

**Lesbian mum
'too terrified'
to go home**

BY LARISSA NOLAN

A LESBIAN mum whose house was vandalised in a gay-hate attack last month has been too terrified to return home since.

Patricia Bennett is afraid to move her family back into the home and is now seeking a transfer.

"I am too afraid to go back. I tried staying there once or twice but each time I had to go back because I was afraid," she said.

She claims she has had to put up with years of abuse and intimidation from one local because of her sexuality.

This abuse came to a



INTIMIDATION: Patricia.

head when her windows were broken and her son was injured in an attack on her home in Kilmahuddrick Grove, Clondalkin, Dublin.

Although her windows have been repaired and there have been no more attacks on the house, Patricia says there is "no way" she can move her four children back to the area.

Patricia has pressed charges of malicious damage against the man she believes attacked her home.

Her son Gary (18), has pressed assault charges against a relative of this man. Gardai are still investigating the matter.

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REVEALED: Trail of heartbreak left

**DRUG RUNNER
HUCK LEFT ME
HIGH AND DRY**

A MAJOR drug smuggler's sister-in-law has told how she faces eviction from her home because of his criminal activities.

Susanne McAllister spoke of the uncertain future she faces after the Criminal Assets Bureau secured a judgment for almost £450,000 against David Huck.

Ms McAllister said she feared the court ruling could result in an attempt being made to evict both her and her young son from the comfortable lake-side home in which they have lived for more than eight years.

"If that were to happen it would mean that it is us who are being made suffer for David's actions," she complained.

"The authorities are only too well aware that we had nothing to do with his crimes.

"All I would like now is to see them treat us on a humanitarian basis and with compassion.

Dreadful

"As things stand, we do not know precisely what is likely to happen. This is our home. We have no where else to live.

"The thought that an attempt may even be made to throw us out on to the street is too dreadful to even contemplate."

The attractive blonde-haired American was

**Sister-in-law tells
of her eviction fear
after CAB judgment**

speaking exclusively to the *Sunday World* after the High Court granted judgment for £449,542 against David Huck in respect of unpaid taxes and interest for the years 1992 and 1993.

The bespectacled Englishman fled Ireland seven years ago after his yacht the Brime, containing £20 million of cannabis, was intercepted off the Kerry coast.

Four people on board the vessel were subsequently jailed for 10 years.

Part of the judgment against Huck relates to his bungalow home at Ogonnelloe, Aughinish, Co. Clare, where Susanne lives.

The detached two-bedroomed property is thought to be worth about £180,000.

Huck was arrested four years ago aboard a boat, the Fat Morgan, off the coast of Cornwall, after it was found to be carrying a further huge consignment of drugs.

Charges

A short time later he was jailed for 14 years on charges of conspiring to import the drugs into Britain. He is now in jail in Bristol.

Susanne McAllister and her husband Wil, a brother of David Huck's, moved to Ireland more than eight years ago and took up occupancy of the bungalow at Ogonnelloe.



Special report by CATHAL O'SHEA

Wil, an inventor and gifted engineer, had intended running a wheelchair manufacturing business in Co. Clare after his brother pledged to finance the enterprise.

According to Susanne McAllister, as part of their agreement David Huck promised to transfer ownership of the red-brick bungalow into their names in return for them coming to live in Ireland.

However, the 48-year-old Pittsburg woman complained yesterday that the transaction was never completed.

"David kept on telling us there were problems relating to the property's papers," she revealed.

"It was never transferred into our names and that is why we are having the great difficulties we are encountering today."

Susanne, who shares the bungalow with her eight-year-old son Alexander, said that neither she nor her husband Wil had any idea that David Huck was in anyway involved with drugs prior to the seizure of the Brime.

"It came as a dreadful and horrible shock to us all," she insisted. "It



DRUG RUNNER: High-living David Huck is now in jail in Bristol for drug running.

changed our lives totally and caused us unimaginable grief, great unhappiness and huge upsets."

She said her husband Wil, whom she loved dearly, never recovered from the series of sensational events involving his brother.

"He was heartbroken and fell into serious bad

health," she pointed out. "It put a huge strain on our marriage and we began drifting apart."

"From being a very easy-going and outgoing man, he withdrew into himself. He became almost reclusive, seldom venturing out."

His health deteriorated to such an extent that he suf-

fered serious heart problems.

On Friday, August 13 of last year he suffered a massive heart attack and died in his sleep. "Wil's death was premature and came as a major blow to all of us," Susanne said.

"I have no doubt but were it not for the shame and

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