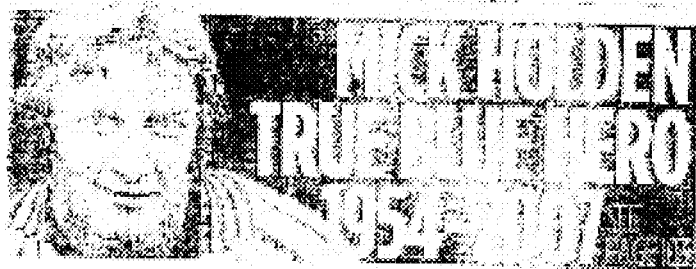


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MAN CHOKES IN SEX GAME KILLING

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The suspect in the killing of a woman was found after a search of the area around the victim's home. The police are looking for a man who was seen near the scene at the time of the crime. The victim was found in a room at the home, and the police believe the man was involved in the killing. The man was seen near the scene at the time of the crime. The police are looking for a man who was seen near the scene at the time of the crime.

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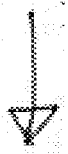


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SEX GAME KILLING

LEFT TO DIE: Manager's body found after days on sofa of his suburban apartment

By Gerard Looney and Cathal McMahon

DETECTIVES in Dublin were today looking for a gay killer who left his lover to die in a sex game.

The body of the Cadburys manager, in his 50s, was discovered tied up on the sofa at his home in the upmarket Merchamp apartment complex on Seafield Road East, Clontarf.

The victim, Fisharr Denny, apparently died of strangulation. He was dead for a number of days and his killer made no attempt to contact the emergency services.

The deceased was known to have regularly hosted parties for male friends and younger men at the apartment.

Gardaí were today trying to contact a number of associates who may have called to the home in the past fortnight. According to locals, he worked as an manager with chocolate manufacturer Cadburys.

His body was discovered yesterday when a friend of Mr Denny called to the man's house and couldn't get an answer.

He notified gardaí and the officers broke down the door of the apartment, assisted by members of the Dublin Fire brigade. Once inside, they discovered the body, which was partially decomposed on a sofa. The body was covered with a sheet and was tied with rope in a number of knots.

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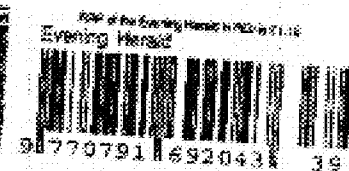
TEARS FOR HEROES AS BLAZE PROBED



A FIREMAN fights back the tears for his fallen colleague today as he probed the possibility that a spark could have caused the Bray fire disaster. Father of 15 Brian Murray (36) and Mark O'Shaughnessy (25) perished in the blaze. Supt Michael Lennihan said there was a "very fine" investigation into whether window work to seal the factory's door had sparked the fire.

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MAN KILLED IN KINKY SEX ACT MURDERED

By **DARRIN BOYLE**
Crime Reporter

A MAN who died during a bizarre sex game was murdered. It emerged yesterday.

A postmortem showed Finbarr Denny, 50, was stabbed to death before being left with a ligature around his neck and covered with a sheet.

The body of the 50-year-old, who was homosexual, lay undisturbed at his apartment in Clontarf on Dublin's northside for several days.

It was found on Wednesday afternoon after friends became concerned about his absence.

Garda Inspector Eddie Hyland said: "Postmortem results have shown the deceased died from a single stab wound."

"We would like to hear from people who were in the vicinity of Merchamp Apartments from Sunday, September 23, to Wednesday, September 26."

"In particular anybody who may have come in contact with the deceased."

Inspector Hyland added Mr Denny was last seen alive some time on Sunday night or day after

Victim, 50, was stabbed

morning. He explained: "Because it is a complex murder inquiry we are keeping a very open mind."

"We have a number of avenues to investigate."

Members of Mr Denny's distraught family identified his body at the city morgue in Marino. It has



PROBE: Scene in Clontarf and, right, Insp Hyland



emerged the victim was retired and had lived in Clontarf for the past 40 years. Before that he had lived in London for some time.

The murder probe is being led by Chief Supt Gerry Phillips at Sundry Garda station. He has drafted in expert detectives from the National Bureau of Criminal Investigation.

Chief Supt Phillips said: "The Technical Bureau are at the scene and house-to-house enquiries are ongoing."

"We would appreciate it if anybody who was in the area and noticed anything suspicious would contact us. We will keep their contacts confidential."

It is understood that there is no sign of a break-in at Mr Denny's home at Seafield Road East.

Gardaí have seized CCTV footage and are interviewing people who may have been in contact with Mr Denny before he was killed.

Anybody with information can call the incident room at Clontarf station on 01 806 1800.

Daily Irish Mail 29/9/07

KINKY GAY SEX MAN WAS STABBED

By **MICHAEL O'TOOLE**
Crime Correspondent

GARDAÍ hope the gay community will help them catch the killer of a man who was tied up and stabbed to death in his own home.

Officers believe victim Finbarr Denny was killed by a man he took back to his plush apartment in Clontarf, north Dublin, for sex.

Mr Denny, who was 50, had a plastic bag placed over his head, his hands were tied behind his back and he had a noose around his head — signs of sadomasochistic sexual activity.

Officers initially thought he may have died from asphyxiation, when men cut off the oxygen



supply to their brain as part of a bizarre sex kick.

But a post-mortem examination, by deputy State pathologist Dr Michael Curtis, showed he died from a stab wound.

Gardaí are expected to interview members of the local gay community to see if anyone can help them catch the killer. "Hopefully, someone will know something that will help us," a source said.

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MURDER: Gardaí remove the body

Star 29/9/07 Saturday

KINKY SEX HORROR



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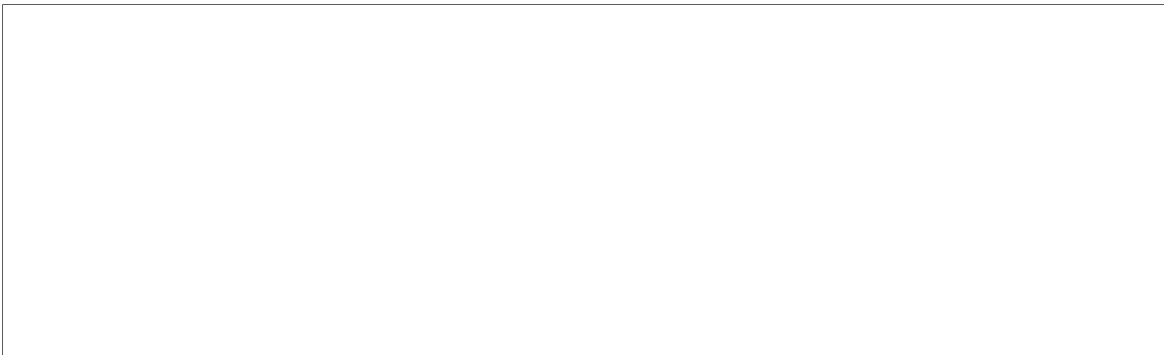
■ By MICHAEL O'TOOLE
Crime Correspondent

GARDAI were last night probing whether a man was murdered — or killed accidentally in a kinky sex game. The Star has learned that former Cadbury's chocolate executive Finbar Denny was found naked with a plastic bag over his head, a noose around his neck and his hands tied behind his back. His body was removed from his Clontarf apartment in north Dublin last night, 21 hours after Mr Denny was discovered by a pal.

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Murder riddle as naked man is found tied up and choked

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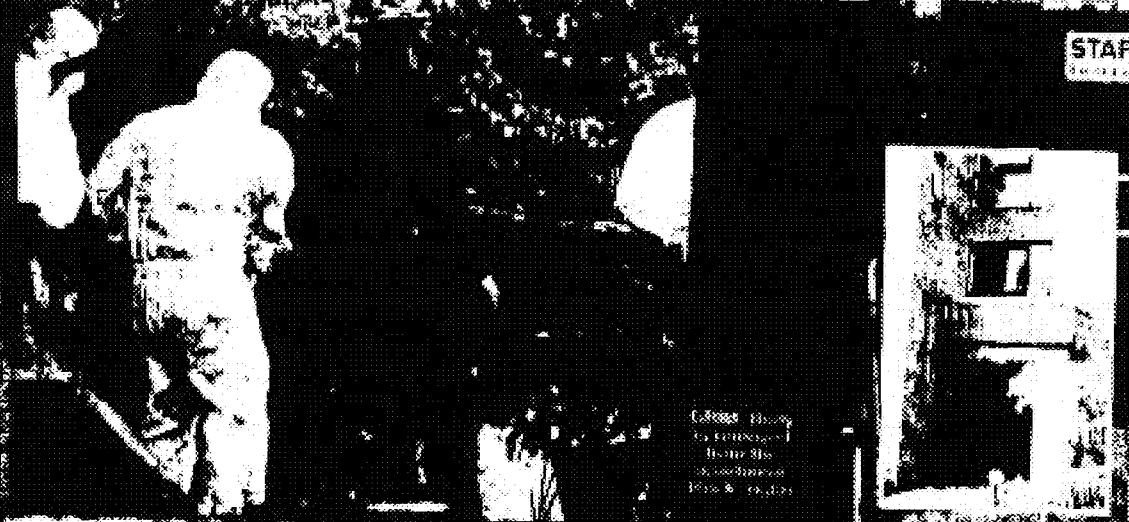


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Noose tied around neck in autoerotic romp

MURDER RIDDLE OF SEX GAME VICTIM



By MICHAEL BYRNE
Crime Correspondent

GARIBAI DIDN'T know if the man who was trussed up like a pig in a bizarre sex game was murdered — or died accidentally.

The case has baffled the British coroner — a mystery — because the victim's body was found bound with a plastic bag over his head, a noose around his neck and his hands tied behind his back.

He was found lying on a sofa three days after a noose was tied around his neck.

It looks

But there were no obvious signs of him being attacked and garibai felt he was involved in a kinky sex game that went horribly wrong.



MYSTERY Coroner drawn in the man's sex game (right) was victim's death

Garibai said he was sure the man had been bound by

him, who revealed an so-called autoerotic asphyxiation.

They had been deliberately strangling themselves when they are usually trying to increase the sensation of their orgasm.

But the high risk sex — strap death, quietly cut off the oxygen to their brains. The victim was game killed.

He was found hanging from a sofa in a luxury hotel room in 1987, aged 35.

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Shock over retired Cadbury's executive stabbed after being
trussed up with a noose around his neck in bizarre sex act

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WHO MURDERED GENTLE FINBARR

MILD-MANNERED, gentle and sometimes shy, Finbarr Dennehy was the last person any of his neighbours and friends would have expected to be reading about in the newspapers.

The retired chocolate company executive was best known to his neighbours as the man who took

By Shane Phelan
Crime Correspondent

great pride in maintaining the flowers in the small garden outside his plush ground-floor apartment.

To friends he was a tennis and ten-pin bowling fanatic, a close confidante and all-round popular guy.

They threw a surprise 38th birthday party for him three weeks ago and over 30 people attended.

None of those present would ever have

imagined the shocking circumstances in which his body would be found in his north Dublin apartment on Wednesday afternoon.

Mr Dennehy, a thin man, standing 5ft 10ins, with receding hair, was discovered lying on his couch, covered by a blanket.

A plastic bag was over his head, a rope tied in a noose around his neck and his hands bound behind his back. Blood from a stab wound had sprayed onto the sofa and floor.

It was the sort of crime scene few of the country's most experienced detectives

had ever encountered before. On the face of it, Mr Dennehy - who came out to friends as gay around four years ago - appeared to have died during a bizarre sexual act.

Officers initially thought he may have accidentally suffocated as a result of auto-erotic asphyxiation, a practice where a person intentionally reduces the amount of oxygen going to the brain to heighten the pleasure of an orgasm.

The sex game has claimed the lives of
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His body may have lain undiscovered four days



Investigation: The body being removed

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acute high-protein disease, including rare sugar Myher's that is seen in fatal, but was found during a test in a London hospital in 1987, and that is common in the Northern Hemisphere, who was found dead with an oxygen tank in his mouth in 1988.

But Mr. Kennedy's death was an acute death and it would take at least 48 hours to fully determine that he had only one toxic substance.

Medical experts believe that a full murder inquiry had been launched, after a post-mortem by Deputy Chief Pathologist Dr. Michael Clarke found that Mr. Kennedy had died as a result of a stroke in the brain.

The body had been undiscovered for a number of days, and the last recorded contact anyone had with him was late on Saturday night or the early hours of Sunday morning.

It was clear that eight years Mr. Kennedy was killed by someone who he knew and had trusted. There was no sign of forced entry at the apartment, and the money was missing from the safe, but the house was considered by a doctor who stayed with him on Saturday night at his home in the apartment block in the city.

Police started their investigation of a "one year" and "intensive" investigation which required the assistance of the country's chief specialist detective unit, the National Bureau of Criminal Investigation. The investigation and the police from the apartment block and surrounding areas are already being spoken of as crucial in catching the killer.

But another key to solving the case is likely to be Mr. Kennedy's contacts book. Experts were under way last night to track down everyone in the book since 1988, as well as people he knew in the gay community.

Mr. Kennedy, who worked with John G. Campbell in London, told the Daily Mail last night that he did not believe Mr. Kennedy was in a steady relationship with anyone when he was murdered. "I don't

His contacts book will be crucial

think he ever had a long relationship, certainly nothing like a year-long or 18-month relationship," the friend said.

"I've known him for over 20 years and I would have noticed with him for a long time. It is a huge shock to me. It never occurred to me that you expect to happen," he said.

The friend said Mr. Kennedy had taken early retirement two years ago after 20 years at Campbell's. He was working on the factory floor. He started off at the age of 17 in the bottom rung of the factory, as a part boy, and would have worked his way up through the ranks in various technical positions, including



World leader British MP Stephen Maguire, 46, was found dead of acute asphyxiation

The deadly fetish that dates back 400 years

By Klara Kubick

EROTIC asphyxiation, also known as breath control play, involves reducing the amount of oxygen travelling to the brain during sexual stimulation in order to heighten the pleasure of orgasm. The reduction in the amount of oxygen is brought to the brain by compressing the chest, occlusion and a self-induced hypoxia.

The erotic asphyxiation may involve another sexual partner involved, the practice is known as auto-erotic asphyxiation. It is most commonly performed by young males.

The person's breathing is usually controlled by holding a plastic bag over the head, or by self-strangulation using a scarf, rope, etc. around the neck. The danger associated with this practice and often results in accidental death.

Instances of erotic asphyxiation have been documented for 400 years and it is thought that it originated as a treatment for erectile dysfunction and impotence. It is believed that the connection between restricted breathing and sexual arousal was first observed at public hangings, where prisoners said that male victims were sexually aroused as they died.

In February of 1994, a British member of parliament with the Conservative Party, Stephen Maguire - pictured left on a motorbike with two of the two men - died from auto-erotic asphyxiation and self-strangulation. The 46-year-old's body was naked except for a pair of women's stockings and suspenders.

A piece of wood was fixed to Mr. Maguire's neck from his ankles and a substance was found in his mouth.

It is thought that he may have bitten on this in an attempt to keep his airway open if he passed out. It killed.

in finance and accounts and in the IT department, the friend said.

"He also did a degree in marketing and finance at night time in 1987 while working there. When he left the company he had a part-time job as a teacher.

It was around the time he left that he went out as being gay. It wasn't anything he was proud of, but it was his way of life.

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in the gay community. He could be a very sensitive person. When he did go out it was usually at weekends. But he never seemed to be meeting me in a gay bar or anything like that.

"It was his 20th birthday three weeks ago. There was a surprise party for him. He was invited over to a friend's house and around 20 people were there waiting for him.

"He had a lot of hobbies and interests. He loved chess and had

Not in a long relationship

a little garden outside his flat. He would take to his wife about a bit.

"He was also a big tennis fan. He loved Wimbledon and went there once or twice. He also played a bit and was a member of Clarendon Tennis Club for a while.

"He also loved going fishing and played on the Clarendon's trout fishing team," said the friend.

Neighbors at the Merthyrton apartments said Mr. Kennedy had lived there since for around 20 years and was on the complex's management committee.

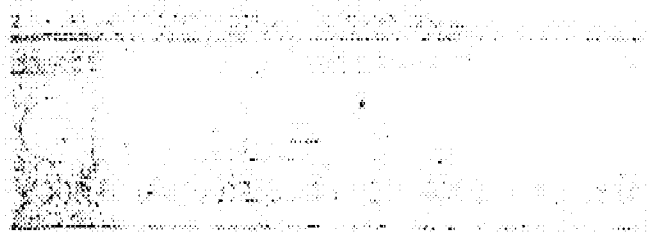
"He seemed to me to be a quiet man who kept himself to himself. He liked his flowers and used to tend them all the time," said one elderly neighbor who lived in the apartment complex.

"He wasn't the sort of man who would invite you in for a coffee or anything."

Another neighbor said garden had some flowers on the balcony doors on Wednesday night and had been working when people had been to the garden on Sunday and Monday.

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Welding sparks linked to blaze **Widow's ordeal over Tasmanian** **Man in 1000 Sparks**

WELDER sparks are thought to be responsible for the blaze which ripped through a cement factory in Walsley and led to the death of 200th birthday celebrations have been cancelled.

THE widow of a man killed in a fire which broke out in a Tasmanian factory is refusing to give the fire a name which she says is a disgrace.

ALBERTA, an elderly woman, has been awarded a £100,000 award for her services to the community. She is the first woman to be awarded the award.

WEATHER

TONIGHT

Clear, bright, warmer and drier than last night. Light to moderate rain in the north-east. Cold light easterly wind.

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TOMORROW

A warm day with some sun in the north and south. Clouds with drizzle in the north and rain in the south. Light easterly wind.

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Fergie is left flabbergasted

BITTERLY disappointed Manchester United boss Alex Ferguson admitted he was flabbergasted by his side's crushing 3-0 loss to Coventry in the Premier League last night.

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Your bible to going out

ALL the latest music releases reviewed by BRUCE EVERTS, LARRY CLARKE's electric choice, LARRY'S SUNDAY SINGERS and more in Blastbeat - plus sex and rock music plus the NEW CARD on the latest songs.

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THE rising star of the television world is the actress who is set to play the role of the most beautiful woman in the world in the new film 'The Hot Chick'.

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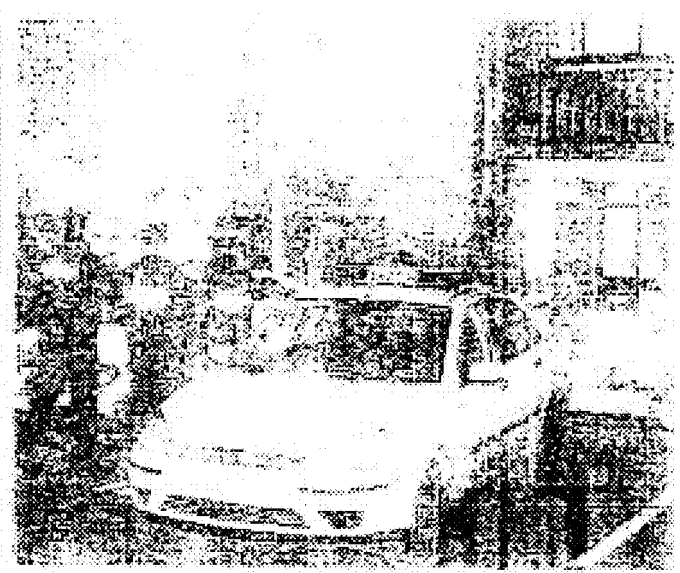
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AWKWARD PAUSE: MORRIS SEESULTS. Scenes at the home of Clarendon last night

Manager chokes in sex game strangling

DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE, but a manager who was in the middle of a sex game last night was strangled to death after a concerned friend called the police.

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GARDAI IN HUNT FOR KINKY MURDERER

A KINKY sex killer who stabbed a gay man to death in a bondage game was being hunted by cops last night.

Detectives earlier confirmed that Finbar Donnelly, 53, died from a single knife wound. He was

By MICHAEL DOYLE

found tied to a ladder with a hose round his neck and a plastic bag over his head.

The body remained undisturbed at his flat in Clontarf, Dublin, for **FOUR DAYS** with a friend raised the alarm last Wednesday when he couldn't

contact the former Cadbury executive.

Inspector Eddie Hyland said: "This is now a murder investigation."

"We are anxious to talk to anyone who saw anything suspicious around the Messump apartments between last Sunday and Wednesday afternoon."

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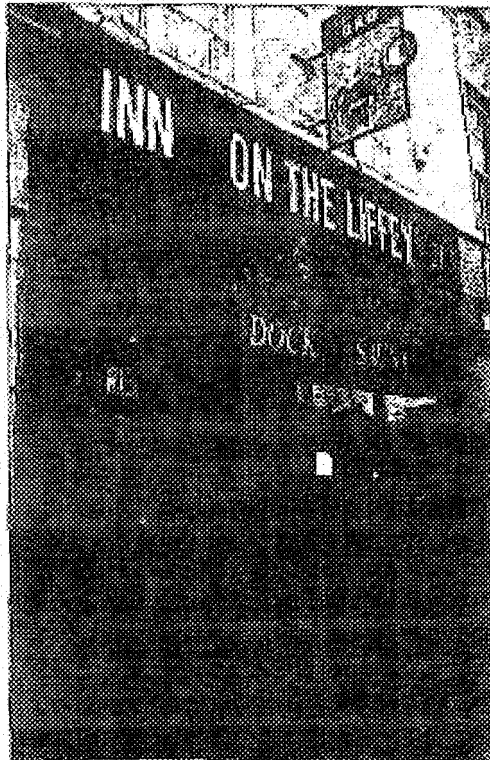
footage from the area where Mr Donnelly had lived for 30 years, to try to identify the psychotic killer.

Insp Hyland added: "This is a very complex investigation. Any information given to us will be treated in confidence."

Forensic and skull-sockets to assess head shock marks to assist experts in the brain for sexual stimulation.

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Daily Mail, Saturday, October 1, 2001



Arrest: Gardai swooped on a suspect at the popular gay bar

Was executive murdered in a robbery that went wrong?

CHICAGO'S company executive Finbar Donnelly may have been murdered by a serial attacker who picks up men in gay bars, sleeps with them, and then kills them.

Garde believe the attacker tried to force Mr Donnelly into divulging bank account details by tying him up and putting a bag over his head. The 120 robbery went last for and Mr Donnelly, 53, was stabbed to death.

Last night officers were searching a 41-year-old man in connection with the murder of Mr Donnelly's credit card was stolen and used after his death.

It is understood that the man was captured on CCTV leaving Mr Donnelly's apartment complex in Clontarf sometime after the former Cadbury's executive died.

Officers believe the slayer may

By Shane Phelan and Alan Sherry

have struck before, causing gay bars to pick up men, only to be taken up and strangled after having sex with them.

Gardai fear many of these offences were not reported as the victims were too embarrassed to come forward.

Finbar 'may have been tortured'

A friend discovered Mr Donnelly, 53, lying dead on the sofa in his apartment last Wednesday afternoon. He was badly tortured with a knife around his neck, a bag over his head and his hands bound.

It was initially thought he died during a robbery but was found as un-

dered as a robbery. However a post-mortem later determined that the cause of death was a single slash wound.

The suspect was arrested around 10pm on Saturday at a gay-friendly pubhouse in Dublin city centre.

Officers searched the man at his home on the 15th of September. He was found after tracking the use of his credit card and brought him to Clontarf police station, where he was still being detained last night.

It is understood that the man in custody became a suspect at the very early stages of the investigation.

Members of the gay community came forward and identified the man after police appealed for information. Sources said the man was spotted leaving a city centre bar with Mr Donnelly last week.

Officers believe Mr Donnelly was tortured in order to get him to reveal his bank details before being killed.



Popular bars is one of its attractions

Brother in eulogy to shy murder victim Finbar

THE retired Cadbury's executive who was found murdered at his apartment was a 'shy and retiring' man who would have hated being thrust into the spotlight, mourners at his funeral heard yesterday.

In a warm tribute to his brother Finbar of Clontarf's love the Baptist Church, marked with hymns, Kevin Donnelly recalled

By Louise Wain Allen Sherry

a sports-mad, humble man who worked hard and loved his family.

"He worked his way up through the ranks at Cadbury's," he said.

"He managed to retire before his brother 53, something that most of us would like to

do, and he owned a beautiful house."

It is almost two weeks since Finbar, 53, was found dead at his north Dublin apartment.

His body was discovered with a black bag over his head and his hands bound with rope. He died from a single slash wound.

Gardai have charged a 31-year-

old man with Finbar's death, and he appeared in court yesterday charged with assault causing serious harm.

The man was remanded in custody and will appear again on October 23.

Finbar's parish priest Fr Gerard Slattery told his parents, Mrs and Eddie, his two sisters, Anne Fynton and Frances

Whitton, and brothers Kevin and Jim, that the violent nature of Finbar's death had convinced all was known.

"We are commending the destruction of a human life at the death of Finbar's brother, and we can't help but ask the question why?"

"Why Fin, why is that word 'Why' without a word of justification?"

Daily Mail 9/10/01

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By MICHAEL DOYLE

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The body remained undiscovered at his flat in Clontarf, Dublin, for FOUR DAYS until a friend raised the alarm last Wednesday when he couldn't

contact the former Cadbury executive.

Inspector Eddie Hyland said: "This is now a murder investigation."

"We are anxious to talk to anyone who saw anything suspicious around the Merchants apartments between last Sunday and Wednesday afternoon."

Gardai are examining CCTV

footage from the area, where Mr Denny had lived for 20 years, to try to identify the sadistic killer.

Inspector Hyland added: "This is a very complex investigation. Any information given to us will be treated in confidence."

Homosexual thrill-seekers sit across round their necks to restrict oxygen to the brain for sexual stimulation.

GAY MURDER QUIZ

By MICHAEL DOYLE

A MAN was being queried by cops last night about the murder of gay executive Finbarr Denny.

The suspect was arrested at a flat in Clontarf's north-west city at the weekend.

Former Cadbury chief Donal Keenan, 45, was found dead in a blood-soaked room at his house

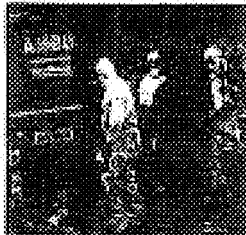
'Sex game' a smokescreen

at Clontarf, Dublin, last Wednesday. He died from a single stab wound.

His body was found with ropes, a noose round his neck and a black bag had been pulled over his head. A ladder was nearby.

When a sex game went wrong, several thrill-seekers in Clontarf were queried by cops last night about the murder of gay executive Finbarr Denny.

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Investigators ... search a Dublin house for

Daily Mirror 2/10/87

Donal Keenan was Donal Keenan, with ...

Daily Mirror

GAY MAN IS KILLED AS SEX ACT GOES WRONG

Death 'suspicious' as victim found tied up and covered

A GAY man died after a bizarre sex act went wrong, it emerged last night.

Finbarr Denny was found in his Clontarf apartment in Clontarf, Dublin, last night.

His body was found with a noose round his neck and a black bag had been pulled over his head. A ladder was nearby.

He was found with a blood-soaked room at his house

By DARRIN DOYLE

Michael Garcia, 45, was found dead in his Clontarf apartment last night.

Gardai said they were carefully treating the death as suspicious. Forensic experts examined the scene for clues.

Neighbours there have expressed sympathy for Garcia, who was known to many in the area.

It is believed he had been dead for several days.

A friend called to the apartment on Wednesday afternoon and became concerned.

Gardai arrived and found Garcia tied to the ceiling beams. Mr Denny

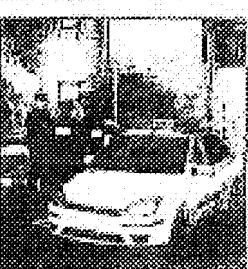
was found in the ground floor apartment in Clontarf, Dublin, last night.

Neighbours at the apartment complex were baffled by the circumstances surrounding the death.

He said: "It is a very quiet area of Clontarf and the death was suspicious. We were there on Wednesday night at night."

Neighbouring houses were also searched for clues.

The body was returned to the family in Malton for a post-mortem.



FLAGSHIP, Merchants Apartments

HOMELESS MAN CHARGED OVER GAY'S DEATH



By JEROME LANE
A HOMELESS man appeared in court yesterday charged in connection with the death of gay man Richard Donohy.

Judge remands him in custody

Michael Rowan, 41, was charged in court yesterday with the death of Richard Donohy, 33, a gay man who was found dead in his apartment in Chelsea, North Boston, last Wednesday.

Rowan, who was arrested last Wednesday, was remanded to the Suffolk County Jail on \$10,000 bail.

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MAN, 41, CHARGED OVER STAB DEATH

By JIM HENRY
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Killer thief 'may have staged fatal sex game'



Gardai are waiting to see what is missing

Tom Brady
Specialist Editor

GARDAI are investigating the possibility that the office of a middle-aged man who was stabbed to death in his apartment was a baited trap laid to make his victim's death look like the accidental result of a sex game.

It would mean that Finbar Donohoe was probably deceived by the apartment agent at Clontarf on Monday night, but his body was not found until Wednesday afternoon.

The body of the 39-year-old was found on a balcony with his arms and legs stretched out in a 'Y' shape at the Marquise apartment complex at the corner of Beaulieu Road and Victoria Avenue in Dublin's northside.

A black bag had been placed over the head and a silver chainsaw over the body.

The body was fully clothed and the stab wound was not discovered until the deputy State Pathologist, Dr Michael Curtis carried out a post mortem examination on Thursday night.

Dr Donohoe also suffered fractures as a result of being tied up.

Last night the deputy Superintendent who was still working off an injury from an earlier lesson in the Phoenix Park continued a detailed examination of the apartment.

Senior Garda officers said they had been in the street for almost three hours from the apartment, but were unable to

find any more of Mr Donohoe's possessions in the flat.

Police officers said it was not clear whether Mr Donohoe might have known the killer but there was no sign of a search of the apartment.

The murder was described by the Garda as a 'sex game' and a 'baited trap' which had been laid by the killer to make it look like an accidental death.

Mr Donohoe, who had worked for many years in the advertising industry, had been living in Clontarf on Monday night. He was found by Gardaí on Wednesday afternoon.

Donohoe had made telephone contact with a woman telephone number in Clontarf and had been told that he had been told to search with another person later that evening.

Local Gardaí are carrying out door-to-door enquiries in the area and are also examining



Inspector Eddie Hyland of Railway Garda Station appeared for information yesterday at the killing of Finbar Donohoe in the quiet apartment complex in Clontarf.

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MAN ARRESTED OVER KINKY SEX KILLING

Gardaí question a suspect over fatal knife attack



GARDAI were last night questioning a man over the murder of tragic farmer Cadbury's boss Fisher Denny.

It was reported to a gardaí station during the night that a man had been seen near the scene of the murder, which took place at 40...

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Suspect used stab victim's credit card

Alan O'Keeffe
and Tom Brady

THE man being questioned about the murder of retired executive Finbar Denny was tracked down by gardai after he used the dead man's credit card to check into a bed & breakfast.

The 41-year-old suspect was arrested by gardai at a guest-house on Saturday night.

Garda sources last night revealed they were alerted to his location after the victim's credit card was used at the B&B in Dublin's city centre.

Detectives took the man to Clontarf Garda Station shortly after 9pm on Saturday, where they began to question him about the death of Mr Denny. The man's period of detention was extended at 10am yesterday as the investigation into the killing entered its fourth day.

Investigating officers last night extended his period of detention.

Garda said post-mortem results revealed that Mr Denny's death was caused by a single stab wound.

Detectives believe the 50-year-old victim was killed last Monday - two days before his body was found in his apartment in the Merchants complex at the corner of Seafield Road and Vernon Avenue in Clontarf.

He was discovered tied up with rope, lying on a sofa with a black bag placed over his head and a sheet thrown across it.

It was initially believed he may have been strangled with rope.

However, a post-mortem examination by Deputy State



Garda at the scene in Clontarf where the body was found

Pathologist Dr Michael Curtis revealed that the stab wound was the cause of death.

There were no signs of a break-in at the apartment which led gardai to suspect Mr Denny may have known his killer.

Mr Denny was single and lived alone at the apartment. He had recently retired from an executive position at chocolate manufacturer Cadbury's.

Work colleagues and friends described him as a shy, loyal and generous person who could be very witty and who did not wear being gay like a badge on his sleeve.

Mr Denny was born in England. He was brought to Ireland by his parents, who are originally from Cork but returned to Ireland with their children to live in Dublin when he was 13.

'Gay sex game' ends in death

By DAMIEN LANE,
Crime Editor, and
MICHAEL DOYLE

A GAY man was found dead tied to a ladder with a plastic bag over his head and a noose round his neck at a north Dublin flat.

Retired chocolate company executive Finbarr Denny, in his 50s, may have died when a sex game with another man went wrong.

Last night a gardai investigation into the bizarre death was poised to become a murder hunt.

As detectives awaited the results of a post-mortem, they were not ruling out that Mr Denny had been STRANGLED.

He may also have been STABBED before his body was covered with a bedsheet at the flat on the posh Merchamp estate in Cantarr.

But cops have not ruled out that Mr Denny died in a kinky accident like INXS rocker Michael Hutchence who suffered autonomic asphyxiation - intentionally reducing oxygen to the brain for sexual stimulation.

A woman neighbour described Mr Denny, who took redundancy from Cadbury's 18 months ago, as "a lovely but lonely man". But she added: "He received lots of young men."

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Horrer... body removed

NOOSE DEATH

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and sometimes young women, into his apartment. They visited all the time."

Tall and slim Mr Denny was said by other neighbours to be quiet and reserved, rarely talking to other residents.

His body was discovered last Wednesday after a friend alerted gardai when he could not contact the former exec.

Cops arrived with firemen who broke down the door to Mr Denny's flat.

A neighbour said: "My friend, who raised the alarm, was outside with tears in his eyes. He was white as a ghost when he came out."

Shocked

"It's a total shock. No one can believe that he is dead."

Detectives are trying to piece together Mr Denny's movements in the last few weeks.

They are trying to trace friends in the gay community.

His body was moved to the city morgue last night for a post-mortem.

Gardai are expected to launch a murder inquiry when the results are known.

Forensic officers examining the flat yesterday.

DNA and fibre evidence will be crucial to the investigation.

Sources confirmed last night that there were no foreign objects such as fruit involved.

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Gardaí turn to gay websites to help solve hate crimes

GARDAÍ are increasingly turning to the internet to help solve crimes involving members of the gay community.

Gay tourist officers have been picking up cases as well as investigating the use of websites to spread hatred, the Irish Daily Mail has learned.

Another case was being investigated as an effort to encourage members of the intelligence community to help the police find out more about the coverage. This is the first and only case.

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Appeals have also been made in relation to a number of

By **Diarmuid Phelan**
Irish Daily Mail Reporter

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Victims picked up in gay bars

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Dublin is top city for seeking sex online

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Was it murder or a bizarre sex act?

QUADRAI were last night investigating whether a man found with his hands bound and a bag over his head was murdered or died during a bizarre sexual act.

By Alan Sherry and Sharon Phillips

The man, named locally as Robert Denroche, was found by a concerned friend in his apartment in Chelsea, north London, after he had not been heard from for several days.

Mr Denroche, who was in his 30s and a former employee of Quadrai, was discovered on a sofa in the ground-floor apartment with a towel around his neck, a bag over his head and his hands bound behind his back.

Officers suspect that Mr Denroche died from suffocation. It is also understood that blood found in the apartment may have been the result of a knife wound to his leg.

Quadrant were last night investigating a number of theories, including the possibility he died accidentally as a result of auto-erotic asphyxiation, which is the practice of intentionally restricting the amount of oxygen going to the brain during sex in order to heighten the pleasure created during an orgasm.

A post-mortem was being conducted late last night by Deputy State Pathologist Dr Michael Curtis at the Middlesex Hospital.

Officers said that the results of the examination would determine how they proceed with the investigation.

Whatever the cause of Mr Denroche's death, he is considered an intentional, partial victim and a person was involved. A Quadrai source said: "There was no sign of forced entry as the body was discovered in the living room."

"We also think he would have been dead for some time before he was discovered."

Investigators also think the person who was with him on the night he died may have planned to move the body, possibly in the dead man's car.

Mr Denroche's car was moved close to the door of his apartment and blankets and sheets had been laid out in the back of it, as if in readiness to wrap around his body.

Mr Denroche's body was found at 2.30pm on Wednesday in the Mar-Quadrant apartment complex on Bedford Road East when a friend with a key to the apartment called around after failing to reach him by phone.

The friend immediately called the police, who sealed off the scene and conducted a full forensic examination before removing the body.

Witnesses in the complex said Mr Denroche, who lived on his own, was known to them parties occasionally and would regularly be visited by friends at his apartment.

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Drifter is charged after gay death

By Shane Phelan

AN ITCHING DRIFTER was yesterday charged with sexual assault without harm to former associate company executive Finbar Denehy.

Mr Denehy, 53, who was gay, died as a result of a stroke last week. His fully clothed body was found last Wednesday at his apartment in the exclusive Marquise apartment complex in Clontarf.

A knife was found in his neck, a plastic bag was over his head and his hands were bound behind his back. It is thought he had been dead for a few days.

Michael Downes, 45, of 88 Bard Street, but formerly of 100-100 Avenue, East, Co. Wick, appeared before Dublin District Court before Mag Paul Stattersy said he made no reply when the charges were put to him.

Judge William Early was told by a solicitor representing Downes that there would be no application for bail, and he remanded Mr Denehy to appear at Clontarf District Court next Monday.

Downes, a thin man standing 5ft 10in, with dark wavy hair, did not speak during yesterday's brief hearing. Wearing an ill-fitting oversized grey tracksuit and brown shoes, he sat hunched on a bench directly in front of the judge.

Several members of the Garda investigation team, including officers from Clontarf Garda Station and from the National Bureau of

He had a large circle of friends

Criminal Investigation, were in court for the hearing.

It is understood that no members of Mr Denehy's family, or any relatives of the accused, were present.

Mr Denehy had retired from his job as a purchasing manager at Cadbury's in 1972 after 20 years, after three decades with the company. His death came just three weeks after March 1982 a surprise 50th birthday party for him.

A close pal described him as a well-mannered and gentle man. He had only come out as being gay around the time he left Cadbury's, and had been active in the capital's gay pub and club scene.

He had lived in a ground-floor apartment at the 20th Marquise apartment for 10 years.

Investigators said he was very fond of the garden he maintained in the small garden outside his gate. He had a large circle of friends.



Man arrested over grotesque killing

A MAN was arrested last night by gardai investigating the death of Dublin homosexual Finbar Dennehy, who was killed in a grotesque attack that has sickened even hardened detectives.

The man was taken into custody shortly before 8pm last night and was being questioned in Clontarf Garda station, where he can be held for 24 hours without charge.

He is believed to be in his 40s and from the country and was arrested at a city centre B&B.

Mr Dennehy, a 50-year-old retired Cadbury's purchasing manager, was found

By Valerie Hanley

dead at his home in the north Dublin suburb of Clontarf last Wednesday.

He was lying on a blood-soaked sofa in his apartment with a plastic bag over his head and a rope tied in a noose around his neck. A ladder was found close by and, with the murder victim's hands bound behind his back, gardai at first suspected that Mr Dennehy was the unsuspecting victim of a sex game that went wrong.

However, a post-mortem indicated he died from a stab wound. One of the lines of

inquiry being pursued by gardai is that his killer may have staged the sex scene in order to cover his tracks.

Mr Dennehy, a thin man standing 5ft 10in tall, with receding hair, lived alone at the upmarket Merchamp apartment complex in Clontarf.

He had a wide circle of friends who have described him as a gentle soul with a great sense of humour.

He retired from his job at Cadbury's a year ago and had recently come out and spoken openly to friends about his homosexuality.

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SEX LINK THEORY

GARDAI believe murder victim Finbar Dennehy spent the night with the man who stabbed him.

The 50-year-old gay man was found in his Dublin apartment with a noose around his neck, a plastic bag on his head and his hands tied behind his back.

But there was no sign of forced entry at the retired Cadbury's executive's home in Clontarf.

This led to detectives to the theory that a lover stayed overnight at the flat before killing his victim during a kinky sex session.

A 42-year-old man was arrested and being questioned last night about the killing.

FIGHT FOR LIFE

A PEDESTRIAN was fighting for her life in hospital last night after being hit by a car early yesterday in Killarney, Co. Wick.

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Man charged over stabbing death



Michael Donohoe (left) led to court where he is accused of a death resulting from a fight for Paddy Donohoe in Clontarf

Donohoe charged

A 47-YEAR-OLD man has appeared in court charged in connection with the death of retired engineer Paddy Donohoe in Clontarf last week.

Michael Donohoe, of no fixed abode but originally from Fermoy, Co. Cork, appeared before Dublin District Court yesterday charged with assault causing serious harm to the victim's health as a common law offence.

Mr Donohoe, who was wearing a grey 1939 coat and brown trousers, did not see arrested

during the street hearing. The court heard that he had been arrested yesterday morning in Clontarf Garda Station and charged a night before last.

Garda Paul Harty said the court he made no statement when charged.

The court also heard that Mr Donohoe had got out of his original home in Clontarf at a long time.

Mr Donohoe was remanded in custody until a date to be fixed in court.

He was taken to Clontarf Garda Station and held for the necessary period of 14 hours. Gardaí were then alerted on

extension to hold him for another 14 hours.

Mr Donohoe's body was discovered in his apartment at Seaford Hotel just Wallington. The 50-year-old had been tied up with rope and had a blood bag over his head.

It is believed his body could have been there since last Sunday. A forensic pathologist's examination revealed he had died from a single stab wound.

Judge Hugh O'Connell remanded Mr Donohoe in custody to appear before District Court on Wednesday.

