

**GARDA SÍOCHÁNA OMBUDSMAN COMMISSION
PRESS RELEASE**

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GSOC launches investigation into the circumstances surrounding the death of a man in Tallaght, Dublin.

The Garda Síochána Ombudsman Commission has today launched an independent investigation into the death of a 39-year old man who had become unwell while in the custody of the Garda Síochána. Medical assistance was called for and attended at the scene following which the man was taken to the Adelaide and Meath Hospital, Tallaght.

The Garda Síochána referred the matter to the Garda Ombudsman in accordance with Section 102 of the Garda Síochána Act 2005 at 21:30 hours yesterday evening. Consequently, the Garda Ombudsman has dispatched a team to the scene as part of its investigation, exercising its powers under Section 98 of the Garda Síochána Act 2005.

It is standard procedure for the Garda Síochána to contact the Garda Síochána Ombudsman Commission when a person dies following contact with gardaí.

No further details are available at this time.

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