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The Minister for Justice

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the following report on crime for the year ended 31st December, 1978.

I am able to say that the steep rise in the total crime figure which has characterised the past few years has, as far as some categories of crime are concerned, been reversed. In addition the number of crimes which were detected shows an increase on previous years.

The total crime figure of 62,000 is down by 946 or 1.5% on the 1977 figure. It is pleasant to report this decrease, the first since 1973, be it ever so small particularly since the major portion (875) of the decrease occurred in the Dublin Metropolitan Area where the crime rate has been highest. This is in part attributable to a greater awareness among the public of safeguarding their property and to the greater presence of Gardai on patrol duties.

The decrease in the crimes committed together with an increase in the detection rate of 2.1% is encouraging. It is hoped that the increases in the patrol force and the strengthening of the detective force during the past year will show an even greater improvement in the future but changes in the criminal justice system which would remove some of the criminal's present advantages would considerably enhance the prospects of preventing and detecting crime.

Offences against property with violence have fallen substantially by 8.8% on 1977, but regrettably offences against the person have increased. Crimes in this group totalled 2,266, an increase of 9.8% on the previous year. This increase is substantially down on the percentage increase in the previous two years (20.3% and 17.7% respectively). However, it is disturbing, as the increase is in the category of assault, wounding and other acts endangering life, including those committed against Gardai on duty. The yearly increase in the incidence of violent and serious attacks upon the persons of others is a continuing indication of the lowering of standards of behaviour and respect for others.

The number of motor vehicles has increased to 814,000 at present. As the numbers increase the hazards on the roads are likely to increase. Unfortunately, deaths from traffic accidents continue to rise. A drop in accidents was recorded during part of the year but towards the end of the year the accident rate rose again. Six hundred and twenty seven people were killed on the roads in 1978 and this was 51 more than recorded in 1977.

The total value of all property stolen was €10,372,354 of which property valued £1,098,695 (10.6%) was recovered. The proportion of stolen property recovered has been falling in recent years and the trend is unlikely to alter.

As in previous years, I am happy to record my appreciation of the support and co-operation received from the public generally as well as from the media. Ultimately the success attained by the Garda Síochána in its task of preventing crime is directly related to the degree to which the Force is supported and assisted by the citizens themselves.

I have the honour to be
Sir,

Your obedient servant



P. McLAUGHLIN.
COMMISSIONER, GARDA SÍOCHÁNA

NOVEMBER, 1979.

INDICTABLE OFFENCES

Indictable offences which came to the notice of the Garda Síochána during the year ended 31st December, 1978, numbered 62,000 as compared to 62,946 in the year ended 31st December, 1977, a decrease of 1.5%.

OFFENCES RECORDED AND DETECTED 1969-1978

Year	Recorded	Detected	Percentage Det.
1969	25,972	15,879	61.
1970	30,756	15,242	50.
1971	37,781	17,518	46.
1972	39,237	17,047	43.4
1973	38,022	18,094	47.6
1974	40,096	19,287	48.
1975	48,387	21,011	43.4
1976	54,382	22,482	41.3
1977	62,946	24,439	38.8
1978	62,000	25,286	40.7

The figures for Indictable Offences are broken down in the following table.

	Offences Recorded		Increase	Decrease	Offences Detected	
	1978	1977			1978 %	1977 %
Offences against the Person	2,266	2,063	203 (9.8%)		89.5	87.3
Offences against property with violence	21,119	23,154		2,035 (8.8%)	44.1	41.0
Larcenies	38,397	37,465	932 (2.5%)		35.9	34.5
Other Indictable Offences	218	264		46 (17.4%)	82.6	84.8
Totals	62,000	62,946	1,135	2,081	40.7	38.8
			Overall - 946 (1.5%)			

In the Dublin Metropolitan Area (DMA) 35,024 indictable offences were recorded, a decrease of 875 (2.4%) on the figure for 1977. Of the total crimes recorded in the State 56.5% occurred in the DMA.

The DMA has an estimated population of 829,660 based on the 1971 census of population or 28% of the total population of the State.

DUBLIN AND THE REST OF THE STATE COMPARED

Year	Area	Indictable Crime Recorded	% of Total	No. of Crimes per 1,000 of population
1978	DMA	35,024	56.5	42.2
	In the rest of the State	26,976	43.5	12.6
1977	DMA	35,899	57	43
	In the rest of the State	27,047	43	12.6

DETECTION OF CRIME

The overall detection rate in 1978 was 40.7% (38.8% in 1977). The detection rate varies from 89.5% in respect of Offences Against the Person to 35.9% in the less serious forms of larceny.

The total number of indictable offences detected was 25,286. Proceedings were taken in 23,152 cases, 961 cases were dealt with under the Juvenile Liaison Scheme and the remainder were dealt with by way of the formal caution of juveniles in areas where the Juvenile Liaison Scheme is not in operation and are included in the figure of 2,134, col.17 of indictable offences table.

OFFENCES AGAINST THE PERSON (GROUP I)

Murder, Manslaughter, Dangerous Driving Causing Death, Traffic Fatalities, Possession of Firearms with intent to endanger Life, Assault and related offences comprise this group. In 1978 a total of 2,266 offences were recorded in this group, an increase of 9.8% on 1977. The detection rate was 89.5% (87.3% in 1977).

OFFENCES RECORDED AND DETECTED IN THIS GROUP, 1974-1978

Year	Recorded	Detected	Percentage Detected
1974	1709	1848	86.8
1975	1456	1298	89.1
1976	1714	1546	90.3
1977	2063	1802	87.3
1978	2266	2028	89.5

The overall figure of 2,266 offences against the person includes 916 (40.4%) committed in the DMA where the detection rate was 84.1% (79% in 1977).

MURDER

There were 14 murders in 1978, as compared with 25 in 1977. There were 5 cases of attempted murder.

MANSLAUGHTER

There were 17 cases of manslaughter in 1978, 2 of which arose out of traffic accidents.

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

There were 627 deaths arising from 576 fatal traffic accidents and 2 of these were recorded as manslaughter. In 1977, there were 576 traffic fatalities, 8 of which were recorded as manslaughter.

29 persons (32 in 1977) were charged with dangerous driving causing death and 8 persons (12 in 1977) were charged with dangerous driving causing serious bodily injury.

OFFENCES AGAINST PROPERTY WITH VIOLENCE (GROUP II)

Offences of Burglary, Aggravated Burglary, Robbery, Arson and serious malicious damage to property are included in this Group. A total of 21,119 such offences were recorded in 1978, a decrease of 8.8% on 1977 and the detection rate was 44.1% (41% in 1977).

OFFENCES RECORDED AND DETECTED IN THIS GROUP, 1974-1978

Year	Recorded	Detected	Percentage Detected
1974	12,973	6,786	52.3
1975	16,432	7,946	48.4
1976	20,903	9,152	43.8
1977	23,154	9,491	41
1978	21,119	9,308	44.1

Of the total number of offences in this Group **11,416** (54.1%) were committed in the DMA and the detection rate was 47.1% (43.1% in 1977).

ROBBERY

There were **920** robberies in 1978, and 217 of these involved the use of arms. The figures show a decrease of 133 (12.6%) on those recorded in 1977. Proceedings were taken in 372 cases and the detection rate was 40.7% (32.3% in 1977).

ARSON AND MALICIOUS DAMAGE

There were **1,019** cases of malicious damage of which **114** were cases of arson; **540** (53%) were detected. In 1977 the total figure was **770** and of these **114** were cases of arson.

BURGLARY

Offences of breaking and entering premises, namely, burglary and aggravated burglary amounted to **19,136** of which **7,813** (40.8%) were detected. In 1977, a total of **21,268** offences of this nature were recorded and the detections were **8,186** (38.5%).

LARCENIES ETC. (GROUP III)

Larcenies, forgeries and frauds of various kinds comprise this group. In 1978, **38,397** such offences were recorded and this showed an increase of **932** (2.5%) on the figure for 1977. A total of **13,771** (35.9%) of these offences were detected. In 1977 detections amounted to 12,922 (34.5%).

OFFENCES RECORDED AND DETECTED IN THIS GROUP, 1974-1978

Year	Recorded	Detected	Percentage Detected
1974	24,345	10,061	41.3
1975	29,362	10,793	36.8
1976	31,540	11,583	36.7
1977	37,465	12,922	34.5
1978	38,397	13,771	35.9

The overall figure of 38,397 offences recorded in this Group includes **22,576** (58.8%) committed in the DMA where detections totalled **6,430** (28.5%). In 1977, detections in the DMA totalled **5,630** (25.4%). The number of larcenies from unattended vehicles at **14,193**, shows a decrease of **307** (2.1%) on the figure for the previous year.

Thefts of motor vehicles, **694**, show a decrease of **12** (1.7%) on the figure recorded in 1977.

OTHER INDICTABLE OFFENCES (GROUP IV)

This is a general crime group in which 218 offences were recorded. A total of 180 (82.6%) of these offences were detected.

When compared with 1977 the overall figure shows a decrease of 46 (17.4%). Of the total number of offences recorded 116 (53.2%) were committed in the DMA and 100 (86.2%) of these were detected.

OFFENCES RECORDED AND DETECTED IN THIS GROUP, 1974-1978

Year	Recorded	Detected	Percentage Detected
1974	1,069	956	89.4
1975	1,137	974	85.7
1976	225	201	89.3
1977	264	224	84.8
1978	218	180	82.6

INDICTABLE OFFENCES RECORDED AND DETECTED BY GARDA DIVISIONS AND FOUR PRINCIPAL CITY DISTRICTS - YEAR ENDED 31/12/78

	GROUP I Offences Against the Person		GROUP II Offences Against Property with Violence		GROUP III Larcenies, etc.		GROUP IV Other Indictable Offences		Total Indictable Offences	Percentage variation on 1977 figures		No. of detections for 1978
	Rec.	Det.	Rec.	Det.	Rec.	Det.	Rec.	Det.		Incr.	Decr.	
Carlow/Kildare	64	62	573	189	1040	550	6	6	1683	5.5		807 (48%)
Cavan/Monaghan	51	50	194	77	321	198	4	4	570		7.8	329 (57.7%)
Cork East	298	274	2064	1036	3320	1808	17	17	5699	8.0		3135 (55%)
Cork West	26	26	237	120	280	140	6	2	549		21.2	288 (52.5%)
Clare (New Division since July, 1978)	20	19	207	75	298	105	2	2	527			201 (38.1%)
Donegal	87	72	331	99	426	167	7	7	851		12.4	345 (40.5%)
D.M.A.	916	770	11416	5378	22576	6430	116	100	35024		2.4	12678 (36.2%)
Galway West	50	43	473	148	737	247	-		1260		17.9	438 (34.8%)
Kerry	57	56	289	103	716	263	2	2	1064	9.8		424 (39.8%)
Leix/Offaly	54	51	282	139	647	347	4	4	987	28.2		541 (54.8%)
Limerick	123	113	1291	520	1844	711	20	10	3278		18.4	1354 (41.3%)
Longford/Westmeath	52	48	330	148	821	429	5	4	1208		8.9	629 (52.1%)
Louth/Meath	136	123	1105	354	1736	606	12	5	2989	0.4		1088 (36.4%)
Mayo	42	42	184	109	359	188	1	1	586		0.3	340 (58%)
Roscommon/Galway E.	56	54	157	92	459	304	-		672	17.7		450 (67%)
Sligo/Leitrim	39	39	178	104	313	167	1	1	531	No change		311 (58.6%)
Tipperary	89	86	536	183	646	308	3	3	1274		5.1	580 (45.5%)
Waterford/Kilkenny	42	38	541	189	761	357	2	2	1346	2.8		586 (43.5%)
Wexford	64	61	731	245	1097	446	10	10	1902		2.7	762 (40.1%)
Total for the State	2266	2027	21119	9308	38397	13771	218	180	62000		1.5	25286 (40.7%)
Total less figures for Dublin	1350	1257	9703	3930	15821	7341	102	80	26976		0.3	12608 (46.7%)
CITY DISTRICTS												
Cork	171	152	1493	733	2491	1330	7	7	4162	7.1		2222 (53.4%)
Limerick	105	96	1124	460	1672	634	20	10	2921		0.9	1200 (41.1%)
Galway	21	15	364	117	599	193	-		984		8.4	325 (33%)
Waterford	12	8	262	93	349	161	-		623		4.6	262 (42.1%)

Age Groups – Convicted Persons, 1978

Age groups of persons convicted, or against whom the charge was held proved and order made without conviction, in respect of crimes which were pending on 1st January, 1978.

Under 14 years	14 – 17 years	17 – 21 years	Over 21 years	TOTAL
453	1,404	1,590	2,374	5,821

Age groups of persons convicted, or against whom the charge was held proved and order made without conviction, in respect of crimes which were committed during 1978.

Under 14 years	14 – 17 years	17 – 21 years	Over 21 years	TOTAL
459	1,479	2,608	4,519	9,065

TOTAL (a) and (b)

Under 14 years	14 – 17 years	17 – 21 years	Over 21 years	TOTAL
912	2,883	4,198	6,893	14,886

1974 – 1978

Year	Under 14 years	14 – 17 years	17 – 21 years	Over 21 years	TOTAL
1974	980	2,200	3,445	5,953	12,578
1975	876	2,434	3,827	6,600	13,737
1976	734	1,888	2,609	5,291	10,522
1977	515	1,784	2,844	5,558	10,701
1978	912	2,883	4,198	6,893	14,886

Juveniles (under 17 years of age) convicted or against whom charge was held proved and order made without conviction.

Year	Total number of persons convicted	Juveniles (under 17 yrs.) convicted
1974	12,578	3180 (25.3%)
1975	13,737	3310 (24.1%)
1976	10,522	2622 (24.9%)
1977	10,701	2299 (21.5%)
1978	14,886	3795 (25.5%)

There were 10,583 cases of indictable offences pending in the District Court and 446 cases were awaiting trial on 31st December, 1978, as compared with 10,861 cases pending in the District Court and 807 cases awaiting trial on 31st December, 1977.

INDICTABLE OFFENCES WHICH BECAME KNOWN TO THE GARDAI DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1978

(1) NATURE OF OFFENCES	(2) No. of Offences reported or known	(3) No. of Offences in which Criminal Proceedings were Commenced	(4) RESULT OF PROCEEDINGS IN CASES												(16) Still Pending in District Court	(17) Crimes for which the perpetrators were detected but for which no proceedings are shown.	(18) Number (by Sex and Age Groups) of Persons convicted or against whom the Charge was held proved and Order made without Conviction.									
			Dealt with on Indictment and							(10) Committed for Trial and still awaiting Trial	Dealt with Summarily and						(18) Under 14 Years		(19) 14 - 17 Years		(20) 17 - 21 Years		(21) Above 21 Years		(22) Total	
			(5) Convicted	(6) Acquitted	(7) Found Insane & incapable of Pleading	(8) Nolle Prosequi entered	(9) Adjourned Sine Die or otherwise disposed of	(11) Convicted	(12) Dismissed		(13) Charge proved & order made without Conviction	(14) Charge Withdrawn	(15) Adjourned Sine Die or otherwise disposed of	M			F	M	F	M	F	M	F			
			Informations refused		Informations refused		Informations refused		Informations refused		Informations refused		Informations refused				Informations refused		Informations refused		Informations refused		Informations refused			
GROUP I Offences Against The Person																										
29. Incest	3	2		1											1	1							1	1		
30. Procuration	2	2								1					1									1	1	
31. Abduction	2															1										
32. Bigamy	1	1											1													
33. Kidnapping	3	1													1											
34. Possession of Firearms with intent to endanger life	26	23	1	3			1			2			3		13									6	6	
35. Possession of Firearms while taking Vehicle without authority	12	4		3					1										4					2	6	
36. Use of Firearms to resist arrest or aid escape	1	1								1														1	1	
37. Possession of Firearms or Ammunition in suspicious circumstances	11	10		1						4					5									4	4	
38. Carrying Firearm with Criminal Intent	3	3													3											
TOTAL GROUP I	2266	1987	3	109	13	1	2	5	76	772	117	25	63	36	765	40			39	1	261	11	572	23	907	

INDICTABLE OFFENCES WHICH BECAME KNOWN TO THE GARDAI DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1978

(1) NATURE OF OFFENCES	(2) No. of Offences reported or known	(3) No. of Offences in which Criminal Proceedings were Commenced	RESULT OF PROCEEDINGS IN CASES												(16) Still Pending in District Court	(17) Crimes for which the perpetrators were detected but for which no proceedings are shown.	Number (by Sex and Age Groups) of Persons convicted or against whom the Charge was held proved and Order made without Conviction.										
			Informations refused							(10) Committed for Trial and still awaiting Trial	Dealt with Summarily and						(18) Under 14 Years		(19) 14 - 17 Years		(20) 17 - 21 Years		(21) Above 21 Years		(22) Total		
			Dealt with on Indictment and		(5) Convicted	(6) Acquitted	(7) Found Insane & incapable of Pleading	(8) Nolle Prosequi entered	(9) Adjourned Sine Die or otherwise disposed of		(11) Convicted	(12) Dismissed	(13) Charge proved & order made without Conviction	(14) Charge Withdrawn			(15) Adjourned Sine Die or otherwise disposed of	M	F	M	F	M	F	M		F	
			Informations refused							M								F	M	F	M	F	M	F			
GROUP II Offences Against Property With Violence																											
39. Burglary	18923	7733	7	245	3		4	25	121	3157	106	99	49	140	3777	540	209	12	677	20	813	27	727	29		2514	
40. Aggravated Burglary	213	80		2	1			1	5	29	2			1	39	3			6		8		4			18	
41. Robbery	703	314		10			2		5	102	8		4	3	180	2		1	32	3	12		28	2		78	
42. Robbery with Arms	217	58		8	1				3	3			2		41				1		4		7	1		13	
43. Assaulting dwellinghouses (by firing shots into them or by use of explosives).	5	1													1												
44. Threatening to publish or publishing with intent to extort																											
45. Arson	114	48			1			1	5	13	1			2	25	9			4		2		9			15	
46. Killing and Maiming Cattle	6	2							2																		
47. Malicious damage to Schools	42	16								6		2	1		7	8			4		4		2			10	
48. Other malicious injury to property	853	403		6	1		1	1	9	212	20	7	5	8	133	56	3	1	30	2	127	3	126	6		298	
49. Causing an explosion likely to endanger life or damage property	4	2												1	1												
50. Attempting to cause an explosion																											
51. Possession of explosive substances	5	4		1					1						2								1			1	
52. Making of Explosives	1	1													1												

INDICTABLE OFFENCES WHICH BECAME KNOWN TO THE GARDAI DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1978

(1) NATURE OF OFFENCES	(2) No. of Offences reported or known	(3) No. of Offences in which Criminal Proceedings were		RESULT OF PROCEEDINGS IN CASES											(16) Still Pending in District Court	(17) Crime for which the perpetrators were detected but for which no proceedings are shown.	(22) Number (by Sex and Age Groups) of Persons convicted or against whom the Charge was held proved and Order made without Conviction.											
		Committed	Informations refused	Dealt with on Indictment and					Committed for Trial and still awaiting Trial	Dealt with Summarily and							(18) Under 14 Years		(19) 14 - 17 Years		(20) 17 - 21 Years		(21) Above 21 Years		(22) Total			
				Convicted	Acquitted	Found Insane & Incapable of Pleading	Nolle Prosequi entered	Adjourned Sine Die or otherwise disposed of		Convicted	Dismissed	Charge proved & order made without Conviction	Charge Withdrawn	Adjourned Sine Die or otherwise disposed of			M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F				
																										M	F	M
GROUP II Offences Against Property With Violence																												
53. Interference with Railway	1	1						1																				
54. Unlawful seizure of Aircraft																												
55. Unlawful seizure of Vehicles	10	5		2						2					1										2		2	
56. Unlawful possession of H.B. implements	22	22		1				1	1	6	4		1		8			2		1				2		2	5	
TOTAL GROUP II	21119	8690	7	275	7		7	29	153	3530	141	108	62	155	4216	618	212	14	756	25	971	30	908	38	2954			

INDICTABLE OFFENCES WHICH BECAME KNOWN TO THE GARDAI DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1978

NATURE OF OFFENCES (1)	No. of Offences reported or known (2)	No. of Offences in which Criminal Proceedings were (3)	RESULT OF PROCEEDINGS IN CASES												Still Pending in District Court (16)	Crime for which the perpetrators were detected but for which no proceedings are shown. (17)	Number (by Sex and Age Groups) of Persons convicted or against whom the Charge was held proved and Order made without Conviction.										
			Informations refused (4)	Dealt with on indictment and (5)-(9)						Committed for Trial and still awaiting Trial (10)	Dealt with Summarily and (11)-(15)						(18)		(19)		(20)		(21)		(22)		
				Commenced	Convicted	Acquitted	Found insane & incapable of Pleading	Nolle Prosequi entered	Adjourned Sine Die or otherwise disposed of		Convicted	Dismissed	Charge proved & order made without Conviction	Charge Withdrawn			Adjourned Sine Die or otherwise disposed of	Under 14 Years	14 - 17 Years	17 - 21 Years	Above 21 Years	Total					
																							M	F		M	F
GROUP III Larcenies, etc.																											
57. Larceny of Horses, Cattle and Sheep	160	58		8	2					6	10	3	1		1									23	23		
58. Larceny of Other Livestock	16	7		2							4							2		1				5	8		
59. Larceny from The Person	2928	636	3	5						3	136	17	2	4	18	448	20	2	21	32	3	17	3	10	4	92	
60. Lcy. in House to value of £5, or with menaces	167	51		2							29		2	1		17	19			1		11	1	17	2	32	
61. Larceny from Dwelling-house by employees	50	34	1	1						4	13					15	5					7		3	4	14	
62. Larceny of Firearms	29	9								1	5					3	1					1		1	2	4	
63. Larceny of Explosives																											
64. Larceny of M/Cars	353	89	1	7	2					1	23	7	1	2	2	43	3					3		11	1	17	32
65. Larceny of Motor Cycles, Scooters, etc.	296	48		3				1	1	11	1	2		1		28		1		3	1	5		4		14	
66. Larceny of M/Lorries	19	5		1							1					3	1							1	2	3	
67. Larceny of other MPV's	26	9									4	1		1		3								2	3	5	
68. Larceny of Pedal Cycles	504	161								1	60	7	4		2	87	55	5		7	1	16		24	2	55	
69. Larceny of M.P.V. accessories	1001	186	1	3						1	87	5	6	1	5	77	37			8		32		52		92	
70. Larceny from Unattended Vehicles	14193	3080	43	67	2			3	22	1149	44	28	18	21	1683	126	33	3	214	1	268	3	239	7	768		

INDICTABLE OFFENCES WHICH BECAME KNOWN TO THE GARDAI DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1978

NATURE OF OFFENCES (1)	No. of Offences reported or known (2)	No. of Offences in which Criminal Proceedings were Commenced (3)	RESULT OF PROCEEDINGS IN CASES													Number (by Sex and Age Groups) of Persons convicted or against whom the Charge was held proved and Order made without Conviction. (17)											
			Informations refused (4)	Dealt with on Indictment and (5) (6) (7) (8) (9)					Committed for Trial and still awaiting Trial (10)	Dealt with Summarily and (11) (12) (13) (14) (15)					Still Pending in District Court (16)		Number (by Sex and Age Groups) of Persons convicted or against whom the Charge was held proved and Order made without Conviction. (18) (19) (20) (21) (22)										
				Convicted	Acquitted	Found Insane & incapable of Pleading	Nolle Prosequi entered	Adjourned Sine Die or otherwise disposed of		Convicted	Dismissed	Charge proved & order made without Conviction	Charge Withdrawn	Adjourned Sine Die or otherwise disposed of			Under 14 Years	14 - 17 Years		17 - 21 Years		Above 21 Years	Total				
																		M	F	M	F			M	F	M	F
GROUP III Larcenies, etc.																											
71. Larceny of Petrol/ Diesel	277	204		15					1	110	12	9	3		54	8	3		21	1	63			45	1	134	
72. Larceny from Shops and Stalls	4094	2508	1	49	4	1		3	36	1221	90	103	17	38	945	632	63	19	86	41	162	133	350	572	1426		
73. Larceny of Cash, Cheques, etc.	1450	590		18	1				7	250	17	17	6	13	261	143	9	11	26	2	68	12	89	38	255		
74. Larceny of Drugs	4	2													2												
75. Larceny of T.V.'s, Radios, etc.	140	39		2					1	17		1			18	8			1	1	6	2	6	1	17		
76. Larceny of Jewellery/ Watches	198	48	1	2						21					24	17			6		4	3	11	4	28		
77. Larceny of Cigarettes	59	37								15		1			21	3			1		4		10		15		
78. Larceny of Copper, Lead, etc.	125	36	2							17	1		1		15	1			4		7		8		19		
79. Other Larcenies (exceeding £50 in value)	3166	555	1	26	3		1	1	15	239	19	11	6	6	227	28	10		25	1	68	3	197	7	311		
80. Other Larcenies (not exceeding £50 in value)	4987	1332	2	39	2			1	5	635	53	55	22	15	503	265	44	1	121	1	197	25	346	45	780		
81. Embezzlement	105	103		1	1				31	21		7	2		40						1	1	25	1	28		
82. Obtaining of Goods by False Pretences	591	375		6					4	209	2	15	6		133	17			9	25			150	20	204		
83. Frauds by Agents, Trustees, Directors, etc.	4	3							1	1					1								1		1		
84. Fraud by Bogus Advertiser	3	2								2													2		2		

INDICTABLE OFFENCES WHICH BECAME KNOWN TO THE GARDAI DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1978

NATURE OF OFFENCES (1)	No. of Offences reported or known (2)	No. of Offences in which Criminal Proceedings were Commenced (3)	RESULT OF PROCEEDINGS IN CASES												Still Pending in District Court (16)	Crimes for which the perpetrators were detected but for which no proceedings are shown. (17)	Number (by Sex and Age Groups) of Persons convicted or against whom the Charge was held proved and Order made without Conviction.																											
			Informations refused (4)	Dealt with on Indictment and (5) Convicted (6) Acquitted (7) Found Insane & Incapable of Pleading (8) Nolle Prosequi entered (9) Adjudged Sine Die or otherwise disposed of					Committed for Trial and still awaiting Trial (10)	Dealt with Summarily and (11) Convicted (12) Dismissed (13) Charge proved & order made without Conviction (14) Charge Withdrawn (15) Adjudged Sine Die or otherwise disposed of							(18) Under 14 Years	(19) 14 - 17 Years	(20) 17 - 21 Years	(21) Above 21 Years	(22) Total																							
				Convicted	Acquitted	Found Insane & Incapable of Pleading	Nolle Prosequi entered	Adjudged Sine Die or otherwise disposed of		Committed for Trial and still awaiting Trial	Convicted	Dismissed	Charge proved & order made without Conviction	Charge Withdrawn								Adjudged Sine Die or otherwise disposed of	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F														
GROUP III Larcenies, etc.																																												
85. Fraud by Bogus Salesman	6	5												1	4																													
86. Fraud by Bogus Company	4	1													1																													
87. Fraud by obtaining credit	34	15								7			1		7	1																												
88. Fraudulent Conversion	89	87		1					2	2		3			79	1										1	5																	
89. Falsification of Accounts	13	11		2					1	1					7																													
90. Other Frauds	60	51		4					1	17	2			1	26	2																												
91. Receiving stolen goods (exceeding £100 in value)	215	212		6	6				33	73	16	2	3	2	71	3																												
92. Receiving stolen goods (not exceeding £100 in value)	393	370		5	2		2		10	125	42	5	9	2	168	23																												
93. Cheating	4	4		1						2				1																														
94. Forgery & Uttering	2499	1252		107					16	650	9	18	4	4	444	25																												
95. Coinage Acts - Offences Against	13	10								9					1																													
96. Debtors (Ir.) Act Offences Against	73	43								26					17	2																												
97. Post Office Act - Offences Against	49	34								19					15	10																												
TOTAL GROUP III	38397	12302	56	383	25	1	3	9	204	5221	348	293	107	132	5,520	1469	175	58	586	68	1100	220	2134	807	5148																			

INDICTABLE OFFENCES WHICH BECAME KNOWN TO THE GARDAI DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1978

NATURE OF OFFENCES (1)	No. of Offences reported or known (2)	No. of Offences in which Criminal Proceedings were (3)	RESULT OF PROCEEDINGS IN CASES												Still Pending in District Court (16)	Crime for which the perpetrators were detected but for which no proceedings are shown. (17)	Number (by Sex and Age Groups) of Persons convicted or against whom the Charge was held proved and Order made without Conviction.																																					
			Dealt with on Indictment and							Committed for Trial and still awaiting Trial (10)	Dealt with Summarily and						(18)		(19)		(20)		(21)		(22) Total																													
			Informations refused (4)	Convicted (5)	Acquitted (6)	Found Insane & incapable of Pleading (7)	Nolle Prosequi entered (8)	Adjourned Sine Die or otherwise disposed of (9)	Convicted (11)		Dismissed (12)	Charge proved & order made without Conviction (13)	Charge Withdrawn (14)	Adjourned Sine Die or otherwise disposed of (15)			Under 14 Years		14 - 17 Years		17 - 21 Years		Above 21 Years																															
																	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F																														
GROUP IV Other Indictable Offences																																																						
98. Official Secrets Act																																																						
99. Treason Act 1939 - Offences Against																																																						
100. Offences Against the State Act 1939 - Breaches of	8	8			5				2				1																																									
101. Riot or Unlawful Assembly	1	1								1																																												
102. Incitement																																																						
103. Bribery																																																						
104. Perjury	1	1								1																																												
105. Indecent Exposure (Public Indecency)	14	10								7																																												
106. Keeping a Disorderly House																																																						
107. Attempting to commit Suicide	2	2											1																																									
108. Brothel Keeping	1	1										1																																										
109. Prison Breach																																																						
110. Escape from Lawful Custody	3	3		1						2																																												
111. Rescue from Lawful Custody																																																						

INDICTABLE OFFENCES WHICH BECAME KNOWN TO THE GARDAI DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1978

NATURE OF OFFENCES (1)	No. of Offences reported or known (2)	No. of Offences in which Criminal Proceedings were Commenced (3)	RESULT OF PROCEEDINGS IN CASES												Still Pending in District Court (16)	Crime for which the perpetrators were detected but for which no proceedings are shown. (17)	Number (by Sex and Age Groups) of Persons convicted or against whom the Charge was held proved and Order made without Conviction.																				
			Informations refused (4)	Dealt with on Indictment and (5)-(9)					Committed for Trial and still awaiting Trial (10)	Dealt with Summarily and (11)-(15)							(18) Under 14 Years		(19) 14 - 17 Years		(20) 17 - 21 Years		(21) Above 21 Years		(22) Total												
				Convicted (5)	Acquitted (6)	Found Insane & incapable of Pleading (7)	Noite Prosequi entered (8)	Adjourned Sine Die or otherwise disposed of (9)		Convicted (11)	Dismissed (12)	Charge proved & order made without Conviction (13)	Charge Withdrawn (14)	Adjourned Sine Die or otherwise disposed of (15)			M (18)	F (18)	M (19)	F (19)	M (20)	F (20)	M (21)	F (21)													
GROUP IV Other Indictable Offences																																					
112. False Imprisonment	5	1													1																						
113. Public Mischief	5	4								3	1					1																				2	2
114. Conspiracy	9	9		1					2	1	1		1		3																					1	1
115. Destroying or Disposing of Dead Bodies																																					
116. Electoral Acts — Offences Against																																					
117. Personation																																					
118. Embracery																																					
119. Misprision of Felony																																					
120. Wireless Telegraphy Act																																					
121. Corruption																																					
122. Clergymen (Obstructing During Service)	1	1														1																					
123. Other Indictable Offences	168	133		4			1		9	32	10		2	1	74	4		4		10	2	15														31	
TOTAL GROUP IV	218	173		6	5		1		13	47	13		5	1	82	7		4		13	2	32	5												56		
GRAND TOTALS	62000	23152	66	773	50	2	13	43	446	9570	619	426	237	324	10583	2134	387	72	1385	94	2345	263	3646	873											9065		

VALUE OF PROPERTY STOLEN AND RECOVERED IN 1978

Table showing:

- (1) Offences against property with violence (numbers 39 to 42 inclusive of statistical return of indictable offences for 1978)
 (2) Larcenies etc. (offences against property without violence numbers 57 to 80 inclusive, of statistical return of indictable offences for 1978)

	Less than £1	£1 to £2	£2 to £5	£5 to £10	£10 to £50	£50 to £100	£100 to £200	£200 to £300	£300 to £400	£400 to £500	£500 to £1000	£1000 to £5000	Over £5000	Total No. of crimes	Total value of property stolen	Total value of property recovered	Total No. of cases in which no property was stolen
(1) No. of offences against property with violence	180	249	730	1,010	5,121	2,814	2,524	1,345	684	554	966	728	133	17,038	£6,268,908	£464,996	3,018
(2) No. of larcenies etc.	744	639	1,748	2,430	13,941	6,527	4,250	1,519	619	428	664	418	59	33,986	£4,103,446	£633,699	256

Total value of property stolen
 1977 — £8,068,617.00
 1978 — £10,372,354.00

Total value of property recovered
 £1,014,254.00 (12.6%)
 £1,098,695.00 (10.6%)

AGE ANALYSIS OF MURDERED PERSONS – 1978

Age in years	0 – 9	10 – 14	15 – 16	17 – 20	21 – 29	30 – 64	65 – 74	75 – 99
No. of persons	2	–	–	3	5	3	1	1

MURDERS RECORDED AND DETECTED IN 1978 BY DIVISIONS

DIVISION	Recorded	Detected
Carlow/Kildare	–	–
Cavan/Monaghan	–	–
Cork East	–	–
Cork West	–	–
Clare	–	–
Donegal	1	1
D M A	8	7
Galway West	1	1
Kerry	–	–
Leix/Offaly	–	–
Limerick	1	1
Longford/Westmeath	1	1
Louth/Meath	1	1
Mayo	–	–
Roscommon/Galway E.	–	–
Sligo/Leitrim	–	–
Tipperary	–	–
Waterford/Kilkenny	2	2
Wexford	–	–
Totals	15	14

ANALYSIS OF ARMED ROBBERIES – LINE 42 TABLE OF INDICTABLE OFFENCES – 1978

DIVISION	House/ Flat	Bank	P.O.	Betting Office	Licensed Premises	Gda. Stn.	Shop/ Stall	Garage	Factory Store	Office	Hotel	Petrol Stn.	Dance Hall	Other	TOTAL
Carlow/Kildare	1	1	1												3
Cavan/Monaghan		1					1					1		1	4
Clare		2													2
Cork East	1	1					1		1	1				4	9
Cork West		1													1
Donegal	1	1	3		2	1	2		1	1		2	2	3	19
D M A	6	28	16	5	9		18	3	16	8	1	3		25	138
Galway West															
Kerry			1								1				2
Leix/Offaly										1				1	8
Limerick		5	1											1	1
Longford/Westmeath														1	1
Louth/Meath	2	3	3				2	2	1	1	1	2		2	19
Mayo															
Roscommon/Galway E.			1		1		1								3
Sligo/Leitrim															
Tipperary															
Waterford/Kilkenny		2							2		1			2	5
Wexford	1														3
TOTALS	12	45	26	5	12	1	25	5	21	12	4	8	2	39	217

Cash analysis of Armed Robberies in 1978 showing value of property stolen by type of premises

Up to £100	4	1			2		9	5		1		4		11	37
£100 to £500	1	1	4	3	2		4		2	1	1	3	2	8	32
£500 to £1,000	1	4	5	2	4	1	2		1	4				3	27
£1,000 to £5,000	2	17	11		4		3		6	1	2			8	54
£5,000 +	4	19	6				5		10	4	1			7	56
Nothing taken		3					2		2	1		1		2	11
TOTALS	12	45	26	5	12	1	25	5	21	12	4	8	2	39	217

Non-Indictable Offences—Proceedings and persons convicted in Year 1978

OFFENCES (1)	No. of Offences in which proceedings were taken (2)	Charges withdrawn or dismissed (3)	Number of convictions (4)	Charges proved and order made without conviction (5)	Adjourned sine die or otherwise disposed of (6)	No. of persons convicted or against whom charge was held proved or orde- made without conviction. (7)
1. (a) Assaults	6021	1337	3466	440	778	3658
(b) .. Gardai on duty	869	119	559	65	126	608
2. Cruelty to Animals	147	33	98	7	9	97
3. (a) Dogs, Offences in relation to Licensing of (Finance Act, 1925)	1158	167	646	108	37	880
(b) Dogs Order, 1966 (wearing of dog collars etc.)	247	103	119	14	11	118
(c) Dogs, Protection of Livestock Act, 1960 (dogs worrying Livestock)	119	9	96	4	10	97
4. School Attendance Act, 1926, Offences against	343	57	220	35	31	230
5. Traffic Acts, Offences against:						
(a) Lighting Regulations—Pedal Cycles (i) No front lamp	1052	111	755	159	27	874
.. .. . (ii) No rear lamp	774	106	559	88	21	605
.. .. . (iii) No reflector	439	61	298	64	16	318
(b) —M.P.V.	33594	3412	23881	4519	1782	19060
(c) —Animal-drawn vehicles	3	—	2	1	—	3
(d) Licences—Driving	40708	7146	26108	5338	2116	22433
(e) Obstruction	3713	379	2958	235	141	3053
(f) Dangerous Parking	854	100	698	37	19	694
(g) Road Traffic General Bye-Laws, 1964	3824	536	2704	432	152	2902
(h) Local Bye-Laws	18523	1996	14869	1044	614	15305
(i) Dangerous and Careless Driving	11246	1919	7868	528	931	8097
(j) Compulsory Insurance	38681	8944	22623	4499	2615	20930
(k) Drink and Driving:						
(i) Driving or attempting to drive M.P.V. while drunk	2360	517	1627	—	216	1627
(ii) Being in charge of M.P.V. while drunk	202	34	146	—	22	146
(iii) Driving or attempting to drive M.P.V., alcohol concentration above prescribed limit	988	135	583	—	270	583
(iv) Being in charge of M.P.V., alcohol concentration above pre- scribed limit	85	14	39	—	32	39
(v) Refusing to provide preliminary specimen of breath	170	8	120	—	42	120
(vi) Refusing to provide or permit taking of blood/urine specimen at Garda stations	247	18	173	—	58	173

Non-Indictable Offences—Proceedings and persons convicted in Year 1978

OFFENCES	No. of Offences in which proceedings were taken	Charges withdrawn or dismissed	Number of convictions	Charges proved and order made without conviction	Adjourned sine die or otherwise disposed of	No. of persons convicted or against whom charge was held proved or order made without conviction.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
(l) Driving or attempting to drive or being in charge of animal-drawn vehicle while drunk	7	—	6	—	1	6
(m) Driving or attempting to drive pedal cycle while drunk	43	3	34	1	5	36
(n) Exceeding speed limit (i) Built-up area	17783	854	15551	704	674	16014
" " " (ii) Special	2760	184	2355	104	117	2378
" " " (iii) Ordinary	1222	93	991	99	39	920
" " " (iv) General	2735	179	2294	191	71	2332
(o) Driving dangerously defective M.P.V.	299	46	208	17	28	222
(p) Other offences	12458	2555	7675	1565	663	7122
(q) Construction Equipment and Use of Vehicles Regulations, 1963-						
" " (i) Defective tyres	10220	1027	8045	783	365	7252
" " (ii) .. steering	115	11	94	4	6	93
" " (iii) .. brakes	2306	186	1830	219	71	1760
" " (iv) Other Offences	9729	1152	7050	1014	513	6314
6. (a) Taking M.P.V. without authority	2491	259	1833	161	238	1940
(b) Unauthorised interference with mechanism of M.P.V.	1487	235	995	131	126	1110
(c) Taking possession of pedal cycle without consent	94	7	73	7	7	80
7. Road Transport Acts	1492	334	896	167	95	828
8. Roads Act and Finance Acts—Excise Licence	56950	9690	37158	7136	2966	33280
9. Intoxicating Liquor Laws, Offences against:						
(a) Illegally on Licensed Premises during closing hours	8875	667	7181	143	884	7279
(b) Drunkenness, Simple	2446	195	1891	205	155	2031
(c) Drunkenness with aggravation	3502	405	2641	269	187	2790
(d) Offences by Licensed Persons (or their Servants) against closing Regulations	1594	546	850	6	190	821
(e) Other Offences by Licensed Persons (or their Servants)	191	48	104	2	37	95
(f) Supplying or selling drink to persons under 18 years	37	20	11	—	6	11
(g) Offences in connection with Registered Clubs	33	3	29	—	1	29
(h) Other offences against Intoxicating Liquor Laws	641	124	434	50	33	437

Non-Indictable Offences—Proceedings and persons convicted in Year 1978

OFFENCES	No. of Offences in which proceedings were taken	Charges withdrawn or dismissed	Number of convictions	Charges proved and order made without conviction	Adjourned sine die or otherwise disposed of	No. of persons convicted or against whom charge was held proved or order made without conviction.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
10. Labour Laws, offences against	10	4	5	—	1	5
11. Malicious Damage to Animals, Fences, etc.	2550	332	1744	217	257	1783
12. Police Regulations, Offences against:—						
(a) Dublin Metropolitan Police Acts	1438	231	873	252	82	1075
(b) Summary Jurisdiction (Ireland) Act, 1851	730	122	488	66	56	541
13. Prostitution	207	14	174	13	6	187
14. Living on earnings of prostitute						
15. Loitering with intent	369	127	200	22	20	222
16. Revenue Laws, Offences against	139	28	89	2	20	90
17. Stealing, Receiving or Possessing Stolen Property (not the subject of larceny at Common Law)	316	40	238	9	31	235
18. Street Trading Act, 1926—Offences against	689	51	519	40	79	433
19. Vagrancy Acts—Offences against:—						
(a) Begging	245	39	176	22	8	195
(b) Other Offences	589	135	361	47	26	403
20. Wireless Telegraphy Act, 1926—Offences against	359	13	336	9	1	345
21. Firearms Acts—Offences against	270	34	174	15	47	171
22. Explosives—Offences in relation to	1	—	1	—	—	1
23. Dangerous Drugs Act 1934—Health Act 1970 (Offences in relation to dangerous drugs):						
(a) Unlawful possession of dangerous drugs	427	28	210	12	177	215
(b) Unlawfully procuring dangerous drugs	7	—	—	—	7	—
(c) Unlawfully supplying (peddling) dangerous drugs	8	2	3	—	3	3
(d) Other offences	48	10	19	—	19	19
24. Offences under Juries Act, 1976	334	53	158	33	90	187
25. Other Offences	7439	1057	4912	698	772	4660
TOTAL	322032	48402	222320	32054	19256	208600

CRIME PREVENTION

Specially trained personnel are engaged in crime prevention advisory work in all Garda Divisions. In Dublin the Crime Prevention Unit is located at Osmond House, Ship Street.

During the year, 72 lectures on crime prevention and home security were given to residents' associations, ladies clubs, security organisations and business groups at different venues in the Dublin area. Lectures were also delivered by crime prevention personnel in country areas as occasions demanded. Pamphlets were distributed at lectures and exhibitions and a special one was devised for supply to tourists.

Crime prevention exhibitions were mounted at the following venues:

- (1) R.D.S. Dublin, on the occasions of the Irish Motor Show, the Spring Show and the Horse Show.
- (2) Cork City at the Ideal Homes Exhibition.
- (3) Galway City at an Industrial Exhibition.
- (4) Sligo at the Annual Show.
- (5) Limerick at the Industrial Show.
- (6) Tralee at the Annual Show.
- (7) Clonmel at the Annual Show.
- (8) Ardara, Co. Donegal, at the Industrial Show.

Great public interest was evident at these exhibitions and security advice was provided as required.

There were 310 crime prevention surveys carried out on dwellinghouses, commercial and business premises as well as special surveys at State and Semi-State buildings.

The exhibition rooms at Osmond House and the Bridewell Garda Station, Cork, were visited by large crowds who displayed a keen interest in modern crime prevention equipment.

The Crime Prevention Unit is responsible for the presentation of the 'Garda Patrol' programme. Public interest continued to increase and greater emphasis was placed in pointing out and reminding viewers of crime prevention techniques.

GARDA JUVENILE LIAISON OFFICER SCHEME

The Scheme was first established in 1963 in the DMA and later extended to the cities of Cork, Limerick and Waterford, and more recently to large towns throughout the country - Clonmel, Drogheda, Dundalk, Kilkenny, Sligo, Tralee, Wexford, Galway, Athlone, Cobh, Balbriggan, Carlow, Tullamore, New Ross, Killarney, Longford and Gorey. Garda Juvenile Liaison Officers are specially selected members, and receive training in dealing with juveniles involved in deviant and anti-social behaviour. At present there are 4 Sergeants, 35 Gardai and 2 Ban Ghardai employed in the operation of the Scheme, an additional Juvenile Liaison Officer being appointed at Limerick City during 1978.

The aims of the Scheme are to prevent children and young persons under the age of 17 years, who are at risk, from becoming involved in deviant and criminal behaviour; and in the cases of those who have already offended in a minor way, to divert them into legitimate activities, and prevent them from becoming adult criminals.

Under the scheme, a minor under the age of 17 years, implicated in crime (burglary, larceny and the like) may be dealt with by caution as an alternative to court proceedings, and be subject to the surveillance and guidance of the Juvenile Liaison Officer until the age of 17 years is reached. Supervision may be withdrawn before reaching this age if it is considered that no risk is involved.

Since the inception of the Scheme in 1963, 12,374 offenders have been cautioned and supervised by the Gardai.

Particulars		Dublin Metropolitan Area	All Other Divisions	TOTAL
Juveniles admitted to the Scheme since its inception in 1963	Boys	6,149	4,418	10,567
	Girls	1,041	766	1,807
	Total	7,190	5,184	12,374
Recidivists		872	608	1,480
Cases closed, subject 17 years of age		3,443	2,400	5,843
Cases closed, supervision withdrawn after 2 years		2,324	932	3,256
Visits to delinquents' homes		105,964	74,351	180,315
Visits to Boys' Clubs		12,619	17,899	30,518
Lectures and Meetings		4,506	8,340	12,846

During the year 961 juveniles were admitted to the Scheme (836 Boys and 125 girls).

Outside the areas where Juvenile Liaison Officers have been appointed there is also provision for the cautioning of juveniles under the age of 17 years for certain minor crimes and offences. These young people are subject to a less formal type of surveillance by the local Gardai for as long as may be necessary, and are included in the figure of 2,134 at column 17 of Indictable Offences Table.

GARDA COMMUNITY RELATIONS

During the year 1978, a new office, the Garda Community Relations Office, was established in the Force.

It has responsibility for Community Relations, the Juvenile Liaison Officer Scheme and the Garda Sub-Aqua Unit.

The new section has its offices at Garda Headquarters and is staffed by a superintendent and two inspectors.

DRUGS UNIT.

The Drugs Unit is based in Dublin Castle, and operates throughout the country. A number of members in each Garda division have undergone drugs courses with the Drugs Unit at Dublin Castle.

During 1978 there was an increase in the number of persons charged with drug offences: 501 compared with 381 in 1977. Cannabis continues to be the most widely abused substance.

Home grown cannabis is appearing much more frequently than heretofore. The postal services continue to be used in smuggling cannabis resin from India, Amsterdam and England.

90% of the illicit supply of hard drugs is obtained by larceny from chemists' shops and manufacturing premises.

The unit, under the auspices of the Health Education Bureau, gave 84 lectures to voluntary organisations, to professional groups, and to prison and security services. An on-going advice service is available to the Drugs Unit, Dublin Castle.

A member of the Drugs Unit attended an international conference on drugs in Paris.

The following tables give a breakdown of persons charged with drug offences during 1978.

Under 17 years		17-21 years		Over 21 years	
M	F	M	F	M	F
3	—	166	15	269	48

PARTICULARS OF DRUGS SEIZED

TYPE OF DRUG	QUANTITY SEIZED	
	1978	1977
NARCOTIC DRUGS		
Opium	—	5g.
Morphine	140 amp, 228t, omnopon 51.5g Morphine Sulphate	130t, 154 amp, 16g, Morphine Hydrochlorate
Heroin	27g.	40t.
Other Opiates	3 bottles Tincture of opium 6g.	
Synthetic Narcotics	10,000t, 8,000 amp.	2g, 2,400t, 133 amp.
Salts of Cocaine	10t, 250m.g, 13g.	15g.
Cannabis	23k.g.	3,456g.
Cannabis Resin	8k.g.	9,978g.
Liquid Opium		
Liquid Cannabis		12g.
Cannabis Plants	645	555
Cannabis Seeds		
PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES		
Amphetamines and other stimulants	2.5g. Amphetamine Sulphate 50t. Benzedrine 71t Ritalin	285t. Methylphenidate 3g. Amphetamine Sulphate
Barbiturates	1,513t.	26,400t.
New Barbiturates		
Sedatives and Tranquillisers	1,000t.	1,241t.
LSD	54t	2 Pyramid t.
THC	5g.	
Others	17g.	

Amp = Ampoule
t = tablet
g = gramme
k.g. = kilogramme
m.g. = milligramme

DANGEROUS DRUGS – PERSONS CHARGED

DIVISION	No. of Persons Charged	Persons Charged		TYPE OF DRUG	No. of Persons Charged
		Nationality	No.		
Dublin Metropolitan Area	290	Irish	462	Morphine	18
Carlow/Kildare	5	British	28	Heroin	5
Cavan/Monaghan	1	American	5	Other Opiates	10
Clare	7	Northern Irish	3	Synthetic Narcotics	88
Cork East	89	Libyan	1	Salts of Cocaine	11
Cork West	63	Tunisian	1	Cannabis	80
Donegal	—	Greek	1	Cannabis Resin	154
Galway West	—			Amphetamines and other stimulants	20
Kerry	11			Barbiturates	33
Leix/Offaly	3			LSD	2
Limerick	7			THC	76
Longford/Westmeath	—			Others	4
Louth/Meath	7				
Mayo	6				
Roscommon/Galway East	—				
Sligo/Leitrim	—				
Tipperary	—				
Waterford/Kilkenny	2				
Wexford	10				
TOTALS	501		501		501

SUB-AQUA UNIT

The Garda Sub-Aqua Unit was established in 1966 to carry out underwater searches for:

- (a) Weapons the subject of crime or other evidence of criminal activity.
- (b) Bodies of crime victims or drowning accidents.

During the year, the Unit carried out twenty eight major search operations in rivers, harbours, canals and sea.

DOG HANDLING UNIT

This Unit, which has been operational since 1960, again proved to be very helpful in searches and in patrolling areas of lawlessness. During the year the Unit participated in the arrest of 289 persons.

THE EMERGENCY '999' SERVICE

During the year, 149,596 emergency '999' calls were received by the Gardai: 135,050 at the Communications Centre, Dublin Castle; 8,624 at the Communications Room, Union Quay, Cork; 3,282 at the Communications Room, Henry Street, Limerick; 1,500 at Galway station and 1,140 at the Communications Room, Waterford.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

There are 49 Sergeants employed as ex-officio Inspectors of Weights and Measures at 44 locations throughout the country. Their function is to enforce the Weights and Measures Acts and allied legislation.

STOLEN MOTOR VEHICLE INVESTIGATION UNIT

This Unit which operates countrywide is based at Dublin Castle.

Close liaison is maintained with similar units in other countries and this co-operation has led to the recovery of many stolen vehicles.

During the year under review the Unit recovered 245 stolen vehicles, 194 of which were stolen in the State and the remainder in England and Northern Ireland. In addition 47 illegally imported vehicles were located.

ROAD TRAFFIC

The upward spiral of traffic accidents in late 1977 continued until mid 1978. Consequent on the re-introduction of the blood/urine tests and an increase in the strength of the special Traffic Corps an appreciable drop in accidents was recorded. However, towards the end of the year an upward trend was again in evidence and particularly so in relation to fatal accidents. A total of 627 persons were killed in road traffic accidents in 1978, as compared with 576 in 1977.

In the year under review road safety lectures were delivered to school children and to other interested parties with a view to developing a greater sense of road safety.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PRESS OFFICE

The demand for the various services provided by the Public Relations Office continues to increase. Invitations to lectures, talks and exhibitions are now averaging over two per week. Through this service, a valuable dialogue is maintained between the Force and a vital cross-section of the population, ranging from the schoolgoer to members of social and professional bodies. An extension of the service to schools is the now familiar concerts jointly arranged by this office and the Garda Band.

During the year a total of 17 centres were visited in the Dublin area. For the thousands of children encountered in the 17 schools visited throughout the year, there was added a new dimension to their knowledge of and attitude towards the Force.

A well informed public is essential for the mutual understanding which forms the basis of good public relations. The office seeks, through the co-operation of the press, to keep the public informed in a fair and balanced manner about the Force's activities. Crime, because it is the abnormal or the unusual, continues to make "news". The Garda response to crime is equally interesting though less spectacular in news terms even where details can be disclosed.

There are many obstacles in the way of making such details available and these relate mainly to considerations of security, personal privacy, operational constraints and judicial rules.

Despite these restrictions — or perhaps because of them — the office gives a vital service in providing the necessary briefing and background information required for a better public understanding of the Garda role.

One noticeable trend throughout the year, was the extent to which the general public are now having recourse to the office as an information service. This is evidenced by the many enquiries on law enforcement, as well as routine legal and procedural matters of Garda administration. This has in no way diminished the steady flow of visitors, journalists and researchers who seek the services of the office on matters such as legislation, policing, crime, and the many social aspects of the aforementioned.

TABLE 1

TRAFFIC OFFENCES – DRINK AND DRIVING

ANNUAL STATISTICS OF BLOOD TESTS

BLOOD/URINE TESTS, ARRESTS, ETC.

1. BREATH TESTS	
(a) Total number of persons breath tested	7,604
(b) Breath test positive	3,629
(c) Breath test negative	3,975
(d) Breath test refused	258
2. BLOOD/URINE TESTS	
(a) Blood specimen given	3,049
(b) Urine specimen given	386
(c) Specimen refused	363
3. ARRESTS	
(a) For refusing breath tests (Section 28(3) R.T.A. 1968, and Section 12(2) of the Road Traffic (Amendment) Act, 1978).	254
(b) Arrest without breath test (Sections 49 and 50 R.T.A. 1961 and Sections 10 and 11 Road Traffic (Amendment) Act, 1978)	2,445
TOTAL ARRESTS	2,699
4. ANALYSIS OF SPECIMENS	
(a) Under 125 milligrams	203
(b) Over 125 milligrams	1,255
* (c) Under 100 milligrams	246
* (d) Over 100 milligrams	852
(e) Specimens still to be analysed at end of year	779
(f) Insufficient or spoiled	100
TOTAL ANALYSIS	3,435

* Consequent on the introduction of the Road Traffic (Amendment) Act, 1978, on the 20th July, 1978, the permitted concentration of alcohol in the blood was reduced from 125 to 100 milligrams per 100 millilitres.

TABLE 2

NON INDICTABLE OFFENCES (TRAFFIC)

— DRINK AND DRIVING —

SEX AND AGE OF PERSONS FOUND GUILTY

(1) OFFENCE	(2) Persons Convicted	(3) 17 and under 21		(4) 21 & over	
		M	F	M	F
Driving or attempting to drive M.P.V. while drunk or with a blood alcohol concentration above the prescribed limit	2,210	97	1	2,065	47
Being in charge of M.P.V. while drunk or with a blood/ alcohol concentration above the prescribed limit	185	7	—	175	3
Refusing to provide or permit the taking of blood/urine specimen at Garda Station	173	3	—	168	2
Refusing to provide a preliminary specimen of breath	120	1	—	116	3

FINE ON THE SPOT NOTICES ISSUED IN 1978.

	Number Issued	Parking Violations	Non Display of Licence Disc.
Gardai	108,110	70,990	37,120
Wardens	207,823	206,704	1,119
TOTALS	315,933	277,694	38,239
Fines Paid	—	129,702	15,732
Court Proceedings	—	34,005	3,394
Notices Cancelled	—	8,360	5,860
Court Proceedings Pending	—	103,849	12,843
Spoiled Notices	—	1,778	410

ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 1961 (SECTION 103) OFFENCES REGULATIONS, 1976

(a) Parking Violations – Fine on the Spot Notices issued.

	Carlow/Kildare	Cavan/ Monaghan	Clare	Cork East	Cork West	Donegal	D.M.A.	Galway West	Kerry	Leix/Offaly	Limerick	Longford/ W. Meath	Louth/Meath	Mayo	Roscommon/ Galway East	Sligo/Leitrim	Tipperary	Waterford/ Kilkenny	Wexford	TOTAL	
1977	Gardai	717	73	-	6,161	307	118	43,376	1,673	1,309	408	2,456	1,026	905	809	382	467	686	2,506	105	63,484
	Wardens	-	-	-	61,478	-	-	187,278	6,689	4,055	-	346	1,082	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	260,928
	TOTALS	717	73	-	67,639	307	118	230,654	8,362	5,364	408	2,802	2,108	905	809	382	467	686	2,506	105	324,412
	Fines Paid	361	42	-	19,058	204	43	91,553	3,953	2,829	228	2,049	1,315	486	492	248	325	432	1,718	79	125,415
	Court Proceedings	-	-	-	3,099	-	-	42,508	1,447	42	-	327	184	-	17	1	2	24	65	-	47,716
	Notices Cancelled	-	7	-	3,566	-	-	31,191	417	152	17	267	185	1	2	-	2	2	111	-	35,920
	Proceedings Pending	356	24	-	41,337	103	75	64,440	2,518	2,341	153	156	401	295	133	138	228	610	26	113,734	
	Spoiled Notices	-	-	-	579	-	-	962	27	-	10	3	23	18	3	-	-	-	2	-	1,627
1978	Gardai	710	2,473	598	11,945	735	1,307	26,666	2,527	3,139	1,662	1,960	2,323	1,501	2,388	1,729	1,089	1,923	3,272	3,043	70,990
	Wardens	-	-	-	54,377	-	-	147,108	-	4,028	586	-	605	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	260,704
	TOTALS	710	2,473	598	66,322	735	1,307	173,774	2,527	7,167	2,248	1,960	2,928	1,501	2,388	1,729	1,089	1,923	3,272	3,043	277,694
	Fines Paid	504	1,777	435	24,735	586	947	79,235	1,126	4,098	1,530	891	2,043	1,064	1,820	1,448	864	1,420	2,752	2,427	129,702
	Court Proceedings	45	67	15	7,537	18	23	24,216	419	699	87	40	309	96	35	63	28	94	131	83	34,005
	Notices Cancelled	14	13	32	2,052	13	82	4,062	723	489	45	361	45	7	80	23	35	93	106	85	8,360
	Proceedings Pending	143	612	113	30,535	118	254	66,154	259	1,874	549	668	500	232	448	192	160	311	279	448	103,849
	Special Notices	4	4	3	1,463	-	1	107	-	7	37	-	31	102	5	3	2	5	4	-	1,778

