

# £1.3m

## Heroin king has to pay huge tax bill to the CAB

**A DRUG dealer accused of introducing heroin to Ireland has been ordered to pay a £1 MILLION-plus tax bill to the Criminal Assets Bureau.**

Paddy McSweeney from Bishopstown in Cork city, has been one of Ireland's biggest drug barons for the past 20 years.

He has also been one of the most elusive godfathers, successfully avoiding the attentions of the Gardaí - his only convictions are for road traffic offences.

The slippery 49-year-old gangster who has connections with major drug syndicates around the world has never been caught with any of his multi-million pound shipments of hash, heroin or cocaine.

But in recent weeks the High Court turned down an appeal by McSweeney against a huge tax demand by the CAB. He now has to pay the State £1.3 million from his ill-gotten gains.

The case was the culmination of over two years work by the elite squad who have so far frozen over £300,000 in one bank account.

The CAB also obtained an order preventing him selling his £250,000 home, Linn Road at Bishopstown.

**EXCLUSIVE**  
By Crime Correspondent  
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*McSweeney's tax bills have been frozen and are likely to be seized if he doesn't pay up.*

McSweeney's anonymity was shattered when the former State solicitor for Cork, Barry Galvin, joined the Criminal Assets Bureau in 1996.

The crusading enemy of organised crime had, like the Gardaí, known about McSweeney's activities for years but was powerless to do anything about him.

But the CAB changed all that.

### Accounts

In one Dutch bank the bureau established that the unemployed "businessman" lodged over £2 million in less than five years. The accounts were used to



**STUNG:** Paddy McSweeney had millions in the bank. Pic copyright Sunday World 1998

pay for drug shipments which were organised in Holland.

In February 1997 McSweeney received a tax demand for £1.6 million. But the drug baron, whose associates in the drug world include the Penguin, George Mitchell, and the Zombic, Tommy Savage, hired a top team of lawyers to fight the demand.

The case dragged on for 18 months and ended before the High Court.

Gardaí believe that McSweeney was one of the first gangsters to bring large shipments of heroin into the

country in the early 1980s. He has been observed in the company of major drug dealers in Europe, Africa and South America.

The establishment of the Criminal Assets Bureau has proven to be one of the most efficient anti-crime weapons ever used in Europe.

Men like McSweeney were effectively untouchable before it was set up because he cleverly stayed a safe distance from his multi-million drug operation.

But now his cover is blown and he has to pay the price.



**BREAK-TIME:** The two drug dealers managed to fit in time for food on their holiday

# DRUG

## Dope smuggling queens snapped soaking up sun

**THE bare-breasted beauties pictured here are two of Ireland's top drug dealers.**

These exclusive pictures show them enjoying the high-life on a recent trip to the sun-splashed shores of the Spanish Costas.

But what the pics don't reveal is that the pill-pushing pair were using the cover of a package holiday to pull off a money spinning drugs deal with an international narcotics king.

For legal reasons we cannot name these women today, but their identities are well-known on the Irish drugs scene.

*One of them is believed to be among the top 10 dealers in Northern Ireland.*

During the dark days of the Troubles, she made a name for herself by performing live sex shows around the clubs controlled by both loyalist and republican paramilitaries.

And she earned herself the dubious title of 'The Sex Queen'.

Her blonde bombshell side-kick has been nicknamed 'The Balloon' and both had links with David Keys.

Keys, a member of Billy Wright's notorious killer gang the LVE, was brutally

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By HUGH JORDAN

murdered in the Maze Prison by his LVE cohorts.

He was in custody awaiting trial for his involvement in the double murder of two men in a bar at Poyntzpass, Co. Down.

The terror chiefs accused Keys of giving detectives details of the killings which shocked the entire community in the North.

### Blood

*He was tortured and savagely beaten to death in his cell.*

And following the murder, in a macabre twist, LVE prisoners agreed to place their hands in his blood and smear it on the walls in order to confuse murder squad detectives as to which prisoners carried out the killing.

But when these pictures were taken, David Keys was long-forgotten as the drugs



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