

## **Garda Síochána Ombudsman Commission Press Release**

**Wednesday, 25 May 2011**

**15:00 hrs.**

The Garda Síochána Ombudsman Commission (GSOC) has commenced an investigation into the death of a man in Garda custody early this morning, Wednesday, 25 May 2011. Hugh Brien, a 52 year old single male with an address in Orchardstown Drive, Rathfarnham, Dublin was arrested in central Dublin last night (Tuesday, 24 May 2011) at approximately 20:20 hrs under Public Order legislation. He was taken to Store Street Garda Station where he was placed in a cell. At approximately 01:30hrs this morning, Mr. Brien was found to be unresponsive. Resuscitation was attempted and Mr. Brien was then transferred to the Mater Hospital, Dublin where he was pronounced dead at 02:30hrs.

The matter was referred to GSOC by the Garda Commissioner in accordance with section 102 of the Garda Síochána Act 2005. An investigation into the matter has commenced and no further details are available at this time.

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