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**Mr. Stephen Manning,
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Date. 9 June 2016

Our Ref. S.2224.16

**Re: DPP v Stephen Manning
Castlebar District Court**

Dear Mr. Manning,

Please find enclosed by way of disclosure the following statements:

1. Rory O'Connor.
2. Peter Mooney.
3. Nicola Daly.
4. Cathy McDarby.
5. Judy Quinlan.
6. Miriam Tallon.
7. Dermot Morahan.
8. Garda Raymond O'Dowd.
9. Garda Patrick Walsh.
10. Garda Frank Nestor.
11. Garda Denis Egan.
12. Garda John Flanagan.
13. Garda Hugh McHugh.
14. Garda Sean Ryan.
15. Garda Kevin O'Connor.
16. Sergeant Gary McEntee.
17. Superintendent Joseph McKenna.
18. Sergeant Naomi De Ris.

Yours faithfully,



**VINCENT DEANE
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Our Ref : ROC/AR

15th September, 2015

Your Ref:

FAO Sergeant Naomi de Rĩs,
Sergeant's Office,
An Garda Siochana,
Castlebar,
CO. MAYO.

Re: Incidences at Castlebar District Court on Wednesday 2nd September, 2015.

Dear Sergeant de Rĩs,

I confirm for you that I have no problem in giving a Statement relative to the above.

I sat in my usual place in front of Supt Joe McKenna and witnessed first Mr. Manning's application and then Mr. Granahans. Manning wanted a Summons against Sergeant Peter Hanley redated. Judge Kilraine asked him if Sergeant Hanley was on notice of the application, as he was entitled to notice of same. When he replied that he was not on notice, the Judge gave an indication that it would have to be adjourned to serve notice on him. Manning started querying this and began abusing the Court telling the Judge he was part of a conspiracy to thwart Justice along with the Gardai, the Solicitors and the Court staff. The Judge tried to explain that there were rules of Court to be followed, but to no avail. There were about 20 supporters of Manning at various places in the Courtroom, who started to heckle and disrupt the Court. When Manning would not accept the Judge's ruling, the Judge refused his application leading to more abuse.

The next matter called was a Summons against Fintan Murphy and this was dealt with by Granahan, who wanted to know if Mr. Murphy was in Court. He was informed by the Judge that a High Court Order had been made, preventing anything further being done in that case. Prompted by Mr. Manning he referred to the Constitution and that

he had only been given notice of this the previous night at bedtime. He said that it was no coincidence that all the phones were down and he couldn't contact people. He said the Order served on him the night before was flawed. It was partly written and partly typed. Again the Judge pointed out calmly that the matter could not go ahead because of the High Court Order. He was jeered and shouts of 'Out, Out, Out' came from the body of the Court.

Granahan and Manning were abusive and telling the Judge to abide by his Oath and also directed the same abuse to Supt McKenna, telling them that they were now affecting a citizens arrest of the Judge and Superintendent. The shouting from the body of the Court continued all the time. I heard Manning refer to Dermot Morahan, Solicitor, as filth.

It was clear that these people were intent on continuing their protest and sabotaging the business of the Court. The Judge adjourned the days proceedings to the 16th September and left the bench. I left the Courtroom and returned to my Office.

The above is a short version of events. If you wish me to go through it in more detail, you can give me a ring. It was complete anarchy and I hope the recording system was on to give the flavour of the premeditated attack on the Court and its Officers.

Yours sincerely,

~~Rory O'Connor,~~
Solicitor,
Garavan & O'Connor.

Report on Castlebar District Court sitting on 9th September, 2015

Court completed at 10.40 a.m. with Judge Kevin Kilraine presiding. Inadvertently the DAR system was not turned on until 1051 a.m. Four civil matters were dealt with.

An application by Mr Stephen Manning to re-issue a criminal summons against Sgt Peter Hanley of An Garda Siochana (AGS) which had been previously issued by Judge Kilraine was called. Mr Manning made his application. At 10.51 a.m. Judge Kilraine refused the application on the basis that the other party to the case had not been notified of the application. Mr Manning protested this decision loudly insisting that he was not "getting support from the Courts, in fact they were actually working against our interests ... deliberate obstructionism, documents altered..." Mr Manning then sought to have the matter adjourned but Judge Kilraine again stated that he was refusing the application. There was a lot of shouting at this point.

At 10.53 a.m. the next case, Colm Granahan v Fintan Murphy, was called. Mr Granahan read out a prepared speech which culminated in him wanting the Gardai in attendance to re-affirm their oaths as Gardai or to vacate the Court. He argued about this for several minutes. When Mr Murphy's solicitor stood up to address the Court, Mr Granahan shouted at him to sit down which he did on a number of further occasions during the course of the Court. The Judge sought to address the matter on a number of occasions but was shouted over by Mr Granahan.

At 10.59 a.m. Mr Manning stood up, said he was a friend of the Court and began speaking. Judge Kilraine informed him that he had no standing but Mr Manning simply ignored him and continued speaking. Mr Manning and Mr Granahan continued speaking over the Judge for about the next 7 to 8 minutes. At 11.09 a.m. the supporters of the applicants gave a round of applause to Mr Manning. The Judge on a number of occasions sought to refer to the High Court Order granted on 27th August to Mr Murphy but in each case was shouted down. At 11.13 a.m. the Judge adjourned the case to 18th November, 2015.

At this point Mr Manning stated "that's a lie Judge; you are lying in your own Court". He further stated that the affidavits submitted to the High Court were false and misleading. That they would issue summonses against the solicitors involved for perjury. During this there are 2 rounds of applause from the body of the Court. On a number of occasions the Judge tried to speak but on every occasion he was hectored, berated and shouted at. He was informed that he was in contempt of his own Court.

At 11.23 a.m. Judge Kilraine again adjourned the case to 18th November, and announced a 10 minute adjournment of the Court. During the adjournment I spoke to the Judge and the Superintendent separately to try and establish what options were available to use.

At 11.36 a.m. the Court re-commenced. Judge Kilraine announced that if they wished to make further argument, then case would be dealt with later to allow other matters to proceed. Mr Granahan then announced that he was placing Judge Kilraine under a citizen's arrest. He requested that the Superintendent take the Judge into custody. Mr Manning asked for a show of hands supporting this to a round of applause. They then

began berating the Superintendent telling him that "he was a disgrace to his uniform". They then announced that the Superintendent was under arrest.

At this point the noise level rose even more with the supporters in the body of the Court chanting "off the bench, off the bench," and stamping and banging. The Judge then called another case and the defending solicitor stood up. The chanting and shouting continued making it impossible to proceed. At 11.47 a.m. the Judge adjourned the court. All cases on summonses or on bail were put back to Castlebar on 16th September. There were 2 defendants on remand. In line with the provisions on the cancellation of a Court, these were remanded in custody to the next sitting in the District tomorrow 3rd September, 2015 and warrants were properly issued. There were 3 bench warrants executed and one new set of charges before the Court. Following discussion with the Judge, a special court was held in chambers to deal with these cases. All defendants were released on bail.

During the course of the special court, the fire alarm went off. (It would appear that a prisoner was smoking in the cells but I cannot confirm this 100%). The Fire Brigade arrived at the Courthouse. The fire alarm was deactivated but later came back on. The firemen sought clear the building fully but the persons involved in the disruption did not leave the courtroom.

During the course of the special court, I re-entered the courtroom to see a woman sitting on the Judge's chair. It appeared that the people involved were holding their own Court. I later confirmed that this was the case by listening to DAR. It appears that they appointed their own judge and dealt with four issues.

1. Request the proceedings could be recorded.
2. An ex-parte application that AGS assist in the arrest of Judge Kevin Kilraine.
3. The issue of bench warrants for Judge Kilraine, Fintan Murphy, Superintendent Joe McKenna and Sgt Peter Hanley.
4. That all other matters before the court on that date be thrown out.

The "judge" granted these.

During the course of the Court, the following is a sample of the comments, shouts, etc. directed at the Court.

- "It's a freak show"
- "You're a disgrace"
- "Resign, resign.."
- "Off the bench, off the bench.."
- "You not a worthy Irish man"
- "If you worked in McDonalds, I would fire you"
- "Impeachment proceedings would be brought"
- "You're lying"
- "You're in contempt of your own Court"
- "We will lodge a criminal summons against you"

Peter Mooney
Office Manager
2nd September, 2015

Statement of Nicola Daly of Patrick J. Durcan & Co. Solicitors James Street,
Westport, Co. Mayo. Tel No: [REDACTED]

Occupation: Solicitor D.O.B: [REDACTED] taken on 9th of December at Castlebar Garda
Station by Mark Walkin Garda 35541M of Castlebar Garda Station

I hereby declare that this statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and
that I make it knowing that if it is tendered in evidence I will be liable to prosecution
if I state in it anything I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

I Nicola Daly am a Solicitor employed in the practice of Patrick J Durcan & Co
Solicitors, James Street, Castlebar, Co Mayo. On the 2nd September 2015 I attended
at Castlebar District Court. I was attending court in the course of representing a
number of clients who were in court that day. I was seated in the seating area
regularly used by Solicitors. The court was extremely busy and there was little
seating room for anybody available. I noticed two men whom I did not know sitting
across from me in the area usually reserved by Solicitors, The Judge arrived and the
Registrar began the court list. A case apparently involving these two men was called
by the Court Clerk and a disagreement arose between the Judge and these two
individuals. I was unaware as to what their case was related to but I have never heard
or witnessed anybody speak to a Judge in the manner in which Judge Kilraine was
spoken to by the two men. It was utterly disrespectful. In addition there was shouting
from members of the public at Judge Kilraine and what could only be described as
chaos ensued. I have never seen a courtroom to be in such disarray before. Judge
Kilraine attempted to gain order in the court but it could not be achieved. There was

shouting at the Gardai present by various people who I do not know. I do not recall all that was said but I do recall that they were asking the Gardai for their Garda Cards. Judge Kilraine stating that he was adjourning the list to an alternative date and wasn't proceeding with all matters. The District Court clerk Peter Mooney informed solicitors that the Judge would be hearing any cases involving persons in custody in chambers. I had been asked that morning to represent an individual who had been brought to the court from Westport Garda Station. Peter Mooney informed me that the Judge would hear this case in chambers. I proceeded into chambers in the presence of Superintendent McKenna, the prosecuting Guard (who I do not know the name of) the said defendant and Judge Kilraine. I could hear there was still a lot of activity in the court room while I was in the Judges chambers. Peter Mooney, the court clerk entered the Judges Chambers and informed the Superintendent and the Judge that their papers were left out and that there were members of the public "taking over the court" and sitting on the Judges bench. Superintendent McKenna then sought to deal with the matter with the Gardai that were present. I left the Judges chambers and I could see that there were people still in the court room clapping and there was a lady sitting on the Judges seat. I do not know who these people are as I had never seen them before. I left the Court room as approximately 12 O'clock. The fire alarm in the court was sounding at this stage and I exited the court house. I am qualified as a solicitor for just under five years and I have never witnessed events such as those which occurred on the 2nd of September in a court room or such behaviour by members of the public towards a Judge. I felt afraid and intimidated by this. This is the end of the statement.

Signed: Nicola Daly

Witnessed: Mark Walkin Garda 35541M

Statement of Cathy McDarby of McDarby Solicitors, Glebe Street, Ballinrobe, Co. Mayo. Tel No: [REDACTED] Occupation: Solicitor D.O.B: 25/09/1976 taken on 08/10/15 at Castlebar Garda Station by Sergeant Naomi de Rís, 00496M

I hereby declare that this statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and that I make it knowing that if it is tendered in evidence I will be liable to prosecution if I state in it anything I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

My name is Cathy McDarby and I am a Solicitor based in Ballinrobe, Co. Mayo. On the 2nd September 2015 I was present in Castlebar District Court to represent a number of clients. I remember that one of the first applications was by Stephen Manning whom I know. His application was in relation to Sergeant Hanley with regard to summonses. He was sitting on the Garda side of the Courtroom, he was standing there beside Colm Granahan, whom I also know. While Stephen Manning was making his application he was getting very heated towards the Court and exceptionally agitated. This application was refused by Judge Kilraine after about 15 minutes. The next application was Colm Granahan's application which related to a summons against Fintan Murphy, County Registrar. This application was unable to go ahead because of a High Court Order and when this was brought to light, that's when the shouting and intimidations in Court started. Mr. Granahan and Mr. Manning, over the course of an hour and more, were shouting and arguing with the Judge. Their demeanour was very intimidating. While they were in the Garda benches there was a large number of people in the court room who seemed to be connected to them and spread out all over the courtroom. I definitely recognised the younger O'Donnell. I've seen him in Court before. He is in Court today, the 8th October 2015 and wearing the same white shirt he wore on that day in September. He was standing in front of the side door of the Courtroom out to the foyer. I recognised them all as people who attended court on behalf of Integrity Ireland but I wouldn't know all their names. There was an awful lot of shouting from the people in the body of the Court connected with Integrity Ireland. They were shouting "disgrace", "get off the bench" at the Judge Kilraine. They were also heckling constantly at Judge Kilraine - anytime he tried to speak was shouted down. I found the atmosphere and the shouting exceptionally intimidating and frightening. A number of times I wanted to talk to my clients, who were sitting away from me in the courtroom about their case, but I felt it would have been unsafe for me to move from my seat on the

Solicitors benches. I felt that at any stage violence could erupt. I was conscious of the fact that the doors to the Courtroom were blocked by Integrity Ireland at the back and O'Donnell at the side and they are the only two doors we have access to. The shouting got worse and worse and even though Judge Kilraine had risen for a number of minutes to let matters, I presume, die down, this did not occur. At that point a lot of people sat down on the floor. I had heard it being said not to stand up when Judge Kilraine came back into court. Then Judge Kilraine came back in and after again being shouted at by Mr. Manning and Mr. Granahan, he tried to move on to the first case. That was Fiona Whelan, Ms Whelan's case was called, she moved forward and Dermot Morahan, the Solicitor who was acting for her, tried to deal with the case. At that stage the shouting was so loud it was impossible to fully hear the Judge. Then Mr. Manning started shouting at Dermot that he was to sit down, that Mr. Morahan had sent a letter to the High Court in another case when he was supposed to be in High Court and had not turned up. Mr. Morahan never responded. Prior to this, at one point during the hour, Mr. Granahan and Mr. Manning decided that Judge Kilraine should be placed under citizen's arrest. They ordered Inspector McKenna to arrest him. Inspector McKenna did not respond and when he refused to respond, they placed him under arrest and demanded to know where the Court Sergeant was. I did feel very vulnerable and very concerned for my safety and that of my colleagues during the whole affair. It ended when Judge Kilraine was prevented from running the first case by the shouting and banging from the crowd and he adjourned all cases for two weeks and immediately left the Courtroom. I gathered my files and as I had a client in custody spoke with the relevant Garda about that and left the Court. From what I could see all the people there for other matters and the Court list left also but the Integrity Ireland group stayed. This statement has been read over to me and is correct.

Signed: Cathy McDarby

Witnessed: Naomi de Rís, Sergeant

Statement of Judy Quinlan, Probation Service, Castlebar, Co. Mayo. Tel No: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Occupation: Probation Officer. Taken on 24/09/15 at Castlebar Garda
Station by Sergeant Naomi de Rís, 00496M

I hereby declare that this statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and that I make it knowing that if it is tendered in evidence I will be liable to prosecution if I state in it anything I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

My name is Judy Quinlan and I work as a Probation Officer, in the Probation Service, Castlebar. On Wednesday 2nd September 2015, I was on Court Duty. This involves presenting Probation Reports to the Courts and taking referrals to the Probation Service if required on the day. Judge Kevin Kilraine was the Judge on the day. Court started normally. During the applications to the Court a case was called for a man called Stephen Manning. I had already seen that the court was very busy with a lot of strange faces. I noticed people standing right beside my seat wearing badges or stickers on their shirts. This man, Stephen Manning whom I did not know, had a case against Sergeant Peter Hanley, whom I do know. He was making an argument to the Judge about some point. From the very beginning, the whole atmosphere felt aggressive. The people beside me with the badges were muttering and making comments the whole time. As the Court went on the atmosphere became more tense, and aggressive and intimidating. All the people with the badges were shouting out comments to the Judge, to the Guards and to the Solicitors. These were comments like "you're corrupt". They shouted to Solicitors that they were corrupt too. They had different words that they were shouting like "injustice" and "unfairness" a say that was not in keeping with Courtroom etiquette. Stephen Manning and the man beside him, that I now know is Colm Granahan, were sitting beside the Guards in the seat where the State Solicitor would normally sit. That seemed odd to be sitting there when they were lay litigants. It seemed to me that these two men were encouraging the rest of the people with the badges because they kept insisting that the system was corrupt, that the Judge was corrupt. The more these two men kept on with that line of talk the more the crowd kept on with shouting out the abuse, this abuse was directed mainly at the Judge but also at the Guards and Solicitors. It felt like they had agreed a list of words between the men and the crowd because the only people shouting abuse were the people with the badges. Even the criminals were not engaging. I was watching some clients and they did not join in. The badges voices were very raised

and it continued on then a good while, well over an hour. At one stage they shouted at Superintendent Joe McKenna, to arrest Judge Kilraine as they were making a citizen's arrest. When the Superintendent didn't respond the two lay prosecutors told the Duty Sergeant to arrest the Superintendent and that they were making a citizen's arrest against him. Through it all, the Judge and the Gardaí were quiet, allowing them to have their say. I was worried because I wasn't sure what would happen next. The few next to me were shouting, it was all getting more and more intimidating. The Judge then decided to start on the criminal list and the first defendant that he called was a Probation Client who was up for a Probation Report. That client was standing beside me. When the case was called the crowd started shouting down the Judge and the Court Clerk. It was obvious the client was quite scared because she kept moving closer to me. She was surrounded by this crowd of shouting people. The other Probation Officer Miriam Tallon was on my other side and we knew the client seemed scared. At this stage, the Court list was suspended and the list was adjourned for two weeks because they couldn't continue with the noise and the disruption that the crowd was making. Before this I saw that a couple of that crowd had gone up to the balcony and the Guards went up once they thought they were videoing the Court. I am quite clear that the crowd was responding to the two lay litigants. The more those two Stephen Manning and Colm Granahan made accusations and comments, the more the crowd shouted abuse. At no time did the two lay litigants instruct the crowd to be quiet or to respect the Court. It seemed well orchestrated. Words like "dishonour" were used and that's why I thought it was orchestrated because these words don't come off the top of your head. With the crowd there, it seemed that they were blocking both exit doors. It felt very threatening. When Judge Kilraine rose for ten minutes during the Court, every one rose. The two lay litigants told the crowd to stay seated when the Judge returned so that they could find out who stood up in support of this corrupt system. When the Judge came back, all the usual people in front stood up, including the defendants. Anyone with badges stayed seated or if they were standing around the edges of the Court they squatted down so that it wouldn't look like they were standing. Even then we left the Courtroom, some of the defendants came up to us saying they were appalled that they had never seen anything like that before. Some were part out that their cases were ashamed. Some of the clients I spoke with were disgusted by the behaviour in the Court. During the Court I asked either one of the media people sitting next to me as one of the solicitors who these

people were and they told me they were "Integrity Ireland". I think the lay litigants also mentioned it at some stage. I had never heard of them. And I didn't meet any of these before this Court. This statement has been read over to me and is correct.

Signed: Judy Quinlan

Witnessed: Naomi de Rís, Sergeant

Statement of Miriam Tallon of Probation Services, Unit 10F, N5 Business Park, Moneen, Co. Mayo. Tel No: [REDACTED] Occupation: Probation Service D.O.B: 09/10/1959. Taken on 08/10/15 at Castlebar Garda Station by Sergeant David Tiernan, Sergeant, 22352L.

I hereby declare that this statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and that I make it knowing that if it is tendered in evidence I will be liable to prosecution if I state in it anything I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

I remember Wednesday the 2nd September 2015. I was attending Castlebar District Court to leave in a probation report and to check the progress of two clients. I work as Probation Officer in Mayo and have been doing this role for 17 years. My colleague Judy Quinlan was already in the Court as she was actually on Court Duty. I arrived at about 10.45am and Court was already started with Judge Kilraine presiding. The first two items listed were the Civil Summons involving Fintan Murphy and Peter Hanley. I didn't know the names of the two so called applicants at the time. When I came in one of the applicants, I'm not sure which one but I think it was Colm Granahan was on their feet speaking with the Judge. I now know the two applicants to be Stephen Manning and Colm Granahan. I was somewhat taken aback with the tone of the man's voice speaking to the Judge and I was also surprised that the Judge was allowing him to speak to him in that tone without correction, I think it was Colm Granahan that was speaking at this time. I was concerned for one of my clients who was experiencing anxiety attacks, so I was in and out of the court a few times to talk with her. When I came back in I sat beside Judy in the Court Reporters Seat. At that stage the man speaking to the Judge was still Colm Granahan and he appeared to be becoming increasingly loud and rude to the Judge. He was been encouraged by Stephen Manning who was sitting beside him and by a number of other individuals in the body of the court who are not known to me. Colm Granahan at one point called the Judge a disgrace to his office and said that he himself was not been given Justice. Colm Granahan called on the Gardai to reaffirm the Oath individually or even collectively by nodding or indicating their agreement. When the Gardai failed to react to this he became increasingly irate and he called on the Judge to step down. When the Judge failed to react to this he called on Superintendent McKenna to arrest him. Superintendent McKenna failed to react and Colm Grenahan then looked to the Gardai to find out who the Sergeant was in order for them to arrest Joe McKenna. He said something like "we can work our way through all of this".

a lot of noise in the Court but the people who were making the noise were not the people who were actually on the court list, many of whom I'd know. In fact the general public seemed completely bemused by the proceedings and increasingly annoyed in the delay in reaching their cases. My impression right through was that the Judge initially was trying to treat them with respect and allow them to vent their feeling, however his lack of intervention and his failure to indicate to the Court Registrar or the Gardaí, that they should be stopped moved the situation to escalate. Colm Granahan was encouraged through all of this by Manning and from his supporters who were shouting and jeering. One burly individual was standing beside where Judy and I were sitting. He became quite intimidating when it was obvious by our demeanour that we did not support the antics and the wasting of court time. The Judge attempted to move matters on and asked the Court Registrar to call a case which was in fact one of my cases. It was very difficult to hear over the furore as by now they were chanting, "Arrest him, Arrest him". The client came up when I called her as she could not hear her name been called. She stood beside where we were sitting and she was visibly terrified. Her Solicitor who was sitting in front of us did not hear the case been called and had to be alerted by colleagues. At that stage I think the Judge left the Court. There was also on incident that someone was attempting to film the proceedings of the Court on a phone from upstairs in the Gallery. I had gone out, came back in and saw members of the Gardaí questioning several individuals who appeared to be part of the mob. When the Judge left, we gathered up our papers and left. Myself and Judy went out to the foyer. It was indicated to me the Court cases had been adjourned to the following Court, the 16th September. I explained this to my clients and I headed off with Judy to get a cup of coffee. This statement has been read over to me and is correct.

Signed: Miriam Tallon

Witnessed: David Tiernan, Sergeant

Dear Naomi,

I regret the delay in responding to your correspondence.

I have set out below my recollection of events at Castlebar District Court on Wednesday the 2nd of September last.

I attended Castlebar District Court on Wednesday the 2nd of September 2015 as I had a number of civil and criminal matters in the Court List. Judge Kevin Kilrane was the sitting Judge on the day and I believe that Superintendent Joe McKenna was the prosecuting Garda. The Court was quite full and I was sitting with other Solicitors in the benches across from the Prosecution.

I can remember that my civil applications were one of the first matters called and they were moved successfully, without any difficulty. As best I can remember, a matter was then called by the Clerk, involving a prosecution of a Garda Sergeant Hanley by Stephen Manning. I cannot remember the exact details of the prosecution. Stephen Manning and another gentleman, I now know to be Colm Granahan were sitting beside Sergeant Kevin O'Connor in the prosecution benches.

When Stephen Manning's matter was called on, he stood up and made certain submissions to the Judge. As best I can remember, the Judge indicated that the paperwork had not been properly served or something to this effect and Stephen Manning took exception to this. He became irate and made a number of comments to the effect that his efforts to prosecute this case was being deliberately stifled by the authorities, to include the Judge, the Courts and the Gardaí. I was quite shocked by what he said and the manner in which he said it. As Stephen Manning was making his submissions, it was clear that there were a large number of people in the body of the Court who were supporting him and they made their opinions known out loud.

Thereafter, Stephen Manning eventually sat down and the next case was called on which involved some sort of prosecution by Colm Granahan. Mr. Granahan made a large number of derogatory comments about the Judge, the Courts Service, Solicitors and the justice system in general. I cannot remember the exact specifics of what was said except at the time I was quite shocked and surprised that he was not deemed to be in contempt of Court.

Matters took a bizarre turn when Colm Granahan informed everybody in the Court that the Gardaí were public servants, they worked for him and he ordered Joe McKenna to arrest the Judge. When Joe McKenna refused to arrest the Judge, he ordered a Sergeant to arrest Joe McKenna and this did not happen either. By this time, there was a large amount of aggressive shouting from the body of the Court. Stephen Manning was also on his feet at times during this submission, making comments. At one point while I was talking to a colleague, he pointed across the floor at me and stared as if he was upset that I was talking to someone while all of this was going on.

The Judge made an attempt to get on with the Court list and the next matter which was called which involved a prosecution of my client. It was almost impossible to hear what the Judge or the Court Clerk was saying at this stage due to the level of noise. When I stood up to indicate that I acted on behalf of the accused person in question, Stephen Manning stood up and pointed at me and shouted *"sit down Morahan you are scum like the rest of them"* or something to that effect. It appeared to me to be futile to try and continue talking in circumstances where there was shouting and roaring going on in the Court. I subsequently sat back down again at which stage there were chants of *out, out, out* and *get off the bench* shouted at the Judge by people in the body of the Court. I cannot

remember if Stephen Manning or Colm Granahan was shouting this but I am sure the Court recording will reflect what was said at this time. The Judge then subsequently adjourned all matters to a later date and left the Bench to much cheering from the body of the Court.

As I was the Courtroom in the company of a client, a person approached me, the identity of whom I am not aware. He was a low sized man with grey hair and had a grey moustache. I had never seen him or had never spoken to him before. He said that "*I was a disgrace and all the men who had died for me*". I laughed at this comment because it seemed completely absurd and I had absolutely no idea what he was talking about. Stephen Manning overheard this exchange and as I was leaving the Court shouted at me to the effect of "*Morahan get out*" or something along those lines.

I later went for a cup of tea and I was advised by a colleague that after I had left, Colm Granahan or Stephen Manning and people in the court had decided to appoint their own Judge and a female sat up on the Bench and started to hear applications by Colm Granahan for an arrest warrant. I was then advised that the fire alarm appeared to have been set off and ultimately the Court was eventually cleared.

Should you require any further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Dermot Morahan
18th November 2015

Statement of evidence of Garda Raymond O'Dowd, 26629K, Castlerea Garda station, made on the 13th September 2015 as follows:

I hereby declare that this statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and that I make it knowing that I will be liable to prosecution if I state in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

I am a member of An Garda Siochana attached to the prisoner Escort unit in Castlerea Garda Station. On Wednesday the 2nd September 2015 I was part of an escort to Castlebar District Court accompanied by Garda Nestor and Garda Walsh. We had one prisoner in our custody in the court. The court was disturbed by a number of individuals who are part of a group known as 'Integrity Ireland'. This group had some applications to the court at the beginning of proceedings which went on for some time. The court then rose for 10 minutes before restarting. More dialogue ensued between the spokespersons for this group and the District court Judge. As individuals from this group at the rear of the court started to shout abuse the Judge adjourned all court proceedings to another date. We then took our prisoner from the court and went to Castlebar Garda station while awaiting a warrant. My main duty while in the court was the safety of the escort and in this regard I stayed with my prisoner and was not involved with this disturbance in any manner. As I am based in Castlerea I am not aware of the identities of any of the individuals involved in this disturbance.

I have read over this statement and it is correct.

Raymond O'Dowd, Garda, 26629K

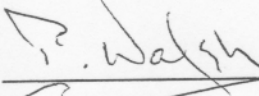
(Raymond O'Dowd)

Statement of evidence of Garda Patrick Walsh, 25353G, Castlerea Garda station, made on the 13th September 2015:

I hereby declare that this statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and that I make it knowing that I will be liable to prosecution if I state in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

I am a member of An Garda Siochana attached to the Prisoner Escort unit in Castlerea Garda Station. I remember Wednesday the 2nd September 2015 last, I was on escort duty to Castlebar District Court accompanied by Garda Nestor and Garda O'Dowd. We had one prisoner in our Custody that day. A disturbance took place in the court that day by a number of persons whom I'm now aware call themselves "Integrity Ireland". During the morning this group at the rear of the court started to shout abuse at the Judge and Superintendent Joe McKenna, this went on for some time. Later the Judge adjourned the remainder of the list to a future date. My function while in the court was the safety & security of our prisoner. As I am attached to Castlerea Station, Co. Roscommon and did not recognise any of the individuals involved in this disturbance.

I have read over this statement and it is correct.


Garda, 25353G
(PATRICK WALSH)

Statement of evidence of Garda Frank Nestor, 24157A, Castlerea Garda station, made on the 13th September 2015:

I hereby declare that this statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and that I make it knowing that I will be liable to prosecution if I state in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

I am a member of An Garda Siochana attached to the Prisoner Escort unit in Castlerea Garda Station. I remember Wednesday the 2nd September 2015 last, I was on escort duty to Castlebar District Court accompanied by Garda O'Dowd and Garda Walsh. We had one prisoner listed for hearing at Castlebar District court on that date. A number of people entered the court together. These people displayed badges on their clothing. I now believe that this group are members of 'Integrity Ireland'. Two of these members took their place beside solicitors. Judge Kilraine was the presiding Judge. The district court clerk called a case and these two men proceeded to address the court. Other members of this group at the rear of the court began to interrupt the court. I did not know any of these people. My main concern was the security of my prisoner. Eventually the Judge rose and adjourned this sitting. We escorted our prisoner to Castlebar Garda station. I received a warrant and returned the prisoner to Castlerea prison. I did not know any of the people involved. I have read over this statement and it is correct.

Frank Nestor, Garda, 24157A

(Frank Nestor)

STATEMENT OF EVIDENCE OF GARDA DENIS EGAN, 35043E, WESTPORT GARDA
STATION MADE ON THE 31ST OCTOBER 2015.

I hereby declare that this statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and that I make it knowing that if it is tendered in evidence I will be liable to prosecution if I state in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

I am a member of An Garda Síochána stationed at Westport Garda Station. At approximately 10.25 a.m. on the 2nd September 2015, I attended Castlebar District Court, No.1, for the purpose of giving evidence of arrest, charge and caution in relation to Christopher McCreery of No Fixed Abode for the offence of Section 4 and 5 of the Criminal Justice (Public Order) Act, 1994. I sat with Mr. McCreery in the front right seat of the court facing the legal representatives and Superintendent Joe McKenna and Garda Kevin O'Connor. The prisoner, Christopher McCreery sat handcuffed at my right hand side. At approximately 10.30 a.m. before court began I observed two men who I know as Colin Granahan and Stephen Manning sit down at the same bench beside Garda O'Connor and Superintendent McKenna. A group of approximately 20 people wearing "Integrity Ireland" badges whom are not know to me also entered the court and gathered at the rear of the court. Judge Kilrane then entered the court room. At the beginning of court Stephen Manning stood up and made an application in relation to a re-issue of a summons. Judge Kilrane refused this application. Stephen Manning continued to stand up and made strong verbal objections to the decision by Judge Kilrane. In the next case on the list Judge Kilrane adjourned Colin Granahan's application. Mr Granahan argued that the High Court Notice was flawed and that he was not served notice properly. Judge Kilrane repeated on a number of occasions that Mr Granahan's case was to be adjourned, that Judge Kilrane was prohibited from dealing with his case due to High Court Notice. Colin

Granahan continued to stand up and object loudly in a verbal manner to Judge Kilrane's decision. At this time Stephen Manning also stood up and on numerous occasions and loudly said that he was objecting to Judge Kilrane's decision not to deal with Mr. Granahan's case and told Judge Kilrane that he was a disgrace. At this time there was shouting coming from the rear of the court room. I do not know the identity of these persons who were shouting. Judge Kilrane told the court room that he was rising and returned to court a short time later. Judge Kilrane then informed the court that he was moving on with the court list. At this time Colin Granahan was standing and said to Judge Kilrane that he was putting him under citizens arrest and requested Superintendent McKenna to assist with this. Stephen Manning was standing up also and was shouting loudly for the Sergeant and Gardaí in the court room to assist in the citizens arrest of Judge Kilrane and also to assist in the citizens arrest of Superintendent McKenna. I was present when persons whom I don't know by name began shouting and repeating "off the bench" and were banging on the furniture at the rear court room. As I had a prisoner in my custody beside me I felt that this conduct was putting him in danger and I was also in fear for my own safety. I then made the decision to escort the prisoner, Christopher McCreery from the court by exiting by the rear door. I have read over this statement and it is correct.

SIGNED: DENIS EGAN, GARDA, 35043E.

Statement of Evidence of Garda John Flanagan, 28975B, of Castlebar Garda Station made on 28th September 2015. "I hereby declare that this statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and that I make it knowing that if it is tendered in evidence I will be liable to prosecution if I state in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true".

I am a member of An Garda Siochana stationed at Castlebar. On the 2nd September 2015 I was required to give evidence of arrest, charge and caution for a charge sheet which I had brought before the court for a Jessica Crosswaite for an offence of Dangerous driving. I was in Castlebar court room at approximately 10.20am. I sat in the bench directly behind the prosecuting officer Superintendent Joseph McKenna. To my right was Garda Hugh McHugh and to my left was Sergeant James Caden. At approximately 10.30am just before the court was due to start I observed two men who I know as Stephen Manning and Colin Granahan of Integrity Ireland sit into the same bench as Superintendent Joe McKenna. I also observed a crowd of approximately 20 people enter the court room. All these people were wearing "Integrity Ireland" badges. These people lined the rear of the court room. One of the people I personally recognised as Mark Winters of Frenchill, Castlebar. Judge Kilrane entered the court room and started with the application list. One of the applications was been made by Stephen Manning of Integrity Ireland. This matter was in relation to a re-issue of a summons. A heated verbal debate took place between Stephen Manning and Judge Kilrane over this application. The application was refused by Judge Kilrane. Stephen Manning was not happy with the decision of the judge to refuse his application and he let this be known verbally. The next matter called was an application by Colin Granahan of integrity Ireland. The matter turned into a heated debate. At this stage other members of the group integrity Ireland started to shout up at the Judge. Collin

Granahan then informed Judge Kilrane he was arresting him, and was handing him over to Superintendent Joseph McKenna. Colin Granahan informed Superintendent McKenna if he didn't do what he was told he would be arrested also. He then stated he was arresting Superintendent McKenna. Judge Kilrane rose for a few minutes trying to restore calm. When he returned all the members of "Integrity Ireland" shouted at Judge Kilrane "Off the Bench." Judge Kilrane then adjourned the entire list to the 16th September 2015 and rose from his bench and returned to his chambers. I have read over this statement and it is correct.

SIGNED: John Flanagan, Garda 28975B

DATED: 28th September 2015

Statement of evidence of Hugh Mc Hugh Garda, made on the 17th of September 2015 at Castlebar Garda Station.

I hereby declare that this statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and that I have made it knowing that if it is tendered in evidence I will be liable to prosecution if I have stated in it anything which I knew to be false or did not believe to be true.

I am a member of An Garda Siochana stationed in Castlebar. On Wednesday the 2nd of September this year I was in Castlebar District Court. I entered the court room at 10:20am with Garda John Flanagan. The court was relatively quite at that time and I sat up beside Superintendent Joe Mc Kenna who was prosecuting officer for the day. I was there to give evidence of arrest charge and caution for charge sheets I had for Mark Winters of French hill Castlebar. As the court was about to start I noticed a group of about fifteen or twenty people file into the back of the court room wearing integrity Ireland badges one of whom was Mark Winters French hill, Castlebar . Stephen Manning and Colin Granahan of Integrity Ireland sat in the bench beside superintendent Joe McKenna in front of me. Judge Kilrane was the sitting Judge. The court started with the applications list. The second or third application was being made by Stephen Manning. This was in relation to the reissue of a summons. A heated debate ensued between Stephen Manning and Judge Kilrane over points of law, which culminated in the application being refused by the judge. Sephen Manning was not accepting the judgment and voiced his annoyance quite verbally. The next application called, Colin Granahan was involved in moving it. He too also got involved in a heated debate with the judge over points of law. This seemed to get the group of integrity Ireland followers in the body of the court quite vocal and they started to shout towards the judge. Colin Granahan then informed the judge he was going to arrest him and was handing him over to superintendent Joe Mc Kenna. Colin Granahan then informed Superintendent Joe McKenna that he was going to be arrested if he did not act on his request. The judge rose for a few minutes to allow things to calm down. When he returned to the bench Stephen Manning and Colin Granahan lead the integrity Ireland crowd in the body of the court in shouting "off the bench" towards the judge. The court was unable to continue and the Judge adjourned all cases to the 16th of September 2015 and went into his chambers where custody cases were heard. This statement has being read over by me and it is correct.

Signed Cop Gda
(Hugh Mc Hugh)

Statement of Garda Sean Ryan, 34809M of Castlebar Garda Station made on the 17/09/2015 at Castlebar Garda Station.

I hereby declare that this statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and that I make it knowing that if it is tendered in evidence I will be liable to prosecution if I state in it anything which I know to be false and do not believe to be true.

I am a member of An Garda Síochána of Garda rank stationed at Castlebar Garda Station. On Wednesday 2nd September 2015 I was on duty at Castlebar Garda Station when at approximately 10.30am I attended the courthouse in Castlebar. I entered the courtroom with a prisoner in my custody, having arrested this prisoner on foot of a bench warrant. When I entered the courtroom I observed a number of people in the courtroom wearing Integrity Ireland badges. Amongst this group I observed Pat Cannon, Stephen Manning and Colm Granaghan. Judge Kilraine was sitting and when he entered the courtroom proceedings began with a number of civil cases called. A case was called involving Stephen Manning where he was seeking to apply for the re-issuing of summonses against Sergeant Peter Hanley. Judge Kilraine informed Mr. Manning that as he had not notified Sergeant Hanley of this application that it could not proceed. Mr. Manning appealed to the judge to allow this application as he was only a lay person and was not fully aware of proper court procedures. When Judge Kilraine would not allow the application a number of Integrity Ireland members in the courtroom began shouting at Judge Kilraine, calling him a 'disgrace'. The next case called involved Colm Granaghan and Fintan Murphy, County Registrar. Colm Granaghan stood up and demanded that all Gardai in the courtroom take their oath again as he stated he was in fear of Gardai. Colm Granaghan asked that any Garda who did not re-take their oath to leave the courtroom. Judge Kilraine stated he could not ask any Garda to take their oath again. Judge Kilraine informed Colm Granaghan that a High Court order had been obtained by Fintan Murphy which prevented the case heard that day. Colm Granaghan stated that he was only served the order the previous night at a very late hour and he was not satisfied with the service or the order itself. When Judge Kilraine attempted to read out the High Court order in the court Stephen Manning, Colm Granaghan and other members of Integrity Ireland in the courtroom began shouting at Judge Kilraine calling him a "disgrace" and shouting at Judge Kilraine to "step off the bench". Sergeant Naomi De Ris brought to my attention the presence of a male in the balcony, who she felt may be recording court proceedings in contravention of District Court rules.

I left the courtroom accompanied by Sergeant De Ris and went to the balcony and spoke with the male and asked him if he was recording court proceedings and that to record the proceedings was against District Court rules. The male informed us he was not recording court proceedings. I returned to the courtroom and Judge Kilraine had risen and returned to his chambers. After a number of minutes Judge Kilraine returned to the bench and informed Colm Granaghan that he was adjourning his case to a date in November 2015 because of the High Court order. The members of Integrity Ireland in the courtroom began shouting at Judge Kilraine calling him a "disgrace" and shouting at him to "get off the bench". This shouting continued for a number of minutes and then Colm Granaghan informed Judge Kilraine that he was placing him under citizen's arrest. Colm Granaghan then asked Superintendent Joe McKenna to place Judge Kilraine under arrest. When Superintendent McKenna did not reply to Colm Granaghan, Colm Granaghan told Superintendent McKenna that he was placing him under arrest. Colm Granaghan then began looking around the courtroom for a Garda sergeant to arrest Judge Kilraine. When Judge Kilraine tried to continue with criminal cases the members of Integrity Ireland began shouting at Judge Kilraine. Stephen Manning encouraged these people to continue shouting and not to let the court proceed. After a number of minutes Judge Kilraine stated he was adjourning all matters to 16th September 2015 and he rose from the bench and returned to his chambers. Members of the public then left the courtroom but members of Integrity Ireland remained in the courtroom. The fire alarm sounded in the court buildings and I left the courtroom to see what was happening. When I returned to the courtroom I, accompanied by Garda Padraig Naughton accompanied Judge Kilraine to his car and he left the court area by car. I then returned to Castlebar Garda Station. This statement has been read over by me and is correct.

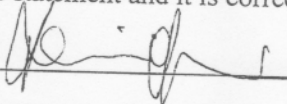
Signed: Garda 34809M
(Sean Ryan)

STATEMENT OF EVIDENCE of Garda Kevin O'Connor OF Castlebar Garda Station made on 1/10/2015 at Castlebar Garda Station.

I hereby declare this statement to be true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that if it is tendered in evidence I will be liable to prosecution if I state in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

I am a member of An Garda Síochána stationed at Castlebar Garda Station. On the 2nd September 2015 I was on duty at Castlebar District Court. District Judge Kilraine was presiding and Supt McKenna was prosecuting on behalf of the D.P.P. The Court began it's 'read over' of the Court List with the Civil Applications. A Stephen Manning had an application before the Court to re-issue a civil summons for assault. The procedure he adopted to bring the matter before the Court was flawed in the eyes of the District Judge and so after a long protracted debate between the applicant and the District Judge the application was refused. The applicant was not satisfied with the ruling and his objections were vociferous which roused his supporters who were making themselves heard in the body of the Court. The application stood refused. The next case listed was another civil application made by a Colm Granahan. This application was against the County Registrar Mr Fintan Murphy. This case was the subject of a High Court ruling and so the District Judge refused to entertain any further application that the applicant sought. Mr Granahan, aided by Mr Manning, began to strongly put forward their case to proceed. Both refused to accept the decision of the District Judge to abide by the ruling of the High Court. The supporters of the applicant had become quite obstreperous in the Court. Voices were raised and there was a lot of behaviour out of order. The culmination of the behaviour of the applicants was that they placed the District Judge 'under arrest' and instructed Supt McKenna to effect the arrest. After a considerable amount of unprecedented unruly behaviour mainly by the supporters of the applicant who were encouraged by the liberty to speak without censor afforded by the Court to the applicant, the District

Judge decided to adjourn all matters before the Court and left the Bench. I have read over this statement and it is correct.

Signed:  . Garda.

(Kevin O'Connor)

Statement of Evidence of Sergeant Gary Mc Entee of Castlebar Garda Station
made on the 11/9/2015

I hereby declare that this statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that if it is tendered in evidence I shall be liable to prosecution if i state in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

I am a member of An Garda Siochana attached to Castlebar Garda Station. I remember Wednesday the 2nd September 2015. I attended Castlebar district court at 10.30am as I was the investigating member for an assault case which was listed for hearing against Eddie Beattie [REDACTED]. Before the proceedings commenced I observed approximately twenty people in the body of the court wearing Integrity Ireland badges. Three of the males I know as being Pat Cannon [REDACTED], Stephen Kerr, [REDACTED] and Gary Beattie [REDACTED]. I also observed Stephen Manning of Belcarra, Castlebar, Co Mayo sitting in the front benches of the court beside Colm Granahan of Castlereaugh, Killalla, Co. Mayo. Both males would be well known members of Integrity Ireland. Judge Kilraine was presiding over the court and Mr Peter Mooney was sitting as court clerk. Mr Mooney requested that the proceedings were not to be recorded by anyone present. As the court proceedings began Stephen Manning stood up and addressed Judge Kilraine in relation to a summons he had applied for against Sgt Hanley of Castlebar Garda station. Mr Manning wished to re-enter the summons. He stated that there had been a conspiracy of some sort against him as the summons had been served upon Sgt Hanley however the matter had not been entered on the court list. After asking some questions of Mr Manning Judge Kilraine informed Mr Manning that the summonses had not been endorsed and lodged in the court office and that was the reason the case was not on the list. He also explained that the matter could not be re-entered as Sgt Hanley had not been put on notice. Mr Manning was not happy with this explanation and kept stating that he was a lay litigant and that he did not have a great knowledge of the law. Some members of Integrity Ireland who were in the body of the court began shouting abuse at Judge Kilraine calling him a traitor, that he was a

disgrace and to leave the bench. Judge Kilraine adjourned the matter to a future date but there was a lot of shouting and it was getting difficult to hear what was being said. Colm Granaghan then stood up and stated that he had been served with a High court order the night before and that he wished to progress with his case. He also wished for all Gardai present to reaffirm the oath because he was sick of being assaulted by them. Judge Kilraine stated that he was barred from hearing the case. Colm Granahan started insulting the solicitor's present calling them corrupt and was also abusive to Judge Kilraine not allowing him to speak. At one stage Judge Kilraine adjourned the court for ten minutes as the proceedings had descended into chaos. Sgt De Ris informed me that she had observed someone in the public gallery above the court room recording proceedings. I then went upstairs in order to prevent any such recording. There were five people in the public gallery when I entered it one of whom was Pat Cannon. After ten minutes Judge Kilraine returned and attempted to hear the other matters that were on the court list. However, both Stephen Manning and Colm Granahan would not let him proceed and kept barracking the Judge. The integrity Ireland members kept shouting abuse at the Judge calling him a traitor and demanding that he leave the bench. After a period of approximately twenty minutes Judge Kilraine then adjourned all matters to the 15/9/2015 and got up and left the court room with Mr Mooney. The five people in the public gallery then left after another few minutes. I left the public gallery at this stage as the court house fire alarm was sounding. I spoke to a member of the court staff who informed me that all the matters on the list had been adjourned. I then left the court house. This statement is correct. Signed: Gary Mc Entee, Sgt.

Statement of evidence of Superintendent Joe Mc Kenna, Castlebar Garda Station made on the 14th September 2015.

I hereby declare that this statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and that I make it knowing that if it is tendered in evidence I will be liable to prosecution if I state in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

I am a member of An Garda Siochana of Superintendent rank stationed at Castlebar, Co. Mayo. On Wednesday the 2nd of September 2015 I was prosecuting officer on behalf of the Director of Public Prosecutions at Castlebar District Court in Castlebar Court House at The Mall, Castlebar. The District Court commenced at 10.30am with District Judge Kevin Kilraine presiding. There were a large number of persons within the District including members of the public, members of An Garda Siochana, solicitors, probation officers and one prisoner in custody. Some of the members of the public I recognised as being members of a group known as Integrity Ireland who I encountered previously in my duties at District Courts and Circuit Civil Motions Courts at Castlebar Courthouse. Mr. Stephen Manning and Mr. Colm Granaghan, both prominent members of Integrity Ireland and who had applications for common informer summonses before the courts sat next to my Garda assistant in the area generally reserved for the prosecution. Mr. Peter Mooney, Courts Service Manager at Castlebar was carrying out the duties of District Court Clerk. Mr. Mooney first called four civil applications and then Mr. Manning's application for a 'common informer' summons against Sergeant Peter Hanley of Castlebar Garda Station was called. Sergeant Hanley was not present in court. Mr. Manning explained to Judge Kilraine that he had previously made an application before him for a 'common informer' summons against Sergeant Hanley and was issued same, this summons was served on Sergeant Hanley, however the endorsed original summons had in error not been lodged at the District Court Office, therefore the case or summons was not listed on the relevant court hearing list. District Judge Kilraine enquired of Mr. Manning if Sergeant Hanley had been notified of today's application to which Mr. Manning confirmed that Sergeant Hanley had not been notified. Mr. Manning then pleaded his ignorance that as a lay litigant he was not fully familiar with court and other procedures regarding summonses. District Judge Kilraine responded that he believed that Mr. Manning was aware of the procedure and that if he was not, he should have sought advice and then refused the application of Mr. Manning who became irate, alleging obstructionism, corruption, lack of support from the judiciary and courts service personnel. Mr. Manning demanded the attention of the Court and was shouting at District Judge Kilraine at times

showing no respect whatsoever. At this time Mr. Manning was being encouraged in his disrespectful stance by Mr. Colm Granaghan and other persons aligned to Integrity Ireland in the public area of the courtroom. District Judge Kilraine displayed extreme patience with Mr. Manning who blatantly refused to accept the Judge's decision and finally sought an adjournment so that he, Mr. Manning, could notify Sergeant Hanley of his application. District Judge Kilraine declined to adjourn the application and again informed Mr. Manning that he was refusing the application. Again a large amount of disrespectful shouting began by supporters of Integrity Ireland at District Judge Kilraine from the body of the court, calling the District Judge a traitor and a disgrace, occurred for a short period until the application of Mr. Colm Granaghan was called by the District Court Clerk. This application was also a common informer summons against Mr. Fintan J. Murphy, County Registrar for County Mayo previously granted by District Judge Kevin Kilraine, legally served, endorsed and lodged in the District Court Office. Mr. Granaghan began his application by reading from a prepared speech before requesting all members of An Garda Siochana present to re-affirm their oath or leave the Court as he was in fear of the Gardai. District Judge Kilraine informed Mr. Granaghan that his request had no bearing on his application and was not permitted, however Mr. Granaghan stringently argued that it had, his arguing lasted for several minutes. When the matter of the application was finally referred to, a solicitor appearing on behalf of Mr. Fintan J. Murphy attempted to inform District Judge Kilraine that an order had been sought and granted in the High Court to examine the application of Mr. Granaghan and that the High Court had put a stay on proceedings. This solicitor was shouted down by Mr. Granaghan each and every time he addressed the Court. Mr. Granaghan informed the court that the High Court Order had been served on him at a very late hour on the previous night and that the service of the order and the contents of the order were wrong and illegal. The District Judge Kilraine attempted to address the matter on several occasions but Mr. Granaghan continuously argued and shouted at the District Judge prohibiting him from continuing the court business. Mr. Stephen Manning then got involved, stood up and stated that he was a friend of the court assisting Mr. Granaghan. District Judge Kilraine informed Mr. Manning that he had no standing and was not entitled to address the court in respect of Mr. Granaghan's application. Mr. Manning did not take any heed of the District Judge's assertion and completely ignored the District Judge, submitting pointless arguments with Mr. Granaghan, prohibiting any other person in the court from speaking. At one stage Mr. Manning received a round of applause from supporters of Integrity Ireland present in the courtroom. District Judge Kilraine attempted on a number of occasions to refer to the High

Court order that placed a stay on the application proceeding but he was shouted down by Mr. Manning and Mr. Granaghan. District Judge Kilraine again displayed tremendous patience with the antics of both applicants before adjourning the matter to Castlebar District Court on the 18th November 2015. Immediately Mr. Manning made a strong accusation directly at District Judge Kilraine accusing him of being a liar, that the documentation submitted before the High Court was false and misleading and that Integrity Ireland would issue summonses for perjury against the solicitors concerned in the High Court proceedings. A number of rounds of applause were then made from Integrity Ireland supporters in the public area of the courtroom. On any occasion that District Judge Kilraine or I attempted to speak we were shouted down by Mr. Manning, Mr. Granaghan and others. District Judge Kilraine was accused by Mr. Manning and Mr. Granaghan that he was in contempt of court. District Judge Kilraine adjourned the court for a ten minute period. During this time I consulted with Mr. Peter Mooney, Courts Service Manager and District Court Clerk regarding the actions of Mr. Stephen Manning and Mr. Colm Granaghan and their supporters within the courtroom. Before the court re-commenced Mr. Manning and Mr. Granaghan instructed the supporters of Integrity Ireland to remain seated when the District Judge returned to his bench so that they could find out who stood up in support of the corrupt justice system. At 10.36am Castlebar District Court recommenced, the supporters of Integrity Ireland remained seated when the District Judge took his seat and those standing deliberately hunkered down. District Judge Kilraine addressed Mr. Manning and Mr. Granaghan stating that if they wished to continue further legal argument regarding their applications that were before the court, that he would hear that legal argument at the end of the court to allow the other court business proceed. Mr. Granaghan refused to listen or accept the District Judge's offer and stated he was placing District Judge Kilraine under citizen's arrest and he then asked me to take District Judge Kilraine into custody. I totally ignored Mr. Granaghan's request. Mr. Stephen Manning then asked for a round of applause in support of Mr. Granaghan to which he received from their supporters in the body of the courtroom. Mr. Granaghan and Mr. Manning then started shouting at me, stating that I was a disgrace to my uniform and that I was also being placed under citizen's arrest. These calls by both men were added to by their supporters in the courtroom. Numerous attempts were made to continue with the court list by both District Judge Kilraine and I, however as a result of the constant chanting it was very difficult to continue with success. The next case on the court list was called and Mr. Dermot Morahan, Solicitor on behalf of the defendant attempted to address the court but was called 'filth' by Mr. Manning and shouted at to sit down. With blatant encouragement from Mr. Manning and

Mr. Granaghan , both of them and their supporters began chanting the slogans 'off the bench' and 'out, out, out', while banging on the courtroom furniture loudly at the same time, directly at District Judge Kilraine who then adjourned all other matters, bar cases involving persons in custody on remand or bench warrants, before the court to Castlebar District Court on the 16th September 2015. Persons on remand in custody were remanded further to the next sitting of the District the following day in accordance with the provisions formulated on the cancellation of a District Court and persons arrested on bench warrant or for the purpose of charge had their cases dealt with at a special sitting of the District Court in Judges Chambers. I have read over this statement and it is correct.

Signed:

Dated: 14th September 2015

Statement of evidence of Sergeant Naomi de Rís of Castlebar Garda Station made on the 6th October 2015. *I hereby declare that this statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and that I make it knowing that if it is tendered in evidence I will be liable to prosecution if I state in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.*

I am a member of An Garda Síochána with the rank of Sergeant stationed at Castlebar Garda Station. On Wednesday 2nd September 2015 I was on duty at Castlebar District Court. The District Court commenced at 10.30am with Judge Kilraine presiding, Superintendent McKenna prosecuting on behalf of the D.P.P. and Peter Mooney, Court Clerk reading over the Court List of civil applications. There was a large number of people in the Courtroom, including members of a group known as Integrity Ireland, who were wearing Integrity Ireland badges. I knew some of these people from previous Court sessions but there were many there not previously known to me. Stephen Manning and Colm Granahan, both known to me as members of Integrity Ireland, sat in the prosecution court bench beside Superintendent McKenna. The second or third case called involved Stephen Manning who was seeking the re-issue of summonses against Sergeant Peter Hanley, Castlebar Garda Station. Judge Kilraine discussed this case with Stephen Manning and as he was not satisfied that all parties had been notified of the application, he refused to allow it. There was then a protracted argument where Mr. Manning appealed to the Judge to allow this application as he was a lay person and not fully aware of proper Court procedures. Members of Integrity Ireland in the body of the courtroom gave considerable verbal support to Stephen Manning throughout, shouting at Judge Kilraine that he was a 'disgrace'. The next case listed was an application by Colm Granahan against the County Registrar, Fintan Murphy. When Colm Granahan stood up, he demanded that all Gardaí present in the Courtroom take the Oath as he stated he was in fear of the Gardaí. Judge Kilraine refused to allow that and informed Colm Granahan that a High Court Order has been made in this case and so the case could not be heard. Colm Granahan stated that he not satisfied with the service of this order or with the order itself. When Judge Kilraine started to read out the High Court Order out, the members of Integrity Ireland in the body of the court, including Stephen Manning and Colm Granahan on the court bench, began shouting at him that he was a 'disgrace', 'unfair' and 'unjust' and called on Judge Kilraine to 'step down from the bench'. The behaviour of the people in the court was very unruly and quite intimidating to members of the public and even to the solicitors present, some of whom were called out by name and called 'corrupt'. There is no doubt that Stephen

Manning and Colm Granahan were encouraging the disturbance and were turning to the crowd at every stage to fuel their jeering which appeared orchestrated. At this stage I noticed a man, known to me as Stephen Kerr, in the balcony of the Courtroom. I believed he may have been recording the court proceedings in contravention of the District Court Rules, as stated by the Court Clerk at the start of the Court Sitting. I went to the balcony accompanied by Garda Sean Ryan and asked Stephen Kerr if he was recording the Court Proceedings, as this was not allowed under the District Court Rules. He told us he was not and was very reluctantly escorted from the balcony back into the main foyer of the courthouse. When I returned to the courtroom, Judge Kilraine had risen and gone to his chambers. He could not continue with the Court List due to the noise, the shouting and the heckling. When Judge Kilraine returned to the bench, he informed Colm Granahan that he had to abide by the High Court ruling and would adjourn his case to a date in November 2015. Neither Stephen Manning nor Colm Granahan would accept that and encouraged the members of Integrity Ireland in the courtroom to shout at Judge Kilraine calling him a "disgrace" and heckling him to 'get off the bench', 'off, off, off'. This shouting continued for a number of minutes and was very intimidating and threatening to persons in the courtroom. It was clear that most people there has never experienced such behaviour before. Then Colm Granahan informed Judge Kilraine that he was placing him under Citizen's arrest. He told Superintendent McKenna to arrest Judge Kilraine and when he didn't reply, Colm Granahan told Superintendent McKenna that he was placing him under arrest. Colm Granahan began to look for a Garda Sergeant to arrest Judge Kilraine and Superintendent McKenna. When Judge Kilraine tried to begin the Criminal List of cases, members of Integrity Ireland disrupted him, continuously shouting insults at him. Stephen Manning and Colm Granahan encouraged these people to continue this behaviour in order to stop the Court proceeding. After some more minutes of unruly behaviour Judge Kilraine stated he was adjourning all matters to the 16th September 2015 and he rose from the bench and left the Courtroom. This statement has been read over by me and is correct.

Signed: Naomi de Rís, Sergeant 00496M