINGER IN COURT

BY GORDON DEEGAN

OUT-OF-CONTROL Dolores O'Riordan shouted: "I'm an icon, I'm the queen of Limerick" during an air rage row where she headbutted and spat in a garda's face.

During the shocking bust-up at Shannon Airport on November 10 last year, Inspector Tom Kennedy said The Cranberries singer also spat in an airport officer's face and kicked out at him.

The 44-year-old, who has since been diagnosed as suffering from bipolar disorder, yesterday pleaded guilty to three charges of assaulting airport police and a garda and one of obstruction.

The inspector told Ennis District Court in Co Clare the singer made two separate bids to escape from custody after she was taken from first class after landing at 4.45am.

She first jumped off a stationary ambulance to run towards the Aer Lingus jet.

Then she escaped from being handcuffed in the back of a patrol car and ran off before being apprehended by airport police and a garda.

In one incident, Insp Kennedy said the mother of three told an officer: "You can't arrest me. I'm an icon."

"I'm the Queen of Limerick. You don't know who you are dealing with. I pay my taxes so I pay your wages and I am going to sue."

"Ms O'Riordan was quite irrational, quite aggressive, quite difficult."

The court heard the star initially became troublesome on the JFK-Shannon flight where she stepped on air hostess Carmel Coyne's foot and airport police were notified.

Insp Kennedy said while O'Riordan was in the back of a patrol car taking her to Shannon Garda station "she was banging and kicking, it looked like she was trying to break the windows but she didn't do that".

ESCAPE

He added that after escaping from the patrol car, garda Shane Dawson gave chase and after catching her, O'Riordan "turned around and headbutted him in the face and spat into his face".

He said: "She then alleged garda Dawson had grabbed her 'tit' and claimed he sexually assaulted her by groping at her."

"It was a very nasty situation for garda Dawson and for all concerned."

Defence solicitor Bill O'Donnell accepted on behalf of his client there was no substance to the allegation made by O'Riordan against the garda.

In mitigation, he said: "These were the actions of a very, very ill person."

"Clearly from the evidence, she was somewhat out of control."

"Ms O'Riordan was going through a very, very difficult time having recently separated from her husband of 20 years."

"She moved to New York city and hadn't seen her children for two months who live in Canada and was living out of a suitcase."

"She was quite unwell during this year arising from the devastating effect from her separation from her husband and not seeing her children."

Mr O'Donnell told the court O'Riordan, of Grange in Kilmallock in Co Limerick, was returning to Ireland for the second



GUILTY Dolores O'Riordan arrives at court in Co Clare yesterday

PICTURES: NIALL CARSON

Crazed star headbutted garda and ranted: I'm the queen of Limerick, I'm an icon

O'Riordan admits assaults on cops after air rage incident

anniversary of her father's death.

The court was told alcohol was not a factor.

Mr O'Donnell said: "This was a very emotional time for my client and she was not in a good place."

He submitted a booklet of medical

reports on O'Riordan's psychiatric condition to the court.

The judge heard one expert concluded her actions "were of a person suffering a severe psychiatric illness".

During one consultation in the days after the air rage incident, Mr O'Donnell said a medic diagnosed her as paranoid

and delusional. The court was told she was admitted to St Patrick's Psychiatric Hospital for three weeks.

Mr O'Donnell said his client had no intention of committing the actions on the day and doesn't fully remember what happened.

He added she has no previous

convictions, has travelled the world during her career since the age of 18 and had never previously been involved in an incident on a plane.

Another medical report said O'Riordan's prognosis is positive but she will require medication in the longer term to manage the condition.

O'Riordan, who was dressed all in black for the hearing, did not give evidence in person but was supported at the hearing by her mother Eileen and one of her brothers.

Any person found guilty of a Section 2 assault in the district court can be fined up to €1,850 or be jailed for a maximum of six months.

Judge Patrick Durcan ordered O'Riordan to write letters of apology to all those affected by the incident and adjourned the case until next month to fix a date for sentence.



SPLIT Dolores O'Riordan and ex Don Burton

Successful rocker hit by turbulent private life

SINCE finding worldwide fame with the Cranberries in the 90s, Dolores O'Riordan has led a colourful life.

Along with 40 million records sold between the band's six albums and two solo projects, the star's personal life has also grabbed headlines.

A former nanny of the rocker took legal action in 2004 against O'Riordan claiming she had falsely imprisoned her. In her civil action Meath woman Joy

Fahy alleged the singer and her then husband Don Burton mistreated her while she worked in their Canadian home but the couple was cleared of all charges.

In 2013, the singer revealed she was sexually abused as a young girl and had years of counselling as a result.

After splitting from husband Don Burton last year, she was spotted getting close to young musician Ole Koretsky in a Dublin restaurant recently.



HITS The Cranberries

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