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The Minister for Justice

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the following report on crime for the year ended 31st December, 1979.

The rise in crime, which showed signs of having been halted in 1978, appears in 1979 to have recommenced its upward movement. A total of 64,057 indictable offences were recorded during the year which was an increase of 2,057 (3.3%) on the previous year, and an increase of 1,111 (1.8%) on 1977. The increase can be found across the principal groupings, but is highest in group III, which is the group consisting mainly of larcenies, fraud, and crimes of forgery and uttering. In that group the increase was 4.1%, from 38,397 to 39,980.

The Dublin Metropolitan Area, with 36,156 crimes, maintains its share (56.4%) of the total crime of the State. The 1979 census results indicate that the population of the area has risen to 990,234, an increase of 19.4% on 829,660 which was the figure based on the 1971 census. The new population figure provides a ratio of 36.5 crimes per 1,000 people, considerably less than the figures recorded for the previous two years, which were calculated on the older census estimate.

I am disturbed to find that the incidence of assaults on members of the Force continues to increase. Cases of assault of all types, both indictable and non-indictable, on Gardai numbered 2,063 for 1979, an increase of 352 (20.6%) on the number recorded in 1978. In 1976 the total number of assaults on members of the Force was 1,274. In 1977 the figure rose to 1,359, and rose to 1,711 in 1978. Thus from 1976 to 1979 there has been an increase of 61.9% in the incidence of these offences. This rate of assault on Gardai is quite unacceptable and is an increasing burden which the Force should not have to bear. Members of the Force are extremely conscious of their duties in the protection of the society to which they belong, and this trend is evidence of an increasing antagonism to the Gardai on the part of some segments of the same society. It is important that the public be aware of this deplorable situation, in the hope that such awareness will reflect itself in the decisions of courts in respect of these crimes.

There is no doubt that much of the blame for the situation described can be attributed to heavy drinking. The massive increase in driving offences involving the abuse of alcohol is another aspect of the effect of over indulgence in drink. The number of offences of driving, attempting to drive, or being in charge of mechanically propelled vehicles, while drunk, or while the blood/ alcohol concentration was above the prescribed limit and in which proceedings were taken, rose from 3,635 in 1978 to 6,983 in 1979, an increase of 92.1%. This increase is due in part to improvements in the law which made the enforcement of the provisions designed to deal with drunken driving more effective. In spite of the serious consequences of a conviction in respect of these offences it is a matter of concern that so many people, otherwise usually law abiding, do not take them seriously. However, I am pleased to record a reduction, albeit marginal, in the number of persons killed as a result of traffic accidents. The figure for 1979 was 616, a reduction of 1.8% on 1978.

The use of firearms in cases of robbery and other serious crimes continues to be a matter of grave concern. Robberies with arms numbered 228, an increase of 5.1% on 1978, and there were 24 cases of aggravated burglaries with arms. Of the armed robberies, 65 (28.5%) occurred at banks or post offices. The number of crimes involving the use of firearms is not large when set against the total crime figure, and is guite small in international terms, but the brazen and arrogant manner in which many of them were carried out is an affront to society itself and an indication of the existence of a criminal undercurrent which must be eradicated. An in-depth examination of methods used here and abroad is at present being carried out with a view to improving measures to reduce this type of crime, and I have already increased the staff of the Crime Investigation Branch with a special mandate to concentrate on the criminals who are involved. There is no doubt. however, that armed robberies involving numbers of criminals can only be planned and executed with considerable activity and assistance from others. The public generally can assist greatly in preventing such crimes and when they occur, in bringing the culprits to justice, by reporting all suspicious activity to the Gardai, no matter how insignificant or trivial it may seem at the time. The Force will not spare itself in its efforts to curb violent criminals, especially those who take up firearms to further their activities.

Larcenies from unattended vehicles numbered 14,663 during 1979. These crimes amounted to 22.9% of the total crime for the country and represent an area in which the exercise of reasonable care on the part of owners and drivers would pay dividends in the reduction of crime generally. It is emphasised time and again that people should not leave property in parked cars, or if they must do so they should put it into the boot. Commercial vehicle owners can also play their part here by providing adequate security systems for their vehicles, especially large container trucks which are becoming an increasingly frequent target for thieves.

Unquestionably the highlight of 1979 was the visit of Pope John Paul II to this country. The complex operation surrounding the visit was a triumph for all who were involved. The methodical planning and preparation for this historical event proved worthwhile, and the Force met the enormous operational demands which were placed upon it with enthusiasm and good will. In this connection also I wish to record the welcome cooperation received by the Force from the public generally as well as from the press, radio and television. On that occasion as well as on many others during the year the Garda Siochana was ably assisted in its task by the very many people whose appreciation of the Garda Siochana's role matches their consciousness of the need for all citizens to contribute to the task of maintaining a free and democratic society.

I have the honour to be Sir,

Your obedient servant

P. McLAUGHLIN COMMISSIONER, GARDA SIOCHANA

INDICTABLE OFFENCES

Indictable offences which came to the notice of the Garda Siochana during the year ended 31st December, 1979, numbered 64,057 as compared to 62,000 in the year ended 31st December, 1978, an increase of 3.3%.

Year	Recorded	Detected	Percentage Detected
1970	30,756	15,242	50
1971	37,781	17,518	46
1972	39,237	17,047	43.4
1973	38,022	18,094	47.6
1974	40,096	19,287	48
1975	48,387	21,011	43.4
1976	54,382	22,482	41.3
1977	62,946	24,439	38.8
1978	62,000	25,286	40.7
1979	64,057	26,370	41.2

OFFENCES RECORDED AND DETECTED 1970 - 1979.

The figures for Indictable Offences are broken down in the following table:-

	Offen Recor		Increase	Decrease	Offences Detected		
	1979	1978			1979	1978	
Offences against the Person	2,326	2.266	60 (2.6%)		2,126 (91.4%)	2,027 (89.5%)	
Offences against property with violence	21,535	21,119	416 (2.0%)	-	9,577 (44 . 5%)	9,308 (44.1%)	
Larcenies, etc.	39,980	38,397	1583 (4.1%)		14,482 (36 . 2%)	13,771 (35.9%)	
Other Indictable Offences	216	218		2 (0.9%)	185 (85.6%)	180 (82 . 6%)	
TOTALS	64.057	62,000	2.059	2	26,370 (41,2%)	25,286 (40.7%)	
			+ 2	Net ,057 .3%)	(********		

In the Dublin Metropolitan Area (D M A) 36,156 indictable offences were recorded, an increase of 1,132 (3.2%) on the figure for 1978. Of the total crimes recorded in the State 56.4% occurred in the D M A.

The D M A has an estimated population of 990,234 based on the 1979 census of population or 29.4% of the total population of the State.

Year	Area	Indictable Crime Recorded	% of total	No. of crimes per 1,000 of population
1979	DMA	36,156	56.4	36.5
	In the rest of the State	27,901	43.6	11.7
1978	D M A	35,024	56.5	42.2
	In the rest of the State	26,976	43.5	12.6

DUBLIN AND THE REST OF THE STATE COMPARED

DETECTION OF CRIME

The overall detection rate in 1979 was 41.2% (40.7% in 1978). The detection rate varies from 91.4% in respect of Offences Against the Person to 36.2% in the less serious forms of larceny.

The total number of indictable offences detected was 26,370. Proceedings were taken in 23,868 cases, and the remaining 2,502 cases (Col. 17 of indictable offences table) include cases dealt with under the Juvenile Liaison Scheme and cases dealt with by way of formal caution in areas where the scheme is not in operation.

OFFENCES AGAINST THE PERSON (GROUP I)

Murder, manslaughter, dangerous driving causing death, traffic fatalities, possession of firearms with intent to endanger life, assault and related offences comprise this group. In 1979 a total of 2,326 offences were recorded in this group, an increase of 2.6% on 1978. The detection rate was 91.4% (89.5% in 1978).

OFFENCES RECORDED AND DETECTED IN THIS GROUP, 1975 - 1979

Year	Recorded	Detected	Percentage Detected
1975	1,456	1,298	89.1
1976	1,714	1,546	90.3
1977	2,063	1,802	87.3
1978	2,266	2,028	89.5
1979	2,326	2,126	91.4

The overall figure of 2,326 offences against the person includes 923 (39.7%) committed in the DMA where the detection rate was 85.9% (84.1% in 1978).

MURDER

There were 22 murders in 1979, as compared with 14 in 1978. There were 10 cases of attempted murder.

MANSLAUGHTER

There were 9 cases of manslaughter in 1979, 2 of which arose out of traffic accidents.

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

There were 616 deaths arising from 561 fatal traffic accidents. In 1978 there were 627 traffic fatalities. 22 persons (29 in 1978) were charged with dangerous driving causing death and 5 persons (8 in 1978) were charged with dangerous driving causing serious bodily injury. 2 persons were charged with manslaughter (2 in 1978).

OFFENCES AGAINST PROPERTY WITH VIOLENCE (GROUP II)

Offences of burglary, aggravated burglary, robbery, arson and serious malicious damage to property are included in this group. A total of 21,535 offences were recorded in 1979, an increase of 2.0% on 1978 and the detection rate was 44.5% (44.1% in 1978).

OFFENCES RECORDED AND DETECTED IN THIS GROUP 1975 - 1979

Year	Recorded	Detected	Percentage Detected
1975	16,432	7,946	48.4
1976	20,903	9,152	43.8
1977	23,154	9,491	41
1978	21,119	9,308	44.1
1979	21,535	9,577	44.5

Of the total number of offences in this Group, 11,092 (51.5%) were committed in the D M A and the detection rate was 46.9% (47.1% in 1978).

ROBBERY

There were 1020 robberies in 1979 showing an increase of 100 (10.9%) on the figure recorded for 1978. A total of 412 offences (40.4%) were detected (40.7% in 1978). Cases of robbery with arms numbered 228 and in addition there were 24 cases of aggravated burglary with arms.

ARSON AND MALICIOUS DAMAGE

There were 1,259 cases of malicious damage of which 150 cases were arson; 661 (52.5%) were detected. In 1978 the total figure for arson was 114, showing an increase for 1979 of 31.6%.

BURGLARY

Offences of breaking and entering premises, namely burglary and aggravated burglary, amounted to 19,194 of which 8,470 (44.1%) were detected. In 1978, a total of 19,136 offences of this nature were recorded and the detections were 7,813 (40.8%).

LARCENIES ETC. (GROUP III)

Larcenies, forgeries and frauds of various kinds comprise this group. In 1979, 39,980 such offences were recorded and this showed an increase of 1,583 (4.1%) on the figure for 1978. A total of 14,482 (36.2%) of these offences were detected. In 1978 detections amounted to 13,771 (35.9%).

Year	Recorded	Detected	Percentage Detected
1975	29,362	10,793	36.8
1976	31,540	11,583	36.7
1977	37,465	12,922	34.5
1978	38,397	13,771	35.9
1979	39,980	14,482	36.2

OFFENCES RECORDED AND DETECTED IN THIS GRCUP, 1975 - 1979

The overall figure of 39,980 offences recorded in this Group includes 24,036 (60.1%) committed in the D M A where detections totalled 6,857 (28.5%). In 1978, detections in the D M A totalled 6,430 (28.5%). The number of larcenies from unattended vehicles at 14,663 shows an increase of 470 (3.3%) on the figure for the previous year.

Thefts of motor vehicles, 799, show an increase of 105 (15.1%) on the figure recorded in 1978.

INDICTABLE OFFENCES RECORDED AND DETECTED BY GARDA DIVISIONS AND FOUR PRINCIPAL CITY DISTRICTS - YEAR ENDED 31/12/79

	GROU Offences the Pe	Against	GRO Offer Agair Prope wit Viole	nst erty h	GROU Larce etc	nies,	Oth	UP IV er table nces	Total Indictable Offences	Percentage variation on 1978 figures	No. of detections for 1979
	Rec.	Det.	Rec.	Det.	Rec.	Det.	Rec.	Det.			
Carlow/Kildare	85	81	601	050	-						
Cavan/Monaghan	43	37		250	765	484	8	7	1459	-13.3	822 (56.3%)
Cork East	321		185	75	268	146	2	2	498	-12.6	260 (52.2%)
Cork West		299	2204	990	3258	1653	10	10	5793	+ 1.6	2952 (51.0%)
Clare	41	41	261	146	377	226	2	2	681	+24.0	415 (60.9%)
Donegal	21	21	213	100	388	140	3	3	625	+18.6	264 (42.2%)
DMA	89	77	423	157	603	241	10	8	1125	+32.2	483 (42.9%)
Galway West	923	793	11092	5206	24036	6857	105	91	36156	+ 3.2	12947 (35.8%
Kerry	51	50	478	148	771	313	-	-	1300	+ 3.2	511 (39.3%)
Leix/Offaly	48	47	332	166	752	308	6	6	1138	+ 7.0	527 (48.3%)
Limerick	28	28	290	109	638	346	-		956	-3.1	483 (50.5%)
Longford/Westmeath	121	117	1255	546	1957	969	17	16	3350	+ 2.2	1648 (49.2%)
Louth/Meath	49	47	386	187	820	490	2	2	1257	+ 4.1	726 (57.8%)
Mayo	156	144	1149	370	1763	564	11	4	3079	+ 3.0	1082 (35.1%)
Roscommon/Galway E.	32	31	135	81	330	242	2	2	499	-14.8	356 (71.3%)
	27	27	226	146	353	199	5	5	611	- 9.1	377 (61.7%)
Sligo/Leitrim	41	41	333	159	303	152	-	-	677	+ 27.5	352 (52.0%)
Tipperary	115	113	617	215	810	390	4	4	1546	+ 21.4	722 (46.7%)
Waterford/Kilkenny	46	44	703	297	734	362	1	1	1484	+ 10.3	704 (47.4%)
Wexford Total for the State	89	88	652	229	1054	400	28	22	1823	- 4.2	739 (40.5%)
Total for the State	2326	2126	21535	9577	39980	14482	216	185	64057	+ 3.3	26370 (41.2%)
Total less figures for DMA	1403	1333	10443	4371	15944	7625	111	94	27901	+ 3.4	13423 (48.1%)
CITY DISTRICTS											
Cork	239	225	1727	722	2401	1212	2	2	4369	1.50	0101 (10 00)
imerick	104	101	1046	463	1728	845	15	14	2893	+ 5.0	2161 (49.5%)
Salway	24	24	339	96	581	233				10.00	1423 (49.2%)
Waterford	14	13	386	135	355	10000	-	-	944	- 4.1	353 (37.4%)
			000	135	300	158	-	-	755	+ 21.2	306 (40.5%)

AGE GROUPS - CONVICTED PERSONS, 1979

A

Age groups of persons convicted, or against whom the charge was held proved and order made without conviction, in respect of crimes which were pending on 1st January, 1979.

Under 14	14 and under	17 and under	21 and	TOTAL
years	17 years	21 years	over	
283	1,146	1,133	1,690	4,252

В

Age groups of persons convicted, or against whom the charge was held proved and order made without conviction, in respect of crimes which were committed during 1979.

Under 14	14 and under	17 and under	21 and	TOTAL
years	17 years	21 years	over	
401	1,643	2,812	4,648	9,504

TOTAL (A) and (B)

Under 14	14 and under	17 and under	21 and	TOTAL
years	17 years	21 years	over	
684	2,789	3,945	6,338	13,756

Age groups of persons convicted, or against whom the charge was held proved and order made without conviction, in respect of crimes committed in years.

1975 - 1979

Year	Under 14 years	14 and under 17 years	17 and under 21 years	21 and over	TOTAL
1975	876	2,434	3,827	6,600	13,737
1976	734	1,888	2,609	5,291	10,522
1977	515	1,784	2,844	5,558	10,522
1978	912	2,883	4,198	6,893	14,886
1979	684	2,789	3,945	6,338	13,756

Juveniles (under 17 years of age) convicted or against whom charges was held proved and order made without conviction in years 1975-1979.

Year	Total number of persons convicted	Juveniles (under 17 years) convicted
1975	13,737	3,310 (24.1%)
1976	10,522	2,622 (24.9%)
1977	10,701	2,299 (21.5%)
1978	14,886	3,795 (25.5%)
1979	13,756	3,473 (25.2%)

	No. of Offences	No. of				RESUL	T OF	PROC	EEDIN	IGS IN	CASES					ε.		convi	icted d	or aga	inst wh	hom th	ps) of I e Char	ge was	
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(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	м	F	м	F	м	F	м	F	1
GROUP I Offences Against The Person 1. Murder (of pcrsons aged																									
above one year)	22	20		5	3	-			3	1					8						1				1
 Murder (of infants aged one year and under) 																									
3. Infanticide	2															2									
4. Attempt to Murder	10	6		4	1										1						1		1		2
5. Threats, Conspiracy, or Incitement to Murder	4	4		1	1		1		1														2		2
6. Manslaughter (other than Traffic Fatalities)	7	6		4	1				1							1							3		3
7. Manslaughter (Traffic Fatalities)	2	1			1																				
8. Dangerous Driving Causing Death	26	22		6	1		1		1	2			2		9	3			2		-		5		7
9. Dangerous Driving causing serious bodily harm	5	5		1											4								1		1
10. Wounding and Other Acts endangering life (Felonies)	87	80		4	1		1		5	13	1	1	4	2	48	1			3		5	1	9		18
11. Wounding and other Acts endapgering life(Gdai. onduty	21	20		1					1	12					6				1		2		4		7
2. Assault, Wounding & other ike offences (Misdemeanours)	885	745	1	21	1		1		17	276	50	11	24	20	323	17			13	1	111	2	193	9	329
3. Assault, Wounding & other ike offences (Gardai on duty)	951	940		31	4		3	1	19	395	27	14	15	17	414	4			15	1	113	5	214	16	364
 Endangering Railway Passengers 																									

	No. of	No. of				RESUL	TOF	PROC	EEDIN	GS IN	CASES					=						pe Grou hom th			
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(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	м	F	м	F	м	F	м	F	1
GROUP I Offences Against the Person																									
15. Intimidation and Molestation	3	3								1					2										
 Intimidation by threaten- ing letters, notices, etc. 	15	8													8	4					2				
17. Cruelty to or neglect of children (on indictment)	7	7								1	1				5									1	1
18. Abandoning Children under two years	2	1													1										
19. Child Stealing	1	1											1												
20. Procuring Abortion																									
21. Concealment of Birth	3	3												3											
22. Homosexuality and Attempts	7	7											1	1	5										
23. Bestiality & Attempts						11																			
24. Other unnatural offences	15	13								6	1				6						2		5		7
25. Rape	50	39		8	1				3	5			2		20	3			1		8		1		10
26. Indecent Assault on Females	105	72		3					1	21	4		1	1	41	6	2		1		2		16		21
27. Defilement of Girls under 15 years	14	6							1	3					2	8							3		3
28. Defilement of Girls between 15 and 17 years	3	2								2							1						2		2

	No. of	No. of			3	RESUL	T OI	PROC	EEDIN	GS IN	CASES												ps) of P e Charg		
	Offences reported or			Deal	t with	n on Inc and	lictm	ent			Dealt w	rith Sun and	nmarily	-	Court	setrator lich no						ier mad	le witho		
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	1.22			1.0		4.24									1.0		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
(1) GROUP I Offences Against The Person	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	m	1	nen .	ŕ	m	-	na	-	-
29. Incest	10	9							8						1	1									176
30. Procuration	1	1													1			T							
31. Abduction	2																	T		T					-
32. Bigamy																				T					500
33. Kidnapping	6	4			T		t		3						1										
34. Possession of Firearms with intent to endanger life	25	24		4					3	5			1		11	1					1		11		12
35. Possession of Firearms while taking vehicle without authority.	6															1									
36. Use of Firearms to resist arrest or aid escape	6	4		1					1	1					1						1				1
37. Possession of Firearms or Ammunition in suspicious circumstances	17	17		1	1					4		1			10						2		4		6
38. Carrying Firearm with Criminal Intent	6	4							1	2					1								2		2
TOTAL GROUP I	2326	2074	1	95	16		7	1	69	750	84	27	51	44	929	52	2		36	2	249	8	476	26	799

	No. of Offences	No. of Offences			in y	RESUL	т о	FPROC	EEDIN	IGS IN C	ASES					100		convi	icted o	r aga	inst wh	om the	ps) of P Charg	e was	
Contraction of the local		in which Criminal		Dealt	t with	and	dictm	nent		1	Dealt w	rith Sum and	marih	'	Court	perpetrators or which no wn.		D	ead pro	ved i	Convic		le witho	ut	
	known	Proceed- ings were	su			ø		. 8	for Trial and g Trial			ed & without		. 8	in District (ch the perp but for w? e shown.	(18)	(19)	(2	:0)	(21)	(22)
NATURE OF OFFENCES		Commenced	Informatio	Convicted	Acquitted	Found Insane 8 incapable of Pleading	Nolle Prosequi	Adjourned Sine Die or otherwise disposed of	Committed fo still awaiting 7	Convicted	Dismissed	Charge proved . order made wit Conviction	Charge Withdrawn	Adjourned Sine Die or otherwise disposed of	Still Pending I	Crime for which the pe were detected but for w proceedings are shown.	Under 14	Years	14 and under 17	years	17 and	years	21 and	over	Total
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	м	F	м	F	м	F	м	F	
GROUP II Offences against property w.v																									
39. Burglary	19067	7698	8	243	21	1	2	26	83	2786	198	114	29	81	4106	727	162	48	722	32	868	29	779	28	2668
40. Aggravated Burglary	127	45		4						12				2	27				2		1		7	1	11
41. Robbery	792	344	1	14					7	97	4	2	1	2	216	5	4		13		20	2	23	5	67
42. Robbery with Arms	228	63	2	15	1				3	7			1	1	33				1		3		17		21
43. Assaulting d/h. (by firing shots into them or by use of explosives).	4	2													2	1									
44. Threatening to publish or publishing w.i. to extort.	2	2								1					1								1		1
45. Arson	150	53		2	2				6	11		2	1	1	28	11	7		7	2	4		4	1	25
46. Killing and Maiming Cattle	4	1							1							1									
47. Malicious damage to Schools	60	24		1						14	1				8	6					5		7	1	13
48. Other malicious injury to property	1049	508		14	1		1	2	9	221	15	9	4	5	227	59	13		42		89	1	108	5	258
49. Causing an explosion likely to endager life or damage proper																									
50. Attempting to cause an explosion	1	1			1																				
51. Possession of explosive substances	7	6		3					2						1						2		4		6
52. Making of Explosives	1	1		1																			1		1

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	No. of	No. of				RESUL	T OF	PROC	EEDIN	IGS IN (CASES										and Ap		ps) of P e Charg	ersons e was	
	reported			Deal	t with	n on Inc and	lictm	ent			Dealt w	ith Sun and	nmarih	·	Court	betrator hich no		h	eld pro		nd Ord Convict		le witho	out	
NATURE OF OFFENCES	known	Proceed- ings were poor	Informations refused	cted	itted	od Insane & pable of Sing	Prosequi	urned Sine r otherwise sed of	mmitted for Trial and awaiting Trial	cted	pass	Charge proved & order made without Conviction	e Irawn	Adjourned Sine Die or otherwise disposed of	anding in District	r for which the perpetrators detected but for which no edings are shown.	Under 14 1		14 and 17 cl		and	under 21 0 years	21 and 21		(22)
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(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	м	F	м	F	м	F	м	F	
GROUP II Offences Against Property w.v.																									
53. Interference with Railway	2	1													1								- 24		
54. Unlawful seizure of Aircraft																									
55. Unlawful seizure of Vehicles	28	6		1						4				1							2		4		6
56. Unlawful possession of housebreaking implements	12	12								4	3				5					2	2	1			5
TOTAL GROUP II	21,535	8767	11	298	26	1	3	28	111	3157	221	127	36	93	4655	810	186	48	787	36	996	33	955	41	3082

		No. of Offences	No. of Offences				RESU	LTO	FPROC	EEDIN	IGS IN	CASES					10		conv	icted o	r aga	inst wi	nom th	ps) of P e Charg	e was	
			in which Criminal		Deal	t wit	h on In and	dictn	nent			Dealt v	with Sum and	marily	×	Court	betrato hich no		h	eld pro	wed	Convic		se without	Jut	
	NATURE OF OFFENCES	known	Proceedings were Commenced	Informations refused	Convicted	Acquitted	Found Insane & incapable of	Note Prosequi	Adjourned Sine Die or otherwise disposed of	Committed for Trial and still awaiting Trial	Convicted	Dismissed	Charge proved & order made without Conviction	Charge Withdrawn	Adjourned Sine Die or otherwise disposed of	Still Pending in District (Crime for which the perpetrators were detected but for which no proceedings are shown.	Under Under	Years	14 and			years	21 and 21		(22 Tota
l	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	м	F	м	F	м	F	м	F	1
	GROUP III Larcenies, etc.																									
	57. Larceny of Horses, Cattle and Sheep	133	62		1	2			- 11	3	29	1		2		26	2					14		35		49
	58. Larceny of Other Livestock	18	8		1						1		2			4				1		2		4		7
l	59. Larceny from The Person	3313	627	1	6	1	100	102		5	176	34		3	6	395	8			33		37	3	24	9	10
	60. Lcy. in House to value of £5, or with menaces	148	68	17	1						34	1	2	1	2	27	15	L., I		4		6		17	4	3
ļ	61. Lcy. from Dwelling house by employees	92	36			1				13	22			1		13	43			1			2	20	2	25
Ì	62. Larceny of Firearms	24	7		1		1				2	1				4								1		1
	63. Larceny of Explosives	1					-																			
	64. Larceny of M/Cars	461	83		6					3	32	1		1		40	1			2		5	2	21	-	30
	65. Lcy. of Motor Cycles, Scooters, etc.	279	37		1		100			1	16	2				17	3			4		9		4		1
	66. Larceny of M/Lorries	14	4		1						2	1														
	67. Larceny of other MPV's	45	12						1	1	2		1			7	1					1		2		1
	68. Larceny of Pedal Cycles	606	171		1				1		53	5	4	1	3	103	53	5		18	2	14		19	1	5
	69. Larceny of M.P.V. accessories	1029	213	1	7				1	2	91	3	1	3	1	103	50	1		19	1	41		64	1	12
	70. Larceny from unattended Vehicles	14663	3245	20	141	3			3	44	1164	62	66	32	27	1683	151	65	5	221	24	438	4	379	4	114

	No. of Offences	No. of Offences				RESUL	T OF	FPROC	EEDIN	IGS IN C	ASES					ors		convi	cted or	r agai	inst wh	om th	ps) of P e Charg le witho	e was	
	reported or	in which Criminal		Deal	t with	h on Inc and	dictm	ent			Dealt w	and	marily	r	Court	hich n		n	eia pro		Convict		be without	Ser	-58
NATURE OF OFFENCES	known	Proceed- ings were				ø	-	Sine	for Trial and g Trial			proved & made without tion	1	2.8	in District	which the perpetrators cted but for which no ps are shown.	(18	9	(19	50 II ()	(2	0)	(21	1)	(22)
		Commenced	Informations	Convicted	Acquitted	Found Insane incapable of Pleading	Nolle Prosequi entered	a of of	Committed fo still awaiting	Convicted	Dismissed	Charge proved order made w Conviction	Charge Withdrawn	Adjourned Sine Die or otherwise disposed of	Still Pending	Crime for whi were datected proceedings a	Under 14	Years	14 and under 17	years	17 and	years		over	Total
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	м	F	м	F	м	F	м	F	1
GROUP III Larcenies, etc.																							11		10
71. Larceny of Petrol/ Diesel	530	279		3					2	169	6	18	4	1	76	8	2		35		134		52	3	223
72. Larceny from Shops and Stalls	4081	2591		70	2			2	20	1136	80	105	35	48	1093	555	41	7	126	60	117	120	317	551	1339
73. Larceny of Cash, Cheques, etc.	1763	634		15			1		6	252	15	16	4	7	318	249	14		57	5	63	18	82	23	262
74. Larceny of Drugs	2														- 13								11		22
75. Larceny of T.V.'s, Radios, etc.	153	45							1	23	3	1	1		16	9			3	2	7	1	12		25
76. Larceny of Jewellery/ Watches	200	60		1						38	2	1			18	18			2		18	2	9	5	36
77. Larceny of Cigarettes	43	19							1	9	2		1		6	1			1				4		5
78. Larceny of Copper, Lead, etc.	179	62							2	35		1	1		23	1	1		11		9		20		41
79. Other Larcenies (exceeding £50 in value)	3559	606	2	12	2				12	239	25	13	6	5	290	58	4		21	4	65	4	167	8	273
80. Other Larcenies (not exceeding £50 in value)	4570	1324	2	19			1	2	12	509	75	30	17	14	643	277	19		79	11	149	23	261	34	576
81. Embezzlement	97	91			1			1		66	1		1		21	2					1	4	25	37	67
82. Obtaining of Goods by False Pretences	503	395	2	22					10	198	6	4	6	7	140	11					13		182	5	200
83. Frauds by Agents, Trustees, Directors, etc.	2	2								1					1						1				1
84. Fraud by Bogus Advertiser																									

	No. of Offences	No. of Offences				RESUL	T OF	PROC	EEDIN	IGS IN C	CASES							convi	cted o	r aga	and Age	om the	e Charg	e was	
and the second s		in which Criminal		Deal	t with	h on Inc	dictm	ent			Dealt w	ith Sun and	marily		Court	setrato sich no		h	eld pro	ved a	Convict		e witho	ut	
NATURE OF OFFENCES	known	Proceed- ings were	=			are &	inbe	Sine	for Trial and 9 Trial			wed & without		Sine	a in District	Crime for which the perpetrators were detected but for which no proceedings are shown.	(18)	(19		(2)		(21)	(22)
AP Content of the con		Commenced	Information	Convicted	Acquitted	Found Insane incapable of Pleading	Nolle Prosequi entered	Adjourned Sine Die or otherwis disposed of	Committed fo still awaiting	Convicted	Dismissed	Charge proved & order made without Conviction	Charge Withdrawn	Adjourned 5 Die or other disposed of	Still Pending	Crime for v were detec proceeding	Under 14	Years	14 and under	years	17 and	years	21 and	over	Total
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	м	F	м	F	м	F	м	F	
GROUP III																									
Larcenies, etc. 85. Fraud by Bogus Salesman	2	1													1										
86. Fraud by Bogus Company	2	1													1										
87. Fraud by obtaining credit	67	53		1						34	1	1	2	2	12	2					1	1	27		29
88. Fraudulent Conversion	48	44		1						4					39	100					2		2	1	5
89. Falsification of Accounts	21	16								1					15		11							1	1
90. Other Frauds	72	65		7					1	22	1	5		1	28	2					5		22	5	32
91. Receiving stolen goods (exceeding £100 in value)	235	231	1	12	1			1	6	68	4		2	2	134	4					8		53	6	67
92. Receiving stolen goods (not exceeding £100 in value)	431	399		14	3		1		7	143	32	5	11	4	179	32			10	1	22	7	67	26	133
93. Cheating	1																								
94. Forgery & Uttering	2477	1291		84			21	1	23	676	6	10	1	7	462	56			5	12	65	23	395	73	573
95. Coinage Acts - Offences Against																					-				
96. Debtors (Ir.) Act Offences Against	71	49		4						29		2		1	13	4			1		2		26		29
97. Post Office Act - Offences Against	45	18								6		10			2	17							13	2	15
TOTAL GROUP III	39980	12849	29	431	13		24	13	162	5282	370	298	136	138	5953	1633	152	12	654	122	1249	214	2326	798	5527

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	No. of	No. of Offences			8	RESUL	T OF	PROC	EEDIN	GS IN	CASES							conv	icted o	r agai	inst wh	nom the	ps) of P e Charg	e was	
		in which Criminal		Deal	t with	and	dictm	ent			Dealt w	and	nmarily	·	Court	betrato		h	eld pro		Convict		le witho	ut	
	known	Proceed- ings were	10			80		. 8	rial and			&		. 5	in District Court	h the perp but for wh shown.	(18	1)	(19)	(2	:0)	(21)	(22)
NATURE OF OFFENCES		Commenced	Informatio	Convicted	Acquitted	Found Insane 8 incapable of Pleading	Nolle Prosequi entered	Adjourned Sine Die or otherwise disposed of	Committed for still awaiting Tr	Convicted	Dismissed	Charge proved & order made without Conviction	Charge Withdrawn	Adjourned Sine Die or otherwise disposed of	Still Pending in	Crime for which the perpetrators were detected but for which no proceedings are shown.	Under	Years	14 and under 17	years	17 and	years	21 and	over	Total
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	м	F	м	F	м	F	м	F	
GROUP IV Other Indictable Offences																									
98. Official Secrets Act																									
99. Treason Act 1939 - Offences Against					T																				
100. Offences Against the State Act 1939 Breaches of	4	4		1	1				1						1								1		1
101. Riot of Unlawful Assembly	3	3							×	2					1				1		32				33
102. Incitement	1	1										1									1				1
103. Bribery	2	2				1									1										
104. Perjury	1	1													1										
105. Indecent Exposure (Public Indecency)	18	15								5			1		9	1					4		2		6
106. Keeping a Disorderly House																									1000
107. Attempting to commit Suicide	2	1								1						1						2	1		1
108. Brothel Keeping																									
109. Prison Breach																									
110. Escape from Lawful Custody	4	3								3							1						2		3
111. Rescue from Lawful Custody																									

	No. of	No. of Offences				RESUL	TOF	F PROC	EEDIN	IGS IN	CASES					£.,		convi	icted o	r aga	and Age	om the	e Charg	pe was	
		in which Criminal		Deat	t with	n on Inc	dictm	ent		1	Dealt w	and	nmarily	r	Dourt	etrato lich no		h	eld pro		Convict		le witho	ut	
NATURE OF OFFENCES	known	Proceed- ings were	10			øð		2.3	r Trial and Trial			thout		2.8	in District Court	ch the perp but for wh e shown.	(18	()	(19)	(2	0)	(21)	(22)
NATURE OF OFFERCES		Commenced	Informations refused	Convicted	Acquitted	Found Insane 8 incapable of Pleading	Nolle Prosequi entered	Adjourned Sine Die or otherwise disposed of	Committed for still awaiting Tr	Convicted	Dismissed	Charge proved & order made without Conviction	Charge Writhdrawn	Adjourned Sine Die or otherwise disposed of	Still Pending i	Crime for which the perpetrators were detected but for which no proceedings are shown.	Under	Years	14 and under 17	years	17 and	years	21 and	over	Total
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	м	F	м	F	м	F	м	F	
GROUP IV Other Indictable Offences																									
112. False Imprisonment	6	1								1											1				1
113. Public Mischief	23	15							7	1					7	3				1					1
114. Conspiracy	8	8		1					1	2			1		3						19		1		20
115. Destroying or Disposing of Dead Bodies																									
116. Electoral Acts – Offences Against	1															1									
117. Personation																									
118. Embracery																									
119. Misprision of Felony																									
120. Wireless Telegraphy Act																									
121. Corruption																									
122. Clergymen (Obstructing During Service)																									
123. Other Indictable Offences	143	124		6			2		9	26	4		1	1	75	1			4		6		18	1	29
TOTAL GROUP IV	216	178		8	1		3		18	41	4	1	3	1	98	7	1		5	1	63		25	1	96
GRAND TOTALS	64057	23868	41	832	56	1	37	42	360	9230	679	453	226	276	11635	2502	341	60	1482	161	2557	255	3782	866	9504

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VALUE OF PROPERTY STOLEN AND RECOVERED IN 1979.

Table showing:- (1) Offences against property with violence (numbers 39 to 42 inclusive of statistical return of indictable offences for 1979). (2) Larcenies etc. offences against property without violence (numbers 57 to 80 inclusive of statistical return of indictable offences for 1979).

	Less than £10	£10 and less than £50	£50 and less than £100	£100 and less than £200	£200 and less than £300	£300 and less than £400	£400 and less than £500	£500 and less than £1,000	£1,000 and less than £5,000	£5,000 and over	Total No.of crimes	Total value of property stolen	Total value of property recovered	Total No. of cases in which no property was stolen.
1) No. of offences against property with violence	1993	4842	2840	2544	1373	776	613	1159	846	161	17147	66,937,372	£970,650	3067
(2) No. of larcenies etc.	5194	13444	7358	4888	1943	823	534	897	499	49	35629	£4,587,367	£728,520	277

TOTAL	VALUE	OF	PROPERTY	STOLE	Ν

1979	£11,524,739.00
1978	£10,372,354.00

TOTAL	VALUE	OF	PROPERTY	RECOVERED	
£1,699	9,170.0	0		(14.7%)	

£1,098,695.00	(10.6%)

AGE ANALYSIS OF MURDERED PERSONS - 1979

Age in years	0 - 9	10 - 14	15 - 16	17 - 20	21 - 29	30 - 64	65 - 74	75 - 99
No. of persons	1	1	1	-	5	11	-	3

MURDERS RECORDED AND DETECTED IN 1979 BY DIVISIONS

DIVISION	Recorded	Detected	
Carlow/Kildare	1	1	
Cavan/Monaghan	3	2	
Cork East	-	-	
Cork West	1	1	
Clare		-	
Donegal	-	-	
DMA	5	4	
Galway West	-	-	
Kerry	-	-	
Leix/Offaly	-	-	
Limerick	3	3	
Longford/Westmeath	-	-	
Louth/Meath	2	2	
Mayo	-	-	
Roscommon/Galway E.	-	-	
Sligo/Leitrim	4	4	
Tipperary	1	1	
Waterford/Kilkenny	2	2	
Wexford	-	-	
Totals	22	20	

ANALYSES OF ARMED ROBBERIES - LINE 42 TABLE OF INDICTABLE OFFENCES - 1979

	DIVISION	House Flat	Bank	P.O.	Betting Office	Licensed Premises	Chemist Shop	Shop Stall	Garage	Factory Store	School	Office	Dance I Hall	Public Bldg.	Hotel	Petrbl Stn.	Rail- way Stn.	Other	τοται
	Carlow/Kildare Cavan/Monaghan Clare	1	1 3 1		1	1			1							1			3 5 2
	Cork East Cork West							1		1				1		1		2	6
	Donegal D.M.A. Galway West	2	1 23 2	18	4	18	2	25 1	3	13	1	15	1	1	2	1	1	35 1	2 164 4
	Kerry Leix/Offaly Limerick		2	1						1			1						1 5
	Longford/W.Meath Louth/Meath	1 2	7	_	1			1	1	1		2			1		1	1 5	2 21
2	Mayo Roscommon/Gal. E. Sligo/Leitrim	1	1															1	2
	Tipperary Waterford/Kilkenny Wexford	2	1 1 1	1				1 1								1			2 5 3
	TOTALS	10	44	21	6	19	2	30	5	16	1	17	2	2	2	4	2	45	228
					c	ASH ANAL	YSIS OF	RMED	ROBBER	ES in 197	9 showir	ng value	of proper	ty stolen	by type	of prem	ises		292 201
	Up to £99.99	1		1		5	1	7	2	2		2		1	1	3	1	6	31
	£100 to £499.99	2	1	3	3	9	1	5	2	3		3	1	1.1		1		4	38
	£500 to £999.99	1		2	2	2		5		1		2		1				8	24
	£1000 to £4999.99	3	18	8		2		3	1	3		5			1		1	5	50
	£5000 +	3	24	7				4		4	1	2	1		1		1	18	66
	Nothing taken		1		1	1		6		3		3						4	19
	Totals	10	44	21	6	19	2	30	5	16	1	17	2	2	2	4	2	45	228

Non-Indictable Offences—Proceedings and persons convicted in Year 1979

	OFFENCES	No. of Offences in which proceedings	Charges withdrawn or	Number of	Charges proved and order made without	Adjourned sine die or otherwise	No. of persons convicted or against whom charge was held
		were taken	dismissed	convictions	conviction	disposed of	proved or orde- made without
10.19 1.200	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	conviction. (7)
L	(a) Assaults	1091	1063 136	3375 753	479 59	632 143	3606 783
2	(b) , Gardai on duty	104	14	67	1	22	58
	11 D. OF	8.48	96	649	86	17	621
10 11 4		114	16	89	6	3	91
	 (b) Dogs Order, 1966 (wearing of dog collars etc.) (c) Dogs, Protection of Livestock Act, 1960 (dogs worrying Livestock) 	100	13	100	3	4	90
4	C.1. 1 Mar. 1 . 1 . 1000 (10)		5	91	37	1 1 1 1 1 1	
	Traffic Acts, Offences against:	101	9	91	31	28	123
A DECEMBER OF STREET	(a) Lighting Regulations - Pedal Cycles (i) No front lamp	935	116	705	98	16	747
	(i) to not map		91	475	70	7	489
			79	376	72	5	360
	A1		3395	24077	3638		
		12	3395	13	3638	1135	19353
	(D. Lines D.L.	40000	7839	27434	5397	1999	26265
	(a) Licences Driving		340	2981			
	(f) Dangerous Parking		100.00		301	80	3106
	(g) Roa. Traffic General Bye-Laws, 1964	2024	116 511	547 2956	70 376	31	581 2703
	(h) Local Bye-Laws	22004	6161	26208	598	124	26559
	(i) Dangerous and Careless Driving		1864	8396	582	822	8683
	(j) Compulsory Insurance		10107	24494	4542	2592	23740
	(k) Drink and Driving:		No.	24404	4346	2002	23/40
	(i) Driving or attempting to drive M.P.V. while drunk	1625	350	1039		236	1039
	(ii) Being in charge of M.P.V. while drunk	143	28	98		17	98
	(iii) Driving or attempting to drive M.P.V., alcohol concentration						
	above prescribed limit	4994	638	3319		1037	3319
	(iv) Being in charge of M.P.V. alcohol concentration above pre-			1	/	1	
	scribed limit	221	36	162	10 A.	23	162
	(v) Refusing to provide preliminary specimen of breath		47	378		67	364
	(vi) Refusing to provide or permit taking of blood/urine specimen at			0.0	0.74	0,	364
	Garda stations	700	101	513		109	500

No. of persons No. of Offences Charges proved Adjourned convicted or in which Charges Number and order made sine die against whom proceedings withdrawn or without or otherwise OFFENCES of charge was held were taken dismissed convictions conviction disposed of proved or order made without conviction. (3)(5) (2)(4) (6) (1)(7) (I) Driving or attempting to drive or being in charge of animal-drawn vehicle 1 4 6 1 4 while drunk -..... . . . - -(m) Driving or attempting to drive pedal cycle while drunk 23 28 22 1 -5 (n) Exceeding speed limit (i) Built-up area 148 13305 14534 855 12858 673 2908 45 2665 (ii) Special 2617 156 90 4.4 23 (iii) Ordinary 1364 1197 105 1184 52 --234 3715 3330 122 29 (iv) General 3393 Driving dangerously, defective M.P.V. 52 18 15 284 369 299 Other offences ... 12963 2467 8586 1399 511 7568 (p) - -. . (q) Construction Equipment and Use of Vehicles Regulations, 1963 . . . 10128 719 332 972 8105 7087 (i) Defective tyres 285 16 (iii) steering ... 325 19 5 268 1.1 14 1.0 (iiii) brakes 211 2186 66 2071 ... 2629 166 8468 1139 460 7038 (iv) Other Offences 11541 1474 201 277 1987 2773 330 1965 (a) Taking M.P.V. without authority ... 6. 157 Unauthorised interference with mechanism of M.P.V. 1495 955 138 1063 245 (b) . . (c) Taking possession of pedal cycle without consent 140 17 5 119 114 ... 4 1188 221 713 162 92 654 Road Transport Acts 7. Roads Act and Finance Acts-Excise Licence 9436 34398 6793 2628 31902 53255 8. Intoxicating Liquor Laws, Offences against: 9. 7208 7122 109 528 624 8383 (a) Illegally on Licensed Premises during closing hours 1.14 $\sim 10^{-1}$ * * 115 238 2073 238 2289 2664 Drunkenness, Simple (b) 239 172 3025 348 2843 3602 (c) Drunkenness with aggravation 4.4 936 16 117 898 1589 (d) Offences by Licensed Persons (or their Servants) against closing Regulations 520 75 Other Offences by Licensed Persons (or their Servants) 74 10 14 183 85 (e) 20 20 2 Supplying or selling drink to persons under 18 years ... 39 17 (h). . -(g) Offences in connection with Registered Clubs 65 57 8 7 1.1 88 16 - -(h) Other offences against Intoxicating Liquor Laws 424 440 18 59 . . 620 103

Non-Indictable Offences-Proceedings and persons convicted in Year 1979

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	OFFENCES					No. of Offences in which proceedings were taken	Charges withdrawn or dismissed	Number of convictions	Charges proved and order made without conviction	Adjourned sine die or otherwise disposed of	No. of persons convicted or against whom charge was hele proved or orde made without
	(1)					(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	conviction. (7)
10.	Labour Laws, offences against		.,			37	13	21		3	10
11.	Malicious Damage to Animals, Fences, etc.	++			* +	2361	357	1497	210	297	1579
12.	Police Regulations, Offences against:-							·			and the
	(a) Dublin Metropolitan Police Acts					759	136	401	123	99	516
	(b) Summary Jurisdiction (Ireland) Act, 1851	••	39	100	**	328	66	228	24	10	198
13.	Prostitution				22.	237	18	205	11	3	216
14.	Living on earnings of prostitute					4	-	4			4
15.	Loitering with intent	**		• •	55	28	12	14	-	2	14
16.	Revenue Laws, Offences against		**	**		141	28	79		34	64
17.	Stealing, Receiving or Possessing Stolen Proper	ty (not	the su	bject of 1	larceny						04
	at Common Law)	**				246	40	130	47	29	152
18.	Street Trading Act, 1926-Offences against					771	41	668	22	40	649
19.	Vagrancy Acts-Offences against:										
	(a) Begging	**	**	1.7	2.2	278	37	208	15	18	222
	(b) Other Offences	**			÷	356	80	210	42	24	245
20.	Wireless Telegraphy Act, 1926-Offences against	8	**	1.1	100	29	T	28			
21.	Firearms Acts-Offences against		**			204	22	136	16	30	12 141
22.	Explosives-Offences in relation to		.,			1	1				
23.	Dangerous Drugs Act 1934 - Health Act 1970 Act 1977 (Offences in relation to controlled da		suse o	f Drugs							
	(a) Unlawful possession of controlled drugs		**			502	23	342	43	94	374
	(b) Unlawfully procuring controlled drugs					28	1	27	-	-	9
	(c) Unlawfully supplying (pedaling) controlled	drugs				37	8	13	1	15	14
	(d) Other offences		**			69	10	34		25	25
24.	Offences under Juries Act, 1976					221	84	81	18	38	99
	Other Offences					6872	1108	4594	607	563	4368
	Service Production	TOT	AL			338,150	53,954	237,854	29,971	16,371	227,005

NON-INDICTABLE OFFENCES BY DIVISIONS - YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1979

Division	Total No. of offences in which proceedings were taken
Carlow/Kildare	12,213
Cavan/Monaghan	11,749
Cork East	36,466
Cork West	8,371
Clare	7,367
Donegal	11,325
DMA	126,437
Galway West	6,719
Kerry	13,527
Leix/Offaly	8,669
Limerick	11,494
Longford/Westmeath	12,346
Louth/Meath	17,944
Mayo	7,629
Roscommon/Galway East	8,594
Sligo/Leitrim	6,512
Tipperary	13,334
Waterford/Kilkenny	11,233
Wexford	6,221
TOTAL	338,150

The following table shows a breakdown of the principal offences for which proceedings were taken.

Type of Offences	Number of offences in which proceedings were taken
Highway Acts (Road Traffic Acts,	
Road Transport Acts and Road	
Act)	299,486
Intoxicating Liquor Laws	17,168
Assaults	6,640
School Attendance Act	161
Dogs Acts, Offences against	1,082
Malicious Damage	2,361
Street Trading Act	771
Vagrancy Acts	634
Drug Offences	636
Dublin Metropolitan Police Acts	- 759
Prostitution	237
Other	8,215

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CRIME PREVENTION

Specially trained personnel are engaged in crime prevention advisory work in all Garda Divisions. In Dublin the Crime Prevention Unit is located at Osmond House, Ship Street.

During the year 82 lectures on crime prevention and home security were given to residents' associations, ladies clubs, security organisations and business groups at different venues in the Dublin area. Lectures were also delivered by crime prevention personnel in country areas as occasions demanded.

Crime prevention exhibitions were mounted at the following venues:

- 1. Holiday and Leisure Fair at R.D.S., Ballsbridge, Dublin.
- 2. Brighter Homes Exhibition at R.D.S., Ballsbridge, Dublin.
- 3. "Kerindex '79" Exhibition at Tralee, Co. Kerry.
- 4. Spring Show at R.D.S., Ballsbridge, Dublin.
- 5. Roundwood Horse Show at Roundwood, Co. Wicklow.
- 6. Clonmel Horse Show at Clonmel, Co. Tipperary.
- 7. Dublin Horse Show at R.D.S., Ballsbridge, Dublin.
- 8. Ardara Show, Co. Donegal.
- 9. Limerick Show at Limerick City.
- 10. Salthill (Ideal Homes Exhibition) Galway.
- 11. Cork (Ideal Homes Exhibition).

Great public interest was evident at these exhibitions and security advice was provided as required.

Thousands of crime prevention pamphlets were printed and distributed at exhibitions and lectures. A booklet on Community Security was printed and there has been a great demand for this booklet. Crime Prevention advice was given to tourists and distribution of leaflets was arranged in co-operation with Bord Failte. Leaflets on Vehicle Security were also published and circulated.

Crime prevention surveys were carried out on dwellinghouses, commercial and business premises as well as special surveys at State and Semi-State buildings.

The exhibition rooms at Osmond House and the Bridewell Garda Station, Cork, were visited by large crowds who displayed a keen interest in modern crime prevention equipment.

The Crime Prevention Unit is responsible for the presentation of the 'Garda Patrol' programme. Public interest continued to increase and greater emphasis was placed in pointing out and reminding viewers of crime prevention techniques.

JUVENILE LIAISON SCHEME

The Scheme was first established in 1963 in the DMA and later extended to the cities of Cork, Limerick and Waterford, and more recently to large towns throughout the country - Clonmel, Drogheda, Dundalk, Kilkenny, Sligo, Tralee, Wexford, Galway, Athlone, Cobh, Balbriggan, Carlow, Tullamore, New Ross, Killarney, Longford, Gorey and Nenagh.

Juvenile Liaison Officers are specially selected and receive training in dealing with juveniles involved in criminal behaviour. At present there are 4 Sergeants, 36 Gardai and 2 Ban Gardai employed in the scheme, an additional Juvenile Liaison Officer having been appointed at Nenagh during 1979.

The aims of the scheme are to prevent children and young persons under the age of 17 years from becoming involved in criminal behaviour; and in the cases of those who have already offended in a minor way, to divert them into legitimate activities, and help prevent them from becoming adult criminals.

Under the scheme, a person under the age of 17 years, implicated in crime (burglary, larceny and the like) may be dealt with by caution as an alternative to court proceedings, and be subject to the surveillance and guidance of the Juvenile Liaison Officer until the age of 17 years is reached. Supervision may be withdrawn before reaching this age if it is considered that no risk is involved.

Since the inception of the Scheme in 1963, 13,285 offenders have been cautioned and supervised by the Gardai.

Particulars	-	Dublin Metropolitan Area	All Other Divisions	TOTAL
Juveniles admitted	Boys	6,548	4,826	11,374
to the Scheme since its inception in 1963	Girls	1,084	827	1,911
	TOTAL	7,632	5,653	13,285
Recidivists		902	652	1,554
Cases closed, subj years of age	ect 17	3,570	2,616	6,186
Cases closed, supe withdrawn after 2 y		2,449	1,215	3,664
Visits to delinquen homes	ts*	112,454	84,483	196,937
visits to Boys' Clu	bs	13,807	18,692	32,499
Lectures and Meeti	nos	5,178	9,307	14,485

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During 1979, 911 Juveniles were admitted to the Scheme (807 Boys and 104 Girls).

Particulars	-	DMA	All other Divisions	Total
Juveniles admitted during 1979	Boys Girls	399 43	408 61	807 104
	TOTAL	442	469	911
Recidivists		30	44	74
Cases closed, subje years of age	ct 17	127	216	343
Cases closed, super withdrawn after 2 ye		125	283	408
Visits to delinquent	s' homes	6,490	10,132	16,622
Visits to Boys' Club	os	1,188	793	1,981
Lectures and Meetings		672	967	1,639

Outside the areas where Juvenile Liaison Officers have been appointed there is also provision for the cautioning of juveniles under the age of 17 years for certain minor crimes and offences. These young people are subject to a less formal type of surveillance by the local Gardai for as long as may be necessary, and are included in the figure of 2502 at column 17 of Indictable Offences Table.

GARDA COMMUNITY RELATIONS

The Garda Community Relations Section has its offices at the Garda National Headquarters, Phoenix Park, Dublin, and has responsibility in Community Relations and the operation of the Juvenile Liaison Scheme.

The staff of the section were engaged in visits to Schools, Community Associations, Residents' Associations and other voluntary bodies where talks were given on various aspects of Garda work. They have also represented the Force at joint meetings of the Departments of Health, Justice and Education, The Eastern Health Board and Dublin Corporation Welfare Officers and members of the Itinerant Settlement Committee in dealing with the plight of itinerant children.

DRUGS UNIT

The Drugs Unit is based at the Dublin Metropolitan Headquarters, Dublin Castle, but assists in operations throughout the country. A number of members in each Garda division have undergone drugs courses with the Drugs Unit at Dublin Castle.

During the year there was an increase in the number of persons charged with drug offences; 594 compared with 501 in 1978. Cannabis continues to be the most widely used illegal drug. Home grown cannabis is appearing much more frequently than heretofore. An illicit laboratory for producing amphetamine was discovered during 1979. Large quantities of amphetamine had been produced at this laboratory over a period of months and exported before discovery. 90% of the illicit supply of hard-drugs is obtained by larceny from chemists' shops.

The unit, under the auspices of the Health Education Bureau, gave 131 lectures to voluntary organisations, to professional groups, and to prison and security services. An on-going advice service is available at the drugs unit, Dublin Castle.

The following tables give a breakdown of persons charged with drug offences during 1979:

Under 1	7 years	17 and 21 yea	21 and over		
м	F	м	F	м	F
5	_	117	11	426	35

PARTICULARS OF DRUGS SEIZED

TYPE OF DRUG	QUANTITY SEIZED - 1979
NARCOTIC DRUGS	
Oplum	52g. 30t.
Morphine	40g. 80t. 100 amp. 260 m.l.
Heroin	5g.
Diconal	611.
Synthetic Narcotics	1551t. 146 amp.
Salts of Cocaine	29g.
Cannabis	422.4k.g.
Cannabis Resin	17.7k.g.
Cannabis Leaf	69g .
Liquid Cannabis	4.7g.
Cannabis Plants	2209
Cannabis Seeds	14.75k.g.
Cannabis Herb	5 . 6g .
PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES	
Amphetamines and other stimulants	2g. Amphetamine 135t.
Palfium	20t.
Barbiturates	14,199t.
Non Barbiturate Sedatives and Tranquillisers	1,0401.
LSD	211t.
THC	10g
Others	9g.

t = tablet g = gramme k.g. = kilogramme

m.g. = milligramme

m.1. = millilitre

DRUG OFFENCES - PERSONS CHARGED

DIVISION	No. of	Persons Charge	ed	TYPE OF DRUG	No. of Persons	
	Persons Charged	Nationality	No.	TYPE OF DRUG	Charged	
Dublin Metropolitan Area	337	Irish	542	Morphine	12	
Carlow/Kildare	5	Northern Irish	3	Opium	5	
Cavan/Monaghan	1	British	39	Heroin	5	
Clare	9	Welsh	2	Synthetic Narcotics	41	
Cork East	178	Scottish	2	Salts of Cocaine	20	
Cork West	31	French	2	Cannabis	139	
Donegal	-	German	1	Cannabis Resin	237	
Galway West	8	Yugoslavian	1	Cannabis Plants	58	
Cerry	6	Italian	1	Cannabis Leaf	7	
eix/Offaly	-	West African	1	Cannabis Herb	3	
Limerick	-			Diconal	1	
Longford/Westmeath	1			Amphetamines and other stimulants	7	
outh/Meath	8			Barbiturates	24	
Mayo				LSD	11	
Roscommon/Galway East	-			THC	15	
Sligo/Leitrim	1			Dipipanone	1	
Fipperary	1			Palfium	2	
Vaterford/Kilkenny	1			Dextrakoramide	3	
Nexford	7			Psilocin	3	
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TOTALS	594		594		594	

SUB-AQUA UNIT

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The Garda Sub-Aqua Unit was established in 1966 to carry out underwater searches for:

- (a) weapons used in the commission of crime or other evidence of crime deposited in water,
- (b) bodies of victims of crime or drowning accidents.

The Unit carried out 31 major search operations during the year in rivers, harbours, canals and sea.

THE EMERGENCY '999' SERVICE

During the year, 137,776 emergency '999' calls were received by the Gardai; 123,206 at the Communications Centre, Dublin Castle; 8,663 at the Communications Room, Union Ouay, Cork; 2,160 at the Communications Room, Henry Street, Limerick; 2,500 at Galway station and 1,247 at the Communications Room, Waterford.

STOLEN MOTOR VEHICLE INVESTIGATION UNIT

This Unit which operates countrywide is based at Dublin Castle.

Close liaison is maintained with similar units in other countries and this co-operation has led to the recovery of many stolen vehicles.

During the year the Unit recovered 249 stolen vehicles, 214 of which were stolen in the State and the remainder in England and Northern Ireland. In addition 69 illegally imported vehicles were located.

ROAD TRAFFIC

There was a decrease of 11 in the number of persons killed during the year and a reduction of 15 in the number of fatal traffic accidents. A total of 616 persons were killed in road traffic accidents in 1979, as compared with 627 in 1978.

The Special Traffic Corps was particularly active in the enforcement of the law on drunken driving.

During the year road safety lectures were given to school children and to other interested parties with a view to developing a greater sense of road safety.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PRESS OFFICE

As well as servicing the media on day-to-day basis, the Public Relations Officer and Staff assisted in research for feature articles on the Force and appeared on T.V. and radio on matters affecting police interest.

The office received many visitors during the course of the year including students on research projects, criminologists from home and abroad as well as journalists. A notable development in the Public Relations Office during the year under review was the increase in demand for career lectures, participation in careers seminars and exhibitions throughout the State. These requests came mainly from Teachers, Career Guidance Counsellors, Chambers of Commerce and Vocational Groups. This new trend is welcomed as it enables the Force to reach out to a vital cross-section of the public, particularly the young, and provide them with first hand information about the Garda Siochana.

TRAFFIC OFFENCES - DRINK AND DRIVING - 1979

ANNUAL STATISTICS OF BLOOD TESTS

BLOOD/URINE TESTS, ARRESTS, ETC.

1.	BRE	ATH TESTS	
	(a)	Total number of persons breath tested	15,257
	(b)	Breath test positive	9,228
	(c)	Breath test negative	6,029
	(d)	Breath test refused	520
2.	BLO	DD/URINE TESTS	
	(a)	Blood specimen given	7,029
	(b)	Urine specimen given	1,870
	(c)	Specimen refused	749
з.	ARR	ESTS	
	(a)	For refusing breath tests (Section 29(3) R.T.A. 1968) and Section 13(2) of the Road Traffic (Amendment) Act, 1978	517
	(b)	Arrest without breath test (Section 49 and 50 R.T.A. 1961 and Section 10 and	
		11 Road Traffic (Amendment) Act, 1978	1,809
4.	AN	ALYSES OF SPECIMENS	
	(a)	Under 100 milligrams	825
	(b)	Over 100 milligrams	7,192
	(c)	Specimens still to be analysed at end of year	661
	(d)	Insufficient or spoiled	221
	TOT	AL ANALYSES	8,899

NON INDICTABLE OFFENCES (TRAFFIC) - 1979

- DRINK AND DRIVING -

SEX AND AGE OF PERSONS CONVICTED

(1)	(2) Persons	(3 17 ar		(4) 21 and	
OFFENCE	Convicted			м	F
Driving or attempting to drive M.P.V. while drunk or with a blood/ alcohol concentration above the prescribed limit	4,358	263	2	4,027	66
Being in charge of M.P.V. while drunk or with a blood/ alcohol concentration above the prescribed limit	260	16	-	243	1
Refusing to provide or permit the taking of blood/urine specimen at Garda Station	500	21	-	468	1
Refusing to provide a preliminary specimen of breath	364	16	-	343	

FINE ON THE SPOT NOTICES ISSUED IN 1979

	Parking Violations	Non Display of Licence Disc
Gardai	213,926	47,138
Wardens	67,752	210
TOTALS	281,678	47,348
Fines Paid	78,826	12,237
Court Proceedings	26,737	4,592
Notices Cancelled	15,268	6,364
Proceedings Pending	159,725	23,971
Spoiled Notices	1,122	184

ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 1961 (SECTION 103) OFFENCES REGULATIONS, 1976 Parking Violations - Fine on the Spot Notices issued. - 1979

	Carlow/ Kildare	Cavan/ Monaghan	Clare	Cork East	Cork West	Donegal	DMA	Galway West	Кепту	Leix/Offaly	Limerick	Longford/ W. Meath	Louth/Meath	Mayo	Roscommon/ Galway East	Sligo/ Leitrim	Tipperary	Waterford/ Kilkenny	Wexford	TOTAL
Gardai	338	1745	467	35954	585	1342	150994	2049	3086	829	2221	2209	580	1957	1094	1637	1582	3081	2176	213,926
Wardens	-	-	-	27561	-	-	36425	-	3426	-	-	340	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	67,752
TOTALS	338	1745	467	63515	585	1342	187419	2049	6512	829	2221	2549	580	1957	1094	1637	1582	3081	2176	281,678
Fines Paid	212	1124	201	15634	405	809	44048	1401	2900	391	842	1568	416	1187	954	1132	1124	2572	1906	78,826
Court Proceedings	10	103	20	4032	9	27	21295	89	41	258	136	173	67	56	41	37	106	158	79	26,737
Notices Cancelled	7	105	70	2600	18	77	10418	248	372	29	688	72	12	100	46	91	103	119	93	15,268
Proceedings Pend- ing	109	399	176	40378	153	425	111555	311	3190	144	555	708	67	606	51	345	242	228	83	159,725
Spoiled Notices	-	14	-	871	-	4	103	-	9	7	-	28	18	8	2	32	7	4	15	1,122

