



Boy told detective his co-accused repeatedly asked him to call for Ana

Top found near Ana's body stained with semen matching Boy A's DNA, trial is told

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A BOY accused of murdering Ana Kriegel initially refused to call for her but agreed to do so after his co-accused repeatedly said to him "please, please, please", a trial heard.

Boy B told Garda interviewers that he and Boy A were in his bedroom chatting when Boy A asked him to call for Ana.

This was on the day that Ana disappeared, the court heard.

"At first I said 'no'," he said, "but then he started saying 'please, please, please'."

"At last I agreed," Boy B said.

The two youths, aged 13 at the time, have pleaded not guilty to the murder of Ana Kriegel (14) at Glenwood House, Laraghcon, Clonee Road, in Lucan, Dublin, on



Traumatic: Geraldine and Patrick Kriegel, parents of schoolgirl Ana Kriegel (left), leaving court yesterday. PHOTO: COLLINS COURTS

May 14 last year.

Boy A has also denied a charge of aggravated sexual assault. The jury has begun to hear the first interview which gardai conducted with Boy B at Finglas garda station.

Inspector Damien Gannon told the Central Criminal Court that Boy B was arrested

by appointment at 8.02am on May 24, 2018 and detained for questioning.

Present during the first interview were Boy B, his mother, his solicitor David Powderly, Detective Garda Donal Daly and Detective Sergeant (now Inspector) Damien Gannon. Asked by gardai if he could explain the difference between right and wrong, Boy B said good was giving a homeless man money and bad was taking money from a homeless person.

Asked if he could explain the difference between truth and a lie, Boy B said if you did something the truth was "what happened exactly in the story", while a lie was if you were telling a fake story or you weren't there or you weren't present.

Gardai then showed Boy B an aerial photograph, and he pointed out a number of places on it, including the gates to the park, the spot where he met Boy A, the changing rooms where he got water from an outside tap and where he saw Ana when he was walking out of the park.

Boy B told Garda interviewers that he said hello to Ana but she "looked really sad" and didn't say anything in response. He walked on a bit

and when he looked back she was gone.

Asked by gardai about the abandoned house, Boy B said he didn't know the name of it and he and his friends just called it "the abandoned house". He said there used to be some animals in it and it had burnt down and been destroyed.

He had been exploring with his friends, including Boy A, he added, when they saw the abandoned house. This was "a couple of months ago", adding "some time last year, I think".

Gardai then asked Boy B to tell them what had happened on Monday, May 14 - the day Ana disappeared.

This was Boy B's opportunity to tell the truth, gardai said.

Boy B told gardai he woke up, put on his clothes, ate his breakfast and then brushed his teeth. He went to school, and when school finished he came home and changed his clothes. He then went into the bathroom. It was around 4pm, he said.

When he was in the bathroom Boy A called for him. They went into his room so they could chat.

Boy B said it was around this time that Boy A asked him to call for Ana Kriegel.

He refused but Boy A started saying "please, please, please" and he eventually agreed.

He then did some chores and left the house about 4.55pm.

The jury will continue to hear the interviews with Boy B this morning.

Earlier, forensic scientist Marce Lee-Gorman said a black vest top found in the room near Ana's body was stained with semen which matched the DNA profile of Boy A. Ms Lee-Gorman said there was semen staining on

examine them under the microscope for any DNA. She found two main contributors and one trace contributor in the sample.

The trace contributor sample was not suitable for interpretation, she said.

She said she had looked at two possibilities, that either the mixed DNA profile was a match for Ana Kriegel, Boy A and an unknown or that the DNA was a mix of three unknown people unrelated to Ana.

Ms Lee-Gorman said her finding was that it was a thousand million-times more likely that the DNA was a match to Boy A, Ana and an unknown.

She said that she could not determine when the semen was deposited, but it had happened since the top was last washed.

Ms Lee-Gorman also examined a white bra. The fabric joining both cups and the band below the cups was torn.

The bra was "quite sturdy" and it would take a lot of manipulation and "pulling and tugging" to tear it apart, she said. Ms Lee-Gorman said there was blood staining on the bra, and the DNA matched Ana's.

The trial continues.

Ms Lee-Gorman told the court there was blood staining on the bra, and the DNA matched Ana's

the back hem area and the upper right shoulder area of Ana's black vest top.

She also said the black top was damaged. It was torn completely along a side hem, the right shoulder strap had been stretched and pulled and the left shoulder strap was torn in two pieces, one of which was still attached.

Ms Lee-Gorman cut out samples of the areas to further



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Notice of Appropriate Assessment (AA) Determination

On 17th May, 2019, an Appropriate Assessment determination was made, under the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 (S.I. 477 of 2011), as amended, that the application by CNOOC Petroleum Europe Limited to drill a single exploration well in the Iolar prospect under Frontier Exploration Licence (FEL) 3/18 in the Porcupine Basin offshore of the south west of Ireland would not adversely affect the integrity of a European site (whether individually or in combination with other plans or projects).

The AA determination and associated documentation have been published on the Department's website (www.dccae.gov.ie). For any queries in relation to this matter please contact the Environment Advisory Unit of the Department at 01 678 2000 or at the address below.

Please note that the validity of the AA Screening Determination may be questioned by Judicial Review under Order 84 of the Rules of the Superior Courts (S.I. No.15 of 1986), as amended. Any application for leave to apply for judicial review must be made promptly and in any event within three months from the date of the Determination. Practical information on the review mechanism can be obtained from Citizens Information at your local Citizens Information Centre, by phone (0761 07 4000) or online (www.citizensinformation.ie) or from the Courts Website (www.courts.ie).

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Couples run into relationship troubles in unlucky year 13

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IT SEEMS that 13 is indeed an unlucky number as it is the year most couples run into difficulties in their relationship, according to the Catholic marriage care service Accord.

And Bishop of Limerick Brendan Leahy said further data from Accord shows that

the average age of couples coming to the agency for help is mid-40s.

Speaking ahead of Friday's referendum on divorce, Dr Leahy said there had been "all too little discussion" about it.

"Generally, people do not run into a divorce lightly. It is a very painful experience for many," he said.

He added the referendum is "an occasion to acknowledge that we value marriage" and it would be "a shame if we simply ticked a box without taking the chance to reflect on the social context under analysis".

The bishop suggested that consideration be given to establishing a State agency dedicated to supporting

marriages in trouble, similar to State agencies for children, for family and for youth.

Meanwhile, Bishop Denis Nulty, chair of the Council for Marriage and Family of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference, warned that the objective of the referendum is not to support marriage, rather to liberalise divorce.