

Press Release

Friday, 13 March, 2009

9.00 hrs

The Garda Síochána Ombudsman Commission is currently investigating the circumstances surrounding the death of a 52 year old man while in Garda custody at Navan Garda Station last night. The matter was referred to the Garda Ombudsman Commission by the Garda Síochána under section 102 of the Garda Síochána Act, 2005.

The local man had been taken into custody earlier yesterday afternoon. He was said to have been in an intoxicated state and was taken into custody for public order reasons. Late last night, gardaí found that they could not rouse the man from sleep and medical assistance was called. The man was pronounced dead at the scene. The coroner Dr. John Lacey was consulted and the state Pathologist Dr. Marie Cassidy is expected to conduct a post-mortem later today.

The man cannot be named at this time for family reasons.

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