

Garda Commissioner Noirin O'Sullivan
Garda Headquarters
Pheonix Park
Dublin 8

July 1st 2015

Dear Commissioner,

I am writing to you today as the nominated Power of Attorney for Mr Joe Doocey of Knoxbarrett, Ballina, Co. Mayo, on Joe Doocey's behalf.

I write in respect of an alleged attack on Mr Doocey on the 8th June 2015 last, in Ballina, Co. Mayo, whereby Mr Doocey reports that he was unlawfully followed, stopped, threatened and his vehicle was damaged in a frenzied baton attack by members of An Garda Síochána.

Given the proven history of harassment, intimidation, physical assaults, false allegations, spurious prosecutions and other breaches of Mr Doocey's fundamental rights by certain members of An Garda Síochána going back over 15 years; the nature and circumstances of this latest attack were such as to cause Mr Doocey to flee the scene, as Mr Doocey puts it, *"In absolute fear for my life!"*

Mr Doocey is currently in another jurisdiction where he intends to remain until such time as he can safely return to his home town to prosecute his claim against the State for this, and other historical abuses of his Constitutional rights. Mr Doocey has also stated his intention to lodge formal criminal complaints with the respective authorities, as well as prosecute the individuals involved in this incident-under his own name-under the 'Common Informer' legislation through the Irish Courts.

We are writing to you now directly Commissioner Sullivan in the overall interests of transparency and accountability because you are the individual ultimately responsible for Garda discipline and management; and because of growing concerns amongst the general public and amongst the *Integrity Ireland* membership in particular, about the apparent moral disintegration of the Irish justice system - and of the failures of senior Garda Management in particular. In this vein, I respectfully draw your attention to the fact that scores of serious complaints about Garda wrongdoing remain unaddressed by you and your subordinates - and that new complaints are coming in to the *Integrity Ireland* database daily. In short, that there is little or no confidence that Garda Management in particular has any sincere intention of fulfilling its statutory role to 'protect and serve the public'.

Accordingly, for the purposes of lodging these complaints and pressing civil and criminal charges as against those involved, we would be obliged for the following information as a matter of urgency please:

The names and badge numbers of:

- I. The Garda in the marked vehicle following Mr Doocey at approximately 6pm on 8th June.
- II. The two Garda detectives in the unmarked vehicle at about the same time, registration No. 131 D 21367.

- III. The uniformed Gardaí positioned at the end of Knoxbarret Road in two marked vehicles at the same time.
- IV. The two uniformed Gardaí involved in the baton assault.
- V. The identity of the van driver who repeatedly rammed Mr Doocey's vehicle during the baton attack.
- VI. The given reason why Mr Doocey was singled out from a line of stationary traffic and ordered to 'pull over'.
- VII. The reason why the damaged vehicle (which belongs to Mr Dermot Doocey Sr) has not yet been returned to Dermot Doocey in spite of several requests.

We also seek an explanation for the arrest and detention without any apparent proper cause of Joe Doocey and his partner Anne Edwards on May 26th last by Detectives from the NBCI in Harcourt Street, and their interrogation for some 16 hours. Joe wishes it to be noted that Ms Edwards subsequently lost her job because of this. Given Ms Edwards' spotless police record, it is suggested that whatever 'information' was passed to her employers by the Ballina-based detective involved, must have been misleading, inaccurate and/or defamatory. We therefore request a summary of that 'information' too in order to consider the position in regards to another possible claim as against the State by Ms Edwards and Mr Dermot Doocey Sr.

Given Mr Joe Doocey's sincere wish to return home to be with his partner and care for his elderly father, we hope you will agree Commissioner Sullivan that it is imperative that you furnish us with this information without prevarication or delay.

We look forwards to a prompt and accommodating response within 14 days please, failing which, we must of course reserve the right to advance matters as we see fit.

We refer you to the caveat below, and trust the position is clear.

Stephen Manning, on behalf of Joe Doocey.

c/o Belcarra, Castlebar, Co. Mayo

(A Member of Integrity Ireland)

Caveat of affirmation: We respectfully assert our statutory rights to fair and equitable treatment, and reserve the moral right to disengage communication with any individual or agency who, through the means of misinformation, evasiveness, obfuscation, deception or other disingenuous tactics, contrives to avoid fulfilling their mandate to the public [as defined in the Constitution, respective codes of ethics, oaths of office and/or terms of service] other than where we are legally obliged to do so. We further affirm our right to note, report, record and/or publish any communications sent or received for the purposes of transparency, due accountability, and in the interests of natural justice. We further reserve the right to hold responsible under the law any individual, agent or agency we deem responsible for deliberate civil, criminal or constitutional breaches, and to bill any such agents or agencies for time and costs incurred. We do not deal with anonymous, pseudonymous, allonymous or imaginary entities. Annotated emails are accepted under certain exceptional or pre-agreed circumstances, but important or legal correspondence must also be sent as hard copies, duly signed. Unsigned correspondence that is not ascribed to one authorised individual will not be responded to and may be returned for signing, with costs billed to the source thereof. For practical reasons, legal matters will be dealt with on Mondays and Tuesdays only. Please be advised.