



# Man rented 'brothel' in Kildare town

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A man who rented out a property in Kildare town under false pretences and

used it as a brothel was found with child abuse material on his phone when arrested at Dublin Airport. Iamar Rodrigues Ribeiro (54) was arrested by investigating gardai from the Garda Human Trafficking and Co-ordination Unit when he returned to Ireland from his native Brazil after a period of time abroad. Dublin Circuit Criminal Court heard. Ribeiro, of Rua Nely Augusta Gomes, Goais, Brazil, had been under

investigation after a number of rental properties being used as brothels around the country were linked to him, along with nearly €800,000 in proceeds of crime across multiple Irish bank accounts.

He pleaded guilty at Dublin Circuit Criminal Court to 19 sample counts, including using false instruments, inducing landlords to rent properties to him and possession of the proceeds of crime.

He also pleaded guilty to possession of child sexual abuse material, known in law as child pornography, on his phone when he was arrested at Dublin Airport on November 16, 2023.

The offending on the 60-count indictment spanned from 2010 to 2023, the court heard.

Ribeiro has been in custody since his arrest.

Detective Garda Vanessa Stafford of the Garda Human Trafficking and Co-ordination Unit told Fiona McGowan BL, prosecuting, that the charges against Ribeiro were part of a wider investigation after two women came forward to gardai with allegations of trafficking.

These two women identified some rental properties around rural Ireland which were being used as brothels while others were linked to Ribeiro's email address and phone number, the court heard.

When investigating gardai knocked on the doors of some of these properties, the women who answered identified themselves as sex workers, the court heard. Gardai linked 10 rental properties to Ribeiro, who

used a different name from a fake Italian passport and fake utility bills to rent out the property from unsuspecting landlords and, in one case, a property agent.

The court heard the landlords told gardai that they would never have rented the property to Ribeiro if they had known what it would be used for.

The properties which were used as brothels were located in Longford town, Kildare town, Ballyconnell in Co Cavan, Enniscorthy in Co Wexford, Ballymahon in Co Longford, Ballaghaderreen in Co Roscommon, Carrick on Shannon in Co Leitrim, and Tullow, Co Carlow.

A further two were located in Roscommon town. The properties were rented out for varying periods of time between 2018 and 2023.

Bank accounts in Ribeiro's name or under his control were forensically analysed and found to contain a total of €788,982 which was deemed to be the proceeds of crime.

The court heard Ribeiro was out of the country for some years between 2021 and 2023, but was arrested upon flying back in November 2023. The child abuse material on his phone comprised nine images and 16 videos, mostly of pre-pubescent girls and boys being made to engage in sexual activity with adults. Padraig Dwyer SC, defending, told the court his client arrived in the country in 2009. The case was adjourned to March 21, when a plea of mitigation is expected to be heard.



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PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000  
(AS AMENDED) – PART XI

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001  
(AS AMENDED) – PART 8

Site Location: Craddockstown Road, Naas, Co. Kildare.

Proposed Development in accordance with provisions of Part XI of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, notice is hereby given by Kildare County Council of a proposed residential development on a site at Craddockstown Road, Naas, Co. Kildare. The proposed development will comprise:

- 28 no. residential units. Including: 21 no. houses and 7 no. apartments comprising:
  - a. 7 no. one bed units;
  - b. 14 no. two bed units;
  - c. 6 no. three bed units;
  - d. 1 no. five bed unit including sensory room.
- Renewable energy design measures for each housing unit which may be provided externally.
- Landscaping works including provision of (a) open space and kick about areas; (b) natural play features.
- Pedestrian and cycle connection to the adjacent Eustace Demesne estate.
- Associated site and infrastructural works including provision for (a) 1 no. ES8 substation and switchroom;
- (b) car and bicycle parking; (c) public lighting; (d) bin storage; (e) temporary construction signage; (f) estate signage; and (g) varied site boundary treatment comprising walls and fencing.
- all associated site development works, including removal of some existing vegetation from the site in advance of construction works.

The proposal has undergone **Appropriate Screening** under the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC), and the relevant provisions of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, and the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, and the European Communities (Bird and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 – 2015. Kildare County Council has determined that the proposed development individually or in combination with other plans or projects would not be likely to have a significant effect on a European site and an Appropriate Assessment (AA) is not required.

The proposal has also undergone screening for **Environmental Impact Assessment** under the EIA Directive 2011/92/EU as amended by Directive 2014/52/EU and the relevant provisions of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, and the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended. Having regard to the provisions of the legislation, the nature and scale of the proposed development, the information provided in accordance with Schedule 7A of the Regulations, and having regard to the scale, nature and location of the proposed impacts, the potential impacts and proposed mitigation measures and the results of the any other relevant assessments of the effects on the environment, Kildare County Council has determined that there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development and that an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is not required.

In accordance with Section 120(3) of the Planning and Development Regulations (as amended) any person may, within 4 weeks from the date of publication of this notice, apply to An Bord Pleanála for a screening determination as to whether the development would be likely to have significant effects on the environment

Plans and particulars of the proposed development (Part 8 Ref No. P82025.02) will be available for inspection or purchase for a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of **Kildare County Council, at the address below** (public display area, Level 1) during its public opening hours by appointment during the period from **Thursday, 20 March 2025, until Thursday, 17 April 2025** (both dates inclusive). Please note that an appointment may be necessary to access the building.

Plans and particulars of the proposed development will also be available to view on Kildare County Council's website at <https://consult.kildareco.ie/browse> and <https://consult.kildareco.ie/enr/consultation/p8202502-proposed-residential-development-site-craddockstown-road-naas-co-kildare>



Submissions and observations with respect to the proposed development and dealing with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the development would be situated, may be made in writing before 4:00 p.m. on **Thursday, 1 May 2025** to: **Conor Moore**, Housing Department, Level 5, Kildare County Council, at the address below or online at:

All submissions and observations should be headed 'P82025.02 - Proposed Residential Development on a site at Craddockstown Road, Naas, Co. Kildare.'

All comments, including names of those making comments, submitted to the Council regarding this scheme will form part of the statutorily required report to be presented at a meeting of the elected members. Accordingly, they will also be included in the minutes of that meeting and may appear in the public domain.

Please note that the data collected from this consultation will be shared by Kildare County Council with their consultants. Any information which you submit via Kildare County Council's websites will be treated with the highest standards of security and confidentiality, strictly in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018. Please refer to the Privacy Statement included with the plans and particulars of the proposed development and to the Kildare County Council Public Consultation Portal Privacy Policy.



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