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Central Criminal Court Dublin: City of Dublin Cases, Trial Record Book C.C.C. 3 June 1925-June 1927 [1c 88 60] CCC 2 June 1926. City of Dublin, Indictment # 34. A.G. v. M H Statement of Offence- Murder, Particulars of Offence: M H on the 31st of March 1926 in the County of Dublin did murder a female infact child of her body then recently born. 2 Witnesses, Inspector and Superintendent. Sentence: 18 cal.mos imprisonment in the second devision. FILE CCC 7 Dec City of Dublin, Indictment # 5. A.G. v. A____ D___ Statement of Offence- Murder. Particulars of Offence: A____ D___ on the 25th November 1926 feloniously did murder an infant female child of which she had then been recently delivered. COUNT NO.2 Concealment of birth contra sec. 60 Offences against the Person Act 1861. D____on 25th November 1926 unlawfully concealed the birth of an infant child of which she had then been recently delivered by secretly disposing of the dead body. Exhibits: One knife, One attache case. 10 Witnesses include. A D ... Pl. Guilty on 2nd count. Verdict. Not guilty on 1st count. Sentence: Prisoner undertakes to go to Good Shepherd Convent Waterford and remain there for 12 months and is ordered to enter into recognisance in £10 to go and remain in the House above mentioned, and to remain there for 12 months, and to keep the peace for 2 years and to come up for sentence on getting co???? [Attached to Page: CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT. DUBLIN SITTINGS. 1926 BEFORE MR. JUSTICE O'BYRNE. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL V. A D The Governor, Mountjoy Prison, Dublin.

Theis 9th day of December 1926

to the Court that she will convey the said A

It is ordered by Court that A____ D___ be detained in Mountjoy Prison. Dublin, until Saturday, the 11th day of December, 1926, when she is to be handed over to Miss O'Brien, Probation Officer, who has undertaken

D____ to the Good Shepherd Home, Waterford and that

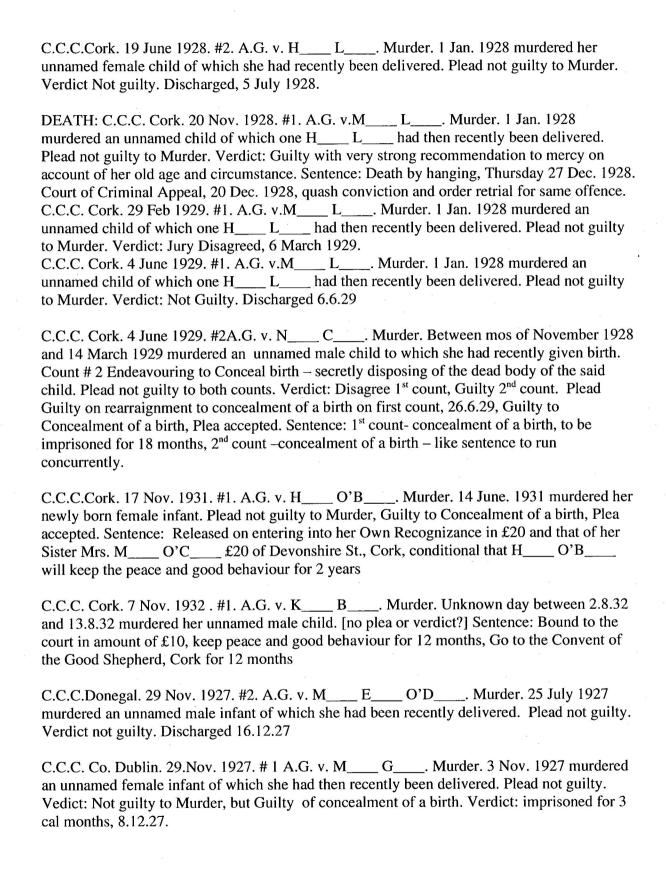
the expenses of the said A____ D___ to the said home in Waterford and the <u>return</u> expenses of the said Miss O'Brien Probation Officer to and from Waterford be paid by the Prison Authorities.

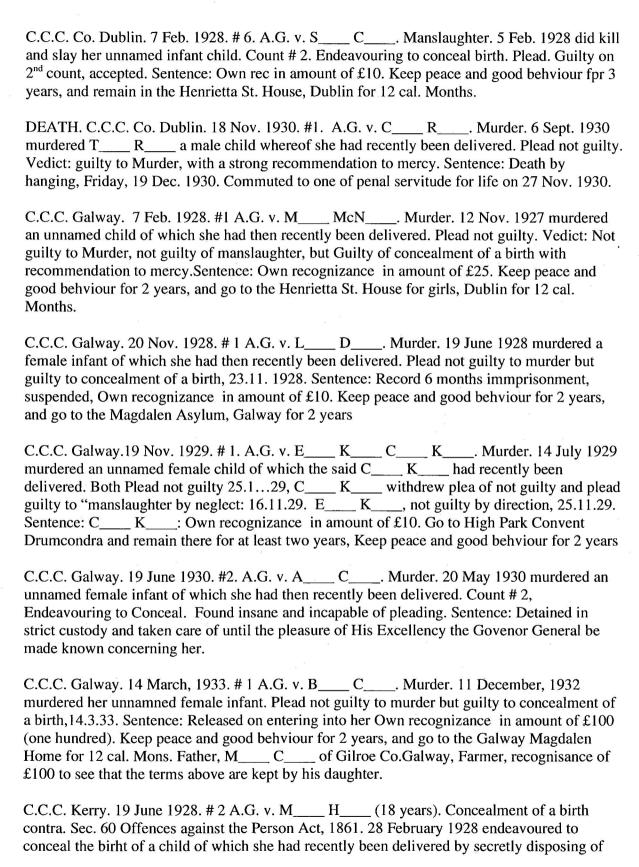
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Seamus O'Concúbair Clarathoir Chondae

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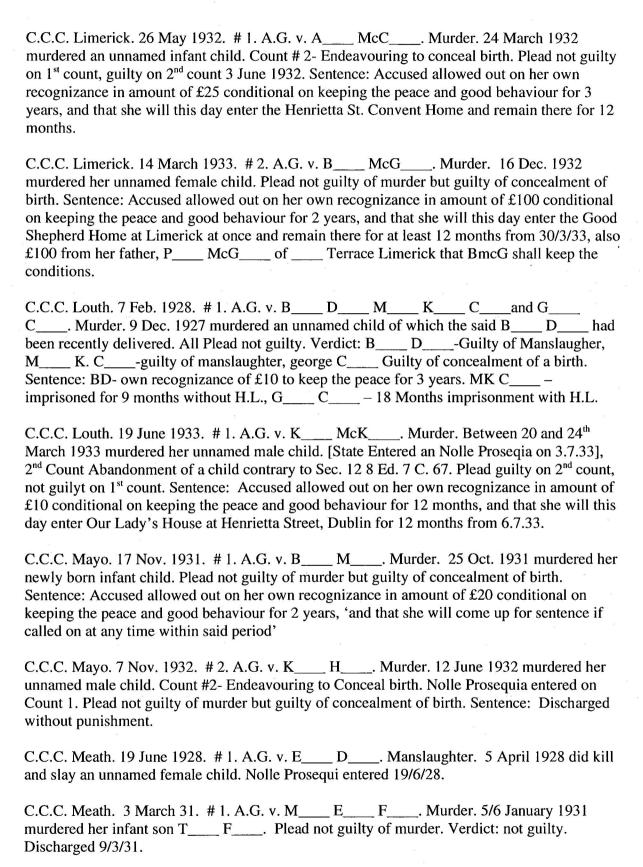
C.C.C. Nov. 27 to June 33 [1D 33 68]
C.C.C. Carlow. 19 Nov. 1929. #1. A.G. v. LB Murder. 14 Aug. 1929 murdered her unnamed illegitimate female child. Plead not guilty to Murder, Guilty to Concealment of a birth, Plea accepted. Sentence: 6 month H.L., Suspended. Released on entering into her Own Recognizance in £10, keep peace and good behaviour for 2 years, and enter St. Mary Magdaler Convent, Donnybrook for 2 years
C.C.C. Cavan. 19 Nov. 1929. #1. A.G. v. E M Murder. 20 July 1929 murdered her unnamed illegitimate male child. Plead not guilty to Murder. Verdict. Not Guilty, 27.11.29. Discharged.
C.C.C. Clare. 19 Nov. 1929. #1. A.G. v. A McN Murder. 18 Oct. 1929 murdered an unnamed child whereof she had recently been delivered. Plead not guilty to Murder. Verdict: not guilty of murder or manslaugher, but guilty of concealing a birth, 19.11.29. Sentence: 12 months with H.L. to run concurrently with sentence of 4 cal month imprisonment imposed upon her in Limerick CC on 11.228 and which was suspended upon her entering into Recognizance on said date to keep peace for 2 years and which now becomes operative by reason of her conviction this day.
C.C.C.Clare. 18 Feb. 1930. #1. A.G. v. MO'B (daughter) and KO'B (Mother). Murder. 24 Dec. 1929 murdered an unnamed male child of which the said M O'B had recently been delivered. Plead not guilty to Murder. Verdict: not guilty. Discharged 20 and 21 of Feb. 1930.
DEATH.C.C.C. Clare. 18 Nov. 1930. #1. A.G. v. MF, BC Murder.17 June. 1930 murdered an unnamed male child whereof the said Margaret Finn had recently been delivered. Trial postponed due to absence of doctor with fractured leg. C.C.C. Clare. 3 Mar. 1931. #1. A.G. v. MF, BC Murder.17 June. 1930 murdered an unnamed male child whereof the said Margaret Finn had recently been delivered. Both Plead not guilty. Verdict: Guilty 3 march 31. With very strong recommendation to mercy in view of the exceptional emotional circumstances surrounding the birth. Sentence: MF: Death by hanging on Wed. 25 of March 1931. Commuted to penal servitude for life by Criminal Court of Appeal, 6 March 1931. Trial of B C, 4 March 1931. Pleaded not Guilty. Verdict: not guilty. Discharged.
C.C.C.Clare. 19 June 1933. #1. A.G. v. B C Murder. 31 Amrch 1933 murdered her male child J C (Otherwise J O'B). Plead not guilty. Verdict Not Guilty, 30/6/33 [Infanticide?]

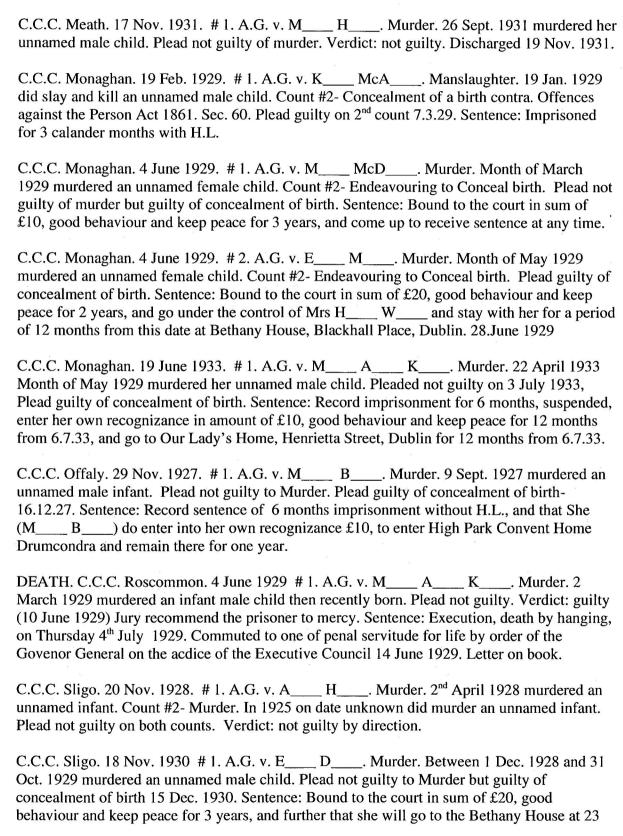


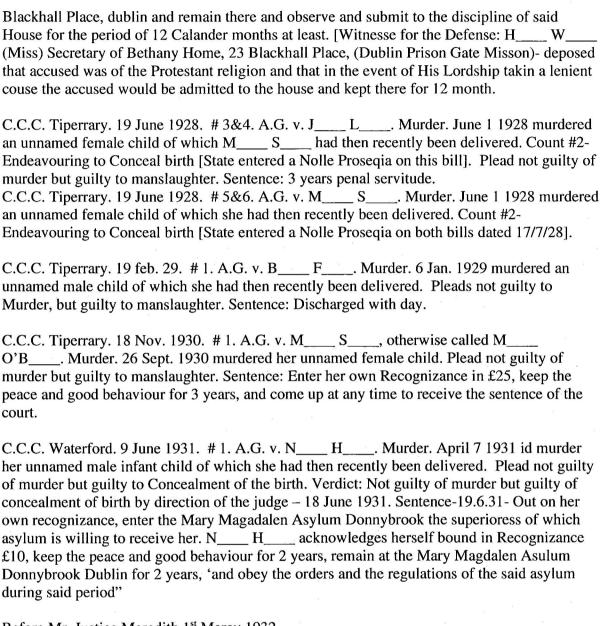


the dead body of said child. Plead Guilty. Sentence: Recorded to be imprisoned for 6 months with H.L. suspended., Own recognizance in amount of £10. Keep peace and good behviour for 2 years, and go to Henrietta St. House and remain there for 12 months
C.C.C. Kerry. 19 June 1928. # 3 A.G. v. BO'N Concealment of a birth contra. Sec. 60 Offences against the Person Act, 1861. 3 May 1928 endeavoured to conceal the birth of a child of which she had recently been delivered by secretly disposing of the dead body of said child. Plead Guilty. Sentence: Own recognizance in amount of £10. Keep peace and good behviour for 2 years, and go to the convent at High Park, Drumcondra the Superioress of which is willing to receive her and to remain there for 12 months. Sentence recorded 6 months with H.L. in default of keeping the terms above. [Also initially charged with Murder, but not prosecution on this bill].
DEATH. C.C.C. Kerry. 3 June 1929. # 3. A.G. v. D S Murder. Between 12 and 14 Feb 1929 murdered an unnamed male child to which she had recently given birth. Plead Not Guilty. Verdict, Guilty with strong recommendation for mercy. Sentence: Execution, death by hanging on Tuesday, 9 July 1929. Counsel for Defence Mr. Devlin applied for certificate for leave to appear. Justice O'Byrne refused the application, 13.6.29.
C.C.C. Kildare. 4 June 1929. # 1. A.G. v. M W Concealment of a birth contra. Sec. 60 Offences against the Person Act, 1861. January or February 1929 endeavoured to conceal the birht of a child of which she had recently been delivered by secretly disposing of the dead body of said child. Plead Guilty. Sentence: Own recognizance in amount of £10. Go to High Park Drumcondra Convent and remain there for 18 months. Keep peace and good behviour for 3 years
C.C.C. Kildare. 19 Nov. 1929. # 1. A.G. v. M K (Senior) M K (Junior). Concealment of a birth contra. Sec. 60 Offences against the Person Act, 1861. 12 Aug 1929 endeavoured to conceal the birth of a child of which the said M K (junior) had recently been delivered by secretly disposing of the dead body of said child. Not arraigned 26.11.29. J K,, Co. Kildare undertakes in open Court to look after his sister M K
C.C.C. Kilkenny .17 Nov. 1931. # 1. A.G. v.M K Murder. 3 August 1931 murdered her newly born female infant. Pleaded not guilty to murder but guilty to concealment of a birth. Sentence: Own recognizance in amount of £20, and that of M D of,, Co. Kilkenny in amount of £20, conditional that M K keep the peace and good behaviour for two years.
C.C.C. Leitrim.14 March 1933. # 1. A.G. v. CF Murder. 23 January 1933 murdered an unnamed female child. Pleaded not guilty. Verdict: Jury disagree. Put back for next sitting. [Evidence given that the child was legitimate]. 2 nd . Trial. 6 April 1933. Same charge. Verdict. Not Guilty. Discharged. 6.4.1933.
C.C.C. Leix. 29 Nov. 1927. # 1. A.G. v. M D Murder. 25 Sept. 1927 murdered an unnamed male infant of which she had been then recently delivered. Pleaded not guilty to

murder but guilty to concealment of a birth. Sentence: Own recognizance in amount of £50, conditional that she keep the peace and good behaviour for one year.
C.C.C. Leix. 20 Nov 1928. # 1. A.G. v. M McG M McG Murder. Between 1 and 28 Oct. 1929 did kill and murder an unnamed infant child of which the said M McG had then recently been delivered. Plead guilty on concealment of a birth. Sentence: M McG 6 months imprisonment, Mary 6 months imprisonment.
C.C.C. Leix. 18 Feb. 1930. # 1. A.G. v. M T Murder. Between 10 Jan and 21 jan. 1930 murdered an unnamed female child. Plead not guilty. Verdict: Not guilty of murder but guilty of concealment of a birth. 24.7. 1930. Sentence: 12 months imprisonment, suspended. Enter into her own recognizance of £20, keep the peace for 2 years, she will enter the St. Magdalen Home, Donnybrook, Dublin for 18 calander months.
C.C.C. Leix. 9 June 1931. # 1. A.G. v. M H Murder. Between 27 and 28 April 1931 murdered her unnamed male infant. Plead not guilty to murder but guilty to concealment of a birth, 18 June 1931. Enter into her own recognizance of £10, and J McE (38), conditional that she will marry Ja McE immediately. Copy of marriage cert attached to page -5 August 1931. Keep the peace and good behaviour for 2 years, and come before court in so directed.
C.C.C. Limerick. 7 February 1928. # 1. A.G. v. M O'D Manslaughter. 25 Sept. 1927 did kill and slay an unnamed female infant. Count #2 – Endeavouring to conceal. Plead guilty on 2 nd count. Sentence: Enter into her own recognizance of £10, keep the peace for 3 years, she will come before the court if so directed. Prisoner discharged 14.3.28.
C.C.C. Limerick. 19 Feb. 1929. # 2. A.G. v. B C Murder. Manslaughter. Between 31 December 1928 and 11 January 1929 did kill and slay an unnamed male infant. Count #2 – Endeavouring to conceal. Plead guilty on 2 nd count. Sentence: The accused and Mr. P M of St. Limerick, Corporation Official each acknowledge themselves bound to the state in the sum of £50, B C keep the peace and good behaviour for 2 years, she will come before the court if so directed.
C.C.C. Limerick.19 February 1929. # 6. A.G. v. J D Murder. 25 Dec. 1928 did murder an unnamed male infant of which she had then recently been delivered. Plead not guilty. Verdict: not guilty. 22.3.29.
C.C.C. Limerick. 18 Nov. 1930. # 1. A.G. v. E O'D Manslaughter. 9 Sept. 1930 murdered an unnamed female infant. Plead not guilty. Verdict: not guilty. 25.11.30.
C.C.C. Limerick.3 March 1931. # 1. A.G. v. M K Murder. 28 Feb. 1931 did murder an unnamed male infant of which she had then recently been delivered. Plead not guilty. Withdrew plea, and pleads guilty to Manslaughter 26.3.31. Sentence: 2 years imprisonment with H.L.







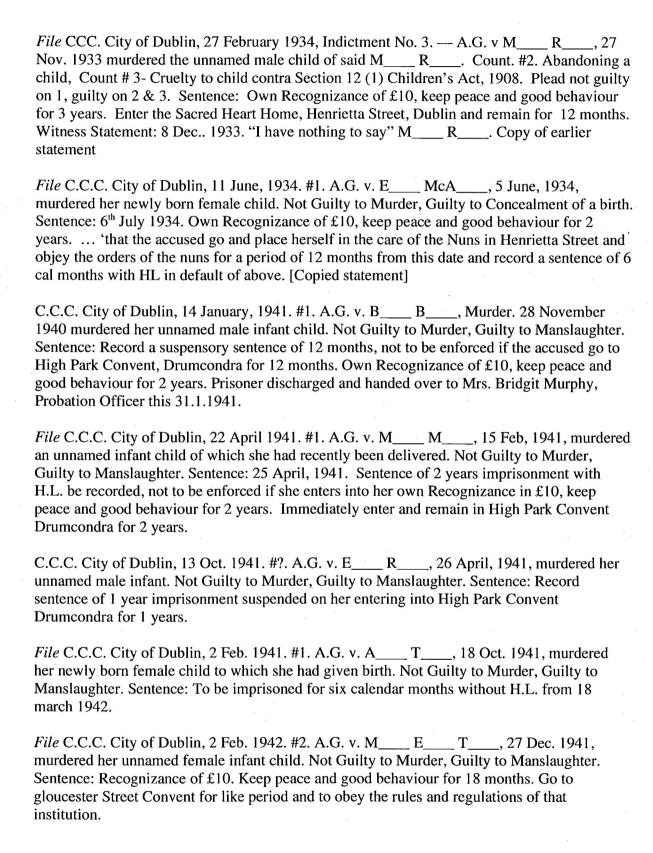
Before Mr. Justice Meredith 1st Marcy 1932

The accused appeared on notice served on her by the Chief State Solicitor this day to show cause why she should not abide the sentence of the court she having by her conduct broken the terms of her Recognizance whist an inmate of the St. Mary Magdalen Asylum Donnybrook Dublin.

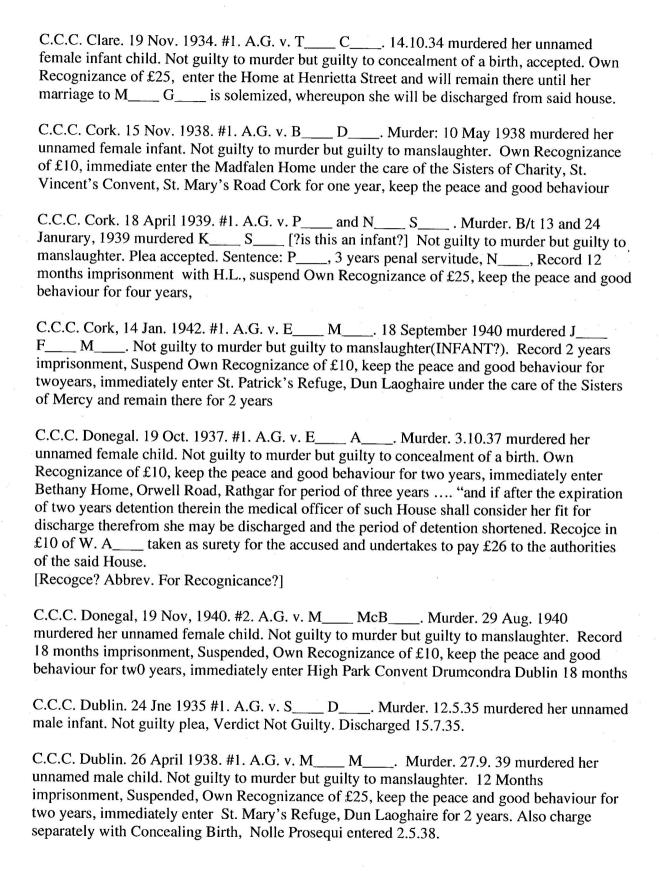
The Court on hearing Mr. E. J. Kelly S.C. for the State ... and Mr. W. Walsh for the above named Asylum and the Accused statement from the Dock, Orders as follows: That she Nora Hannigan be transferred from the St. Mary Magdalen Asylum Donnybrook to the Magdalen Asylum Gloucester St. Dublin and that she do remain therein for two years from this 1st March 1932 and that she do enter into her Own Recognizance in £10 to abide the order of the Court this day made and to keep the peace for two years or in default to be and appear at this Court if called on to do so within 2 years to abide the further order of said Court. The Court imposes a

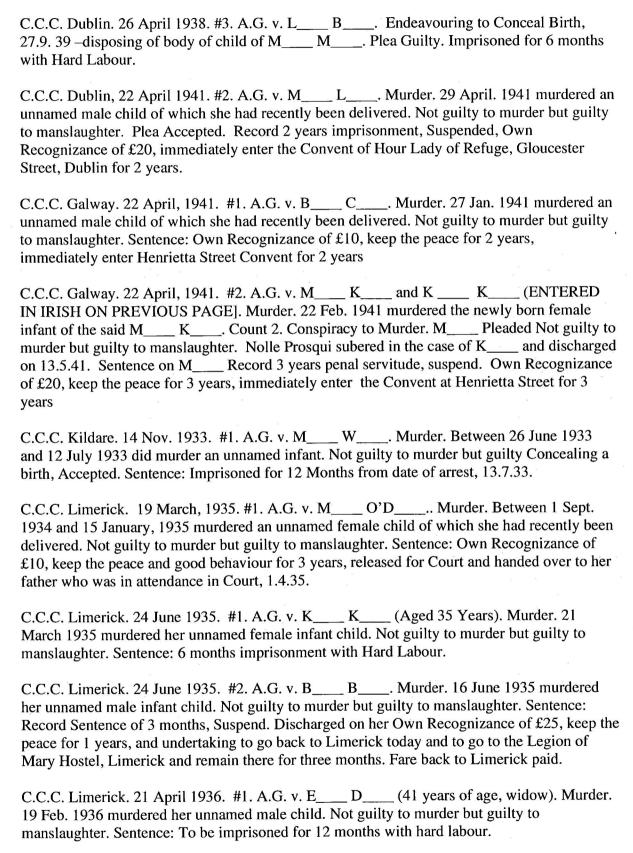
suspensary sentence of two years imprisonment with Hard Labour. Recognizance of Accused taken in open Court in £10 this 1 st March 1932. Central Criminal Court 13 June 1932.
By Mr. Justice O'Byrne. N H appeared on Notice from the Chief State Solicitor to show cause why the suspensory sentence imposed by Mr. Justice Meredith on 1 March 1932 shoul not be put in force against her. After calling on the accused for an explanation of her conduct Mr. Justice O'Byrne made the order that N H be imprisoned for two years with H.L. but that said sentence be completed from 18 June 1931.
Letters attached, including one from M McB (?), Sisters of Charity, St. Mary Magdalen, Donnybrook, Dublin date 17 Feb. 1932 to The County Registrar, the Court House, Green Street Dublin: "I regret to say, N H – who was committed to above named House 19 June 1931 has broken the "orders and regulations" of this Asylum, she has also broken the peace by endangering the life of one of its inmates –on more than one occasion. We cannot be accountable for the said N H, and would deem it a favour on yur part to have her removed without delay.
DEATH; C.C.C. Westmeath. 29 Nov. 1927 # 1. A.G. v. E H Murder. 21 Aug 1927 murdered her unnamed male child. Plead not guilty of murder. Verdict: Guilty of Murder with a strong recommendation to mercy. Sentence: Death Sentence by hanging, Tuesday, Jan 10 28. Death Sentence commuted to one of penal servitude for life, Dept. of Justice notified on behalf of the Governor General acting on advice of Executive Council – 19 Dec. 1927.
C.C.C. Westmeath. #1. A.G. v. KM Murder. Between Jan 8 and Jan 18 1930 murdered a female child. Count 2 – murder, murdered a second female child. Plead not guilty. Verdict: Guilty on both counts but insane at time of committing the offences – 25/2/1930. Detained in strict custody awaiting the pleasure of his excellency the Governor General
C.C.C. Wexford. 20 Nov. 1928. # 1. A.G. v. P C Murder. 5 May 1928 murdered her unnamed female infant of which one M C had then recently been delivered. The State enter a Nolle Prosequi on this bill 10.12.1928. C.C.C. Wexford. 20 Nov. 1928. #2. A.G. v. M D Murder. 3(?) May 1928 murdered her unnamed female infant of which one M C had then recently been delivered. Plead not guilty to murder but guilty to manslaughter. Sentence: 12 calander Months imprisonment.
DEATH; C.C.C. Wexford. 4 June 1929 # 1. A.G. v. CA Murder. Between 30 th March 1929 and 17 April 1929 murdered her female infant to which she had recently given birth. Plead not guilty of murder. Verdict: Guilty of Murder with a strong recommendation to mercy. Sentence: Death Sentence by hanging, Tuesday, 23 July 1929. Death Sentence commuted to one of penal servitude for life, Dept. of Justice notified on behalf of the Governor General acting on advice of Executive Council.
C.C.C. Wicklow 4 June 1929. # 1. A.G. v. G M Murder. 19 Marcy 1929 murdered her unnamed male child. Plead not guilty of murder. Verdict: Not guilty. Accused discharged 7/6/1929.

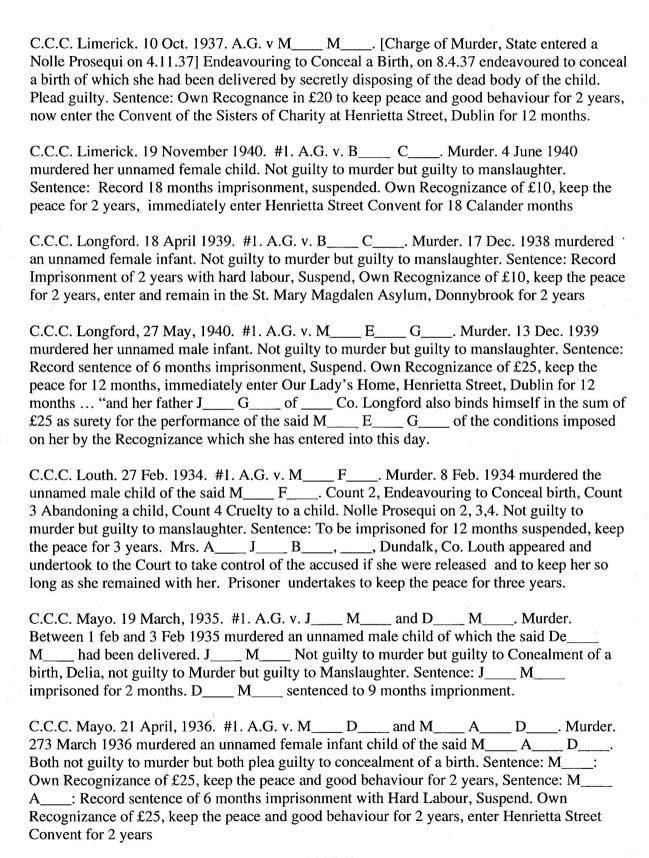
City of Dublin Central Criminal Court: Trial Record Book C.C.C. 7 Feb. 1928 to 5 th Nov. 1943 [1D 24 129]
CCC. City of Dublin, 19 Feb 1929, Indictment No. 1. — A.G. v M A S, On 17 th January 1929, did murder A S her infant daughter. Pleaded not guilty, 22.2.29. Verdict. Not guilty, 7.3.29. Discharged 7.3.29.
CCC. City of Dublin, 26 May 1932, Indictment No. 3. — A.G. v E P, On date unknown in month of Dec. 1931 murdered an unnamed infant child. Count No. 2. Endeavourig to conceal birth vontra sec. 60. Offences against the Person Act 1861. E P on a date unknow in the month of December , 1931, in City of Dublin endeavoured to conceal the birth of a child of which she had been then recently delivered by secretly disposing of the dead body of the said child. Pleaded not guilty to murder but guilty to manslaughter. Sentence: Held over in Mountjoy Prison until tomorrow morning, 14 June 1932 and that she then be delivered over to Miss O'Brien (Probation Officer) and that she will proceed with siad probation officer to the Good Shepherd Convent at Limerick and remain therein for a period of 18 calendar months. Good behaviour, Keep the peace fpr 3 years.
C.C.C. City of Dublin, 14 Nov. 1932. #2 — A.G. v M D, 28 June 19333 murdered her unnamed male child. Not guilty. Put back. Not guilty. Discharged from Custody. 23.11.33.
C.C.C. City of Dublin, 14 Nov. 1933. #7 — A.G. v M E B, 14 Nov. 1933 murdered her unnamed male child aged 10 days. Guilty of Manslaughter, 1.12.33. Sentence: Imprisioned for 18 months with hard labour.
File. C.C.C. City of Dublin, 27 Feb. 1934. #2. — A.G. v. B McG (aged 21 years). 27 Nov. 1933 murdered the unnamed female child of said B McG 2 nd Count. Conealing a birth. Pleaded not guilty on both counts. Verdict guilty on count 2. Sentence: Released from custody. Entered into her own recognisance in amount of £10 and will keep the peace and good behaviour for 3 years. Witness Statement: 13 Nov. 1933 –Bridewell Station. "I have nothing to say" B McG, 122 Leix Road, Cabra.

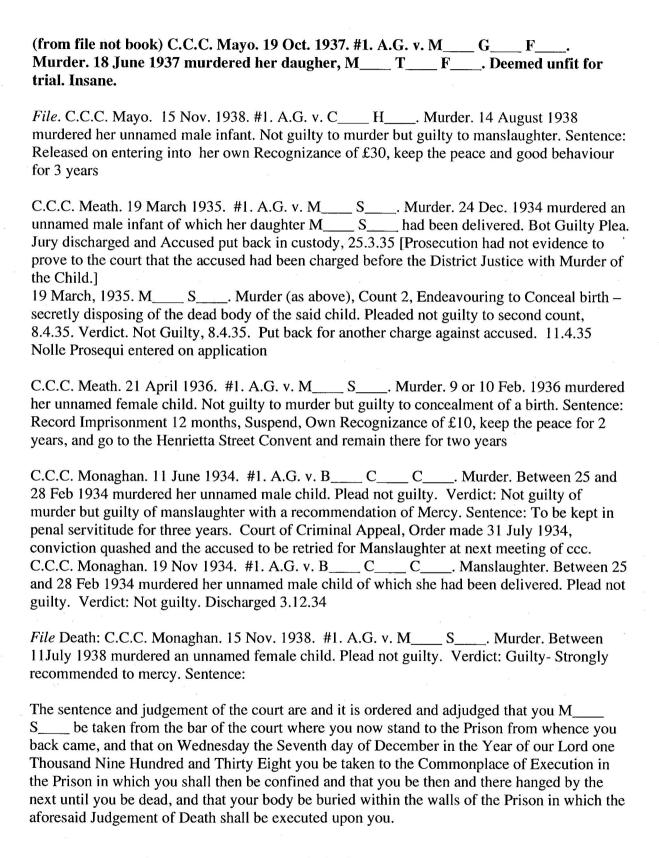


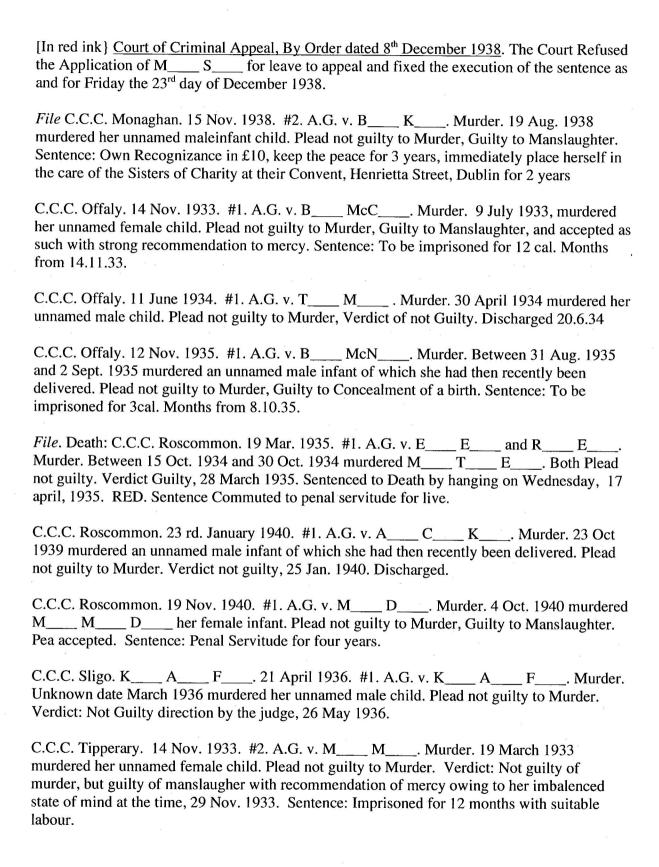
File. C.C.C. City of Dublin, 15 Nov. 1943. #1. A.G. v. M C, 24 May, 1943, murdered an unnamed infant of unknown sex. Not Guilty to Murder, Guilty of Concealment of a birth of a dead child. Sentence: Record sentence of 2 years imprisonment with hard labour, suspended on her entering into her own recognizance in amount of £25, keep the peace and good behaviour, and enter High Park Convent Whitehall (?) for 3 years.
Central Criminal Court Dublin: Trial Record Book C.C.C. 4 th Nov. 1933-22 nd . Apr. 1941
C.C.C. Cavan, 27 Feb. 1934 #1. A.G. v. M K F 16 Dec. 1933. Murdered an unnamed child whereof the said M K F had recently been delivered. Count #2. Concealment of a birth. Plead not guilty. Verdict: Not guilty. Accused was discharged, 12.3.34.
C.C.C. Cavan, 24 June, 1935. #1. A.G. v. A C 8 June 1935 murdered her unnamed male child. Plead not guilty. Verdict: Jury disagreed. Put back and trial postponed til next
sitting. 12 Nov. 1935. #1. A.G. v. A C Pleads not guilty to murder but guilty to manslaughter. Plea accepted. Sentence: to be imprisoned for 9 cal months from 18.6.35.
C.C.C. Cavan. 19 Oct. 1937. # 1. A.G. v. K R Murder. 24 June 1937 murdered M P R Plead not guilty to murder, Plead guilty to Manslaughter. Plea accepted. Sentence 12.11.37: Own Recognizance on £10, keep the peace and good behaviour for 12 months, immediately enter Convent of the Sisters of Charity, St. Mary Magdalen s, Donnybrook, Dublin and remain there for 12 Months.
C.C.C. Cavan. 27 May, 1940. #1. A.G. v. M R 9.1.40 murdered her unnamed female infant. Not guilty to murder but guilty to manslaughter. Record 18 months imprisonment not to be enforced if, Own Recognizance of £25, keep the peace and good behaviour for three years, immediately enter the Home of St. Marys Donnybrook Dublin and remain there for 3 years.
C.C.C. Cavan. 19 Nov. 1940. #1. A.G. v. J, J B and A B 29.6.39 murdered P D, a child then lately before born of the said J B Conspiracy to muder, Count 2. Murder. Not guilty to 2 nd Count. Guilty on first. Sentence: 3 months suspended, Own Recognizance of £25, keep the peace and good behaviour for three months.
C.C.C. Clare. 14 Nov. 33. #1. A.G. v. N McI (senior), M McD, and N McI (junior). Count 1:Murder, Count 2, Conspiracy to commit murder, Count 3: Endeavouring to conceal birth, count 4 Conspiracy to conceal birth. 8 July 1933 murdered unnamed female infant of N (jr). Not guilty to murder. N Sr. guilty on 3 rd count, Discharged N jr, not guilty on any count. Jury recommend N sr to mercy. Sentence: N McI Senior imprisoned for 2 months. M McD, counts 1 and 3, plead not guilty, Verdict Not guilty. Discharged 28.11.33.

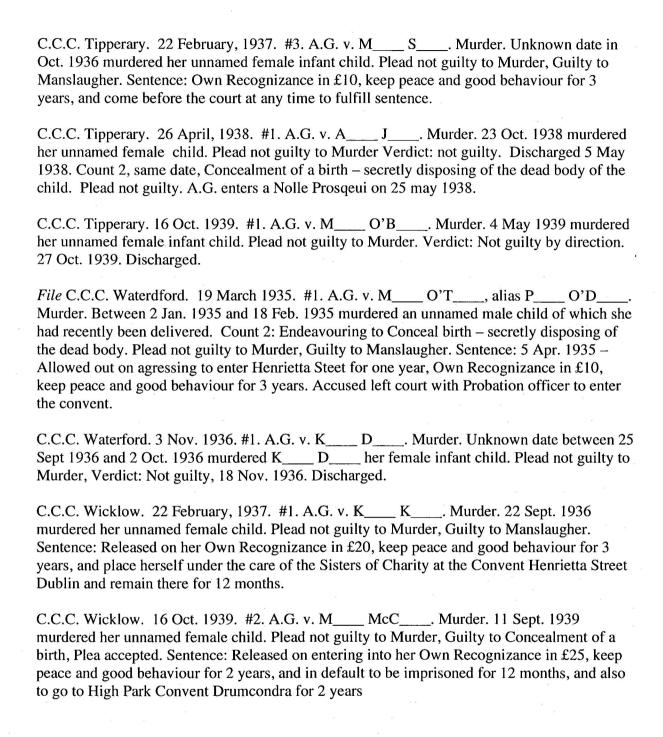












Central Criminal Court Dublin: Trial Record Book C.C.C. 13 October 1941-31st December 1945 [1D 27 1]

CCC. Carlow, 19 June 1944, Indictment No. 1. — A.G. v N____B___, On 27th day of May, 1944, Murder of un-named infant of which she had then been recently delivered. Pass [Pose?] to Murder, but Guilty to Manslaughter. Plea accepted.

Sentence 28 June 1944. Accused acknowledged herself bound in the sum of £25.0 and that she keep the Peace and be of good behaviour for a period of 12 calendar months from this date, and that she enter St. Patricks Refuge, Dun Laoghaire forthwith, and remain therein for twelve months, and obey the rules and regulations of the said Institution, and to come up for sentence withine the said period of 12 Months if called upon to do so.

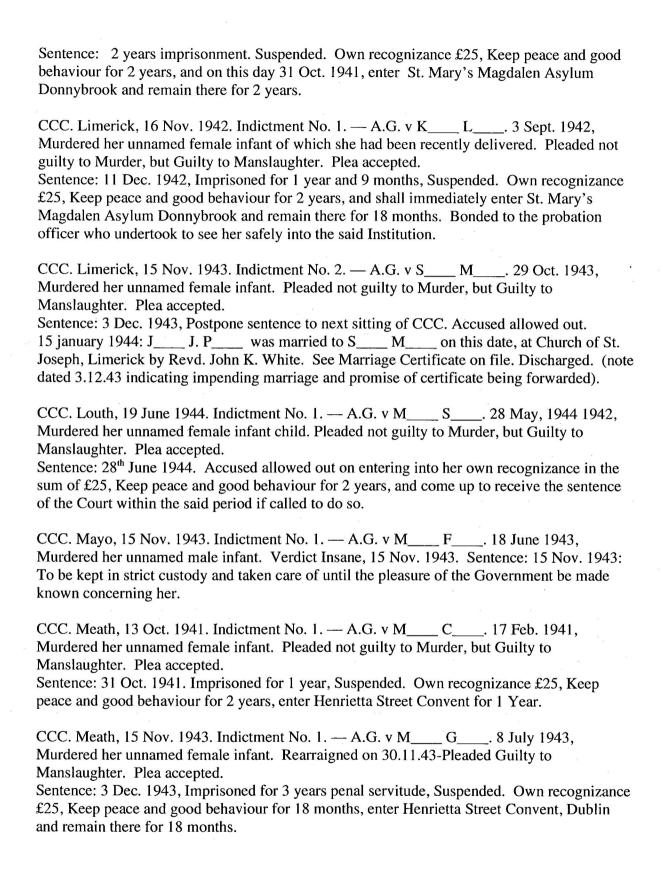
CCC. Clare, 13 November 1945, Indictment No. 1. — A.G. v A____B____, On 10th or 11th day of October, 1945, Murder of un-named female infant of which she had then been recently delivered. Pass [Pose?] to Murder, but Guilty to Concealment of a birth. Plea accepted. Sentence 26 November 1945. Record sentence of twelve calendar months imprisonment suspended on accused entering into her own Recognisance in the sum of £10.0 .0. to keep the Peace and be of good behaviour for a period of 12 calendar months and further that accused shall this day enter Our Lady's Home, Henreitta St. Dublin and remain therein for 12 months from this date, and during her residence in the said Institution she shall obey the Rules and Regulations of said Institution , and if accused breaks the terms of the above Recognisance, she shall undergo the above recorded sentence.

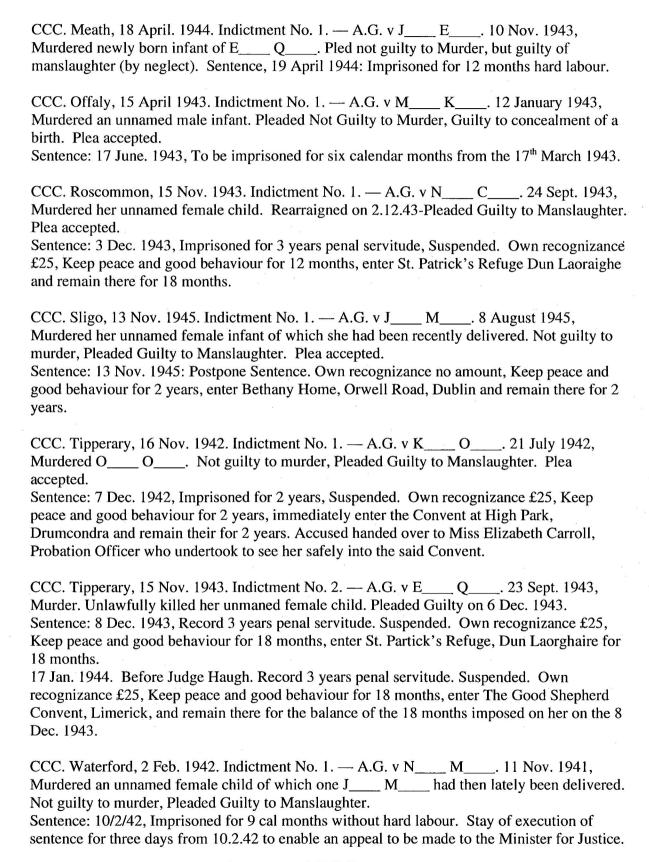
CCC. Cork, 18 June 1944, Indictment No. 1. — A.G. v M____ H____, On 20th day of April, 1944, Murdered her newly born female child. Pass [Pose?] to Murder, but Guilty to Concealment of a birth. Plea accepted.

and that she enter the Henrietta Street Convent forthwith, and remain therein for twelve months, and obey the rules and regulations of the said Institution, and to come up for sentence withine the said period of 12 Months if called upon to do so. CCC. Cork, 13 Nov. 1945, Indictment No. 2. — A.G. v N____ O'S . 27 Sep. 1945. Murdered an un-named infant child of which she had then been recently delivered. Pass [Pose?] to Murder, but Guilty to Concealment of a birth. Plea accepted. Sentence 30 Nov. 1945. Adjourned. 7Dec. 1945. Suspend Sentence. Accused allowed out on entering into her own Recognizance in the sum of £10.0.0. the condition being that she will appear at the next sitting of the Central Criminal Court, if called upon to do so, to receive the sentence of the court and to keep the Peace and be of good behaviour towards all the People of Ireland meanwhile. 19th January 1946 N____ O'S___ married to E____ W___ on this date. Extract from the Marriage Registry of the Parish of _____ (?) on file. CCC. Donegal, 15 Nov. 1943, Indictment No. 1. — A.G. v A____ Do____. 27 April 1943 Murdered her unnamed male infant. Pass [Pose?] to Murder, but Guilty to Manslaughter. Plea Sentence 3 Dec. 1943. 3 years penal servitude. Suspended. Own recognizance £25, Keep peace and good behaviour and 12 Months Gloucester St Convent. File CCC. Dublin, 13 Oct. 1944, Indictment No. 1. — A.G. v C____ McB____. 29 April 1941 Murdered her unnamed female infant. Pleaded not guilty to Murder, but Guilty of Manslaughter. Plea accepted. Sentence: 2 years penal servitude. Suspended. Own recognizance £25, Keep peace and good behaviour and 12 Months Good Shepherd Convent, Gloucester St. Dublin. CCC, Dublin, 16 April 1945, Indictment No. 2. — A.G. v B____ C___. 2 March 1945 Murdered her unnamed female infant. Pleaded not guilty to Murder, but Guilty of Manslaughter. Plea accepted. Sentence: 18 months with hard labour. Suspended. Own recognizance £25, Keep peace and good behaviour and 12 Months Our Lady's Home, Henrietta Street, Dublin. Accused handed over to Miss Carroll, Probation Officer. CCC. Galway, 2nd Feb. 1942, Indictment No. 2. — A.G. v M____ R____ . 6 February 1942 (dates???) Murdered an unnamed female infant of which she had been recently delivered. Pleaded not guilty to Murder, but Guilty of Manslaughter. Plea accepted. Sentence: 2 years imprisonment. Suspended. Own recognizance £25, Keep peace and good behaviour and 18 Months Convent at High Park, Drumcondra, Dublin. Accused handed over to Miss Carroll, Probation Officer who undertook to see her safely into the said Convent. CCC. Kerry, 19 June 1944. Indictment No. 1. — A.G. v J____ C___. 3 March 1944, Murdered an unnamed male infant of which she had been recently delivered. Pleaded not guilty to Murder, but Guilty of Manslaughter. Plea accepted.

Sentence 23 rd June 1944. Accused acknowledged herself bound in the sum of £25.0 and that she keep the Peace and be of good behaviour for a period of 12 calendar months from this date,

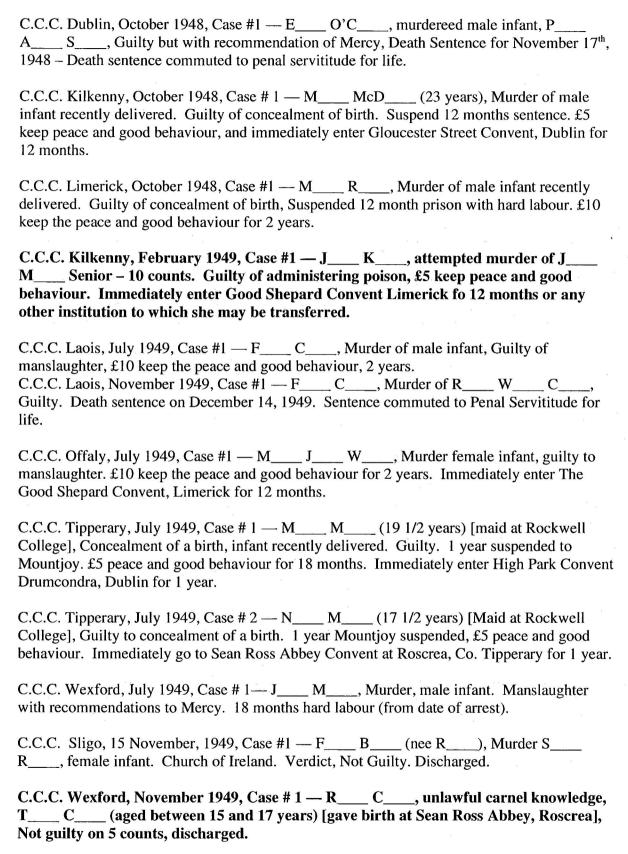
Sentence: Own recognizance £25, Keep peace and good behaviour and 12 Months Convent at High Park, Drumcondra, Dublin.
CCC. Kildare, 9 June 1942. Indictment No. 1. — A.G. v J K McG 21March 1942, Murder. Unlawfully killed an unnamed female infant of which she had been recently delivered. Pleaded not guilty to Murder, but Guilty of Manslaughter. Plea accepted. Sentence: 25 April 1942. Discharged on entering into her own recognizance £25, so come up for judgement at next sitting. 15 Nov. 1943. Discharge accussed, Judge Haugh. Certificate of marriage dated the 16 April 1943. P G and K McG
CCC. Kilkenny, 19 Nov.1942. Indictment No. 1. — A.G. v M R 27 Sept. 1942, Murder. Unlawfully killed an unnamed female infant of which she had been recently delivered. Pleaded not guilty to Murder, but Guilty of Concealment of a birth. Plea accepted. Sentence: Own recognizance £20, Keep peace and good behaviour for 18 months, and 18 Months Convent at Gloucester Street, Dublin. Accused handed over to Miss Elizabeth Carroll, Probation Officer who undertook to see her safely into the said Convent.
CCC. Kilkenny, 19 June 1944. Indictment No. 1. — A.G. v B O'D 24 March 1944, Murdered an unnamed female infant child. Pleaded not guilty to Murder, but Guilty of Concealment of a birth. Plea accepted. Sentence: 23 rd June 1944. Own recognizance £25, Keep peace and good behaviour for 2 years, and that she remain at home for the said period of 2 years and obey her father and mother and to come up to receive the sentence of the court within the siad period of two years if called upon to do so.
CCC. Kilkenny, 11 Oct.1944. Indictment No. 1. — A.G. v M T Wand C W 22 Feb. 1944, Murdered the unnamed male infant of the said M T W M T Pleaded not guilty to Murder, but Guilty of Concealment of a birth. Plea accepted. C Pleaded not guilty to murder but guilty to manslaugher. Plea accepted. Sentence-26 th Oct. 1944: M T Own recognizance £25, Keep peace and good behaviour for 2 years, and 2 Years at Henrietta Street Convent, Dublin . Handed over to Miss Carroll, Probation Officer. Sentence-26 th Oct. 1944: C W To be imprisoned for 18 calander months from the 24 day of may 1944,-date of arrest.
CCC. Leitrim, 11 Oct. 1944. Indictment No. 1. — A.G. v M B B 17 June 1944, Murdered an unnamed male infant child. Pleaded not guilty to Murder, but Guilty to Manslaughter. Plea accepted. Sentence: 26 th Oct. 1944. Own recognizance £25, Keep peace and good behaviour for 2 years, 18 Months Henrietta Street Convent, Dublin. Accused handed over to Miss Carroll, Probation Officer.
CCC. Limerick, 13 Oct. 1941. Indictment No. 1. — A.G. v N O'C 2 July 1941, Murdered her unnamed male infant. Pleaded not guilty to Murder, but Guilty to Manslaughter. Plea accepted.





Sentence commuted and accused discharged by order of the Minister of Justice dated 12 Feb. 1942. See letter of Governor of Mountjoy.
CCC. Westmeath, 18 April. 1944. Indictment No. 4. — A.G. v J M and E K 8 Dec. 1943 JM and EK conspired together to murder the newly born infant of the said E K Case brought forward to Sitting of 11 Oct. 1944. No.2. CCC. Westmeath, 11 Oct. 1944. Indictment No. 1. — A.G. v E K On a date unknown in the month of Dec. 1943 JM and EK murdered the newly born male infant of the said E K Retrial. 12 Oct. 1944 – Pleaded guilty to Manslaughter. Sentence: Penal Servitude if 3 years from 12 Oct. 1944.
CCC. Wexford, 16 April. 1945. Indictment No. 4. — A.G. v M K 3 January. 1945 murdered her unnamed male child. Not guilty to murder, guilty to concealment of a birth. Plea accepted. Sentence: 26 April, 1945. 12 months with hard labour. Suspended. Own recognizance £10, Keep peace and good behaviour for 12 months from 26.4.45, enter The Gloucester Street Convent, Dublin, and remain there for 12 months. Accused handed over to Miss Carroll, Probation Officer.
Central Criminal Court Trial Record Book C.C.C. 11 Febuary 1946-31 December 1954. V15 415
C.C.C. Limerick, February 1946, Case #1 — EQ, Murder of MTQ, Guilty of manslaughter, Suspended 5 year sentence of penal servititude, £10 keep the peace and good behaviour. Immediately enter The Good Shepard Convent, Limerick for 5 years.
C.C.C. Cavan, April 1946, Case #1 — A M R, Murder of female child recently delivered. Guilty of manslaughter, £5, two years keep the peace, and immediately enter High Park Convent, Drumcondra, Dublin. 18 months. Probation Officer accompanied her there.
C.C.C. Sligo, June 1946, Case # 1— M E F, Murder female child, Guilty of manslaughter. £10 peace and good behaviour for 18 months. Immediately enter Convent of the Sisters of Our Lady of Refuge, Gloucester Street for 12 Months.
C.C.C. Dublin, October 1946, Cases # 1 & 2 — M C, Murder of female infant, 6 months suspended sentence, £20 good behaviour and keep the peace, and immediately enter Our Lady's Home, Henrietta Street, Dublin for 15 months or any institution she's transferred to.
C.C.C. Limerick, October 1946, Cases #1 & 2 — E McN, Murder female infant, guilty to manslaughter, Suspended six month sentence. £20 peace and good behaviour.

Immediately enter The Convent of the Sisters of our Lady of Refuge, Gloucester Street, Dublin for 15 months.
C.C.C. Dublin, April 1947, Case # 1 — B McG, murder of infant child, Guilty of manslaughter, Suspended 12 month imprisionment with hard labour, Own recognizance of £50, keep the peace and good behaviour for 2 years.
C.C.C. Donegal, June 1947, Case #1 — M C, murder of male infant recently delivered, Guilty to manslaughter, Suspended 12 months, Own recognizance £20, two years good behaviour.
C.C.C. Cork, October 1947, Case #2 — M, Murder of female infant. Guilty of Manslaughter, £10, keep the peace 2 years, immediately enter The Good Shepard Convent, Limerick for 1 year there, or others she may be transferred to.
C.C.C. Donegal, October 1947, Case #1 — M McG, Murder of male child P McG, Guilty to Manslaughter, Penal servititude of 3 years.
C.C.C. Laois, October 1947, Case # 1 — M E C, Murder of female infant, guilty to manslaughter, £10 keep the peace, good behaviour, 2 years.
C.C.C. Limerick, October 1947, Case #2 — KO'M, Murder of male child recently delivered. Guilty of concealment of a birth. £10 good behaviour and keep the peace. Immediately enter The Good Shepard Convent Limerick, 1 year.
C.C.C. Limerick, Febuary 1948, Case #1 — J O'S, Murder of female child newly born. Guilty of manslaughter. Discharged. Not subject to any conditions whatsoever.
C.C.C. Mayo, February 1948, Case #1 — B F (25 years), Murder newborn female child, Guilty to manslaughter. 6 moths suspended. £10 peace and good behaviour. Immediately enter The Convent of our Lady of Refuge, Gloucester Street, Dublin for 12 months.
C.C.C. Roscommon, February 1948, Case #1 — M K M, Murder female child (her sister's child), guilty of manslaughter. 6 months suspended sentence, but enter appropriate Mental Hospital for treatment of epilespy.
C.C.C. Cork, June 1948, Case #1 — KM (nee D), Murder of male child, Guilty of manslaughter, 12 months suspended, released on her own recognisance, £10, 1 year keep the peace.
C.C.C. Laois, June 1948, Case #2 & 3 — K G, Murder of unnamed infant delivered to J, pleaded guilty to two counts. Sentenced to 7 years penal servititude [9 counts of procurring miscarriage].



C.C.C. Kildare, Febuary 1950, Case #1 — Mand AC, Murder of 9 day old infant, E C Both Guilty of manslaughter. 12 months imprisonment – Judge orderion prison altenative to look after health of M (?).
C.C.C. Wexford, February 1950, Case # 1 — M R (21 years), Murder, unnamed female child, Guilty to infanticide. £10 keep the peace and good behaviour for 12 months. Immediately enter The Good Shepard Convent, Waterford for 12 months.
C.C.C. 26 January 1953-31 December 1956. V14 I52
C.C.C. Carlow, January. 1953, Case #1 — A M murder of M M, Guilty of Infanticide. Suspended sentence of 18 months, £10 personal recognizance of 2 years.
C.C.C. Limerick, October 1953, Case #1 — M T, Murder of female child. Indictiment 1 and 2 Infanticide. Guilty. Released from Custody. Discharged.
C.C.C. Limerick, October 1953, Case #3 — N O'B and M O'B, Murder of male child, Indictment #4, guilty of infanticide. Enter the Good Shepard Convent, 6-12 months of "as the Nuns may decide."
C.C.C. Kildare, Febuary 1954, Case #1 — M A S, Murder of unnamed infant, Guilty of infanticide. Penal servitude of 3 years. 6 indictments. [6 counts of infanticide on 6 separate infants murdered by choking, and buried under the hen house floor]
C.C.C. Clare, February, 1955, Case #1 — C McC murder of infant B McCa, Guilty of Infanticide. Discharged, £10 keep the peace, and 6 months to a year max in Ennis Dristrict Mental Hospital.
C.C.C. Dublin, October 1955, Case #2 — P O'S, Murder of female infant. Guilty of infanticide, Penal servitude for 5 years.
C.C.C. Kilkenny, October 1956, Case #1 — M D Attempted Murder of J and M C and M J R by poison. Guilty, committed to Convent of Good Shepards, Limerick until 19.
C.C.C. Cases 1957-1961 – 1c I7 86
C.C.C. Dublin, November 1957, Case #2 — L M, Guilty of Infanticide, 2 years suspended. [File Missing, referred to high/superior court?]
C.C.C. Cases 1962-63, up to 31 July, 1964, 1d 2146A

C.C.C. Dublin, May 1964, Case #7 — M (M) R, Murder, male infant. Guilty to Infanticide. 12 Months suspended sentence. £5 peach and good behaviour for 1 years. Immediately enter St. Mary Magdalene Convent, Donnybrook from 23 July, 1964 to 10 October, 1964.
Central Criminal Court, 26 th January, 1953 – County of Carlow, Indictment Number 1
The People of the suit of The Attorney General versus AM(29yrs.) Murder of MMM
Witnesses Statements – Depositions: - M – District Maternitty Nurse of, Co. Carlow. – Attending Nurse at birth:

"During the time I was attending Mrs. M her health seemed to be quite normal, except during immediately before the birth she was rather hysterical." Dec.1, 1952. - Dr. E. G Local medical officer: "I concluded that death was caused by asphysiation There was nothing abnormal about the accused's general maternity health, but she was in an unusually excited condition shortly before the birth of the child. - Dr. M Attended with Dr. G at Post-mortem: "My opinion is that the cause of death was asphyxia." scars around the knees. - J_ G_ of , Garda stationed in town on night of 2 nd November, 1952. "I went to the house of Mrs. B_ at St., I was admitted by Mrs. B Mrs. A_ M_ was sitting by the fire. Inquired about the death of the baby Disparity between mother and daughter I said that we would have to report the death to the Coroner to see if it would be necessary to hold an Inquest. Both Mrs. M_ and Mrs. B_ protested. Mrs. B_ asking, "what would they be holding an inquest on a child of a few days for, surely they don't think we killed it, what reason would we have to (sic?) the poor child." Mrs. M_ then said, "we didn't kill it anyway, we are not savages like that."
-A M examined by T.M, M.B., D.P.M. Medical Officer, Mountjoy Prison, 13 February, 1953. "There are no signs of mental derangement present and I consider she is able to instruct Counsel and is fit to plead. She is in satisfactory general health." "She is slow in replying to questions and although she can read and write her educational standard appears a little below average. Her mood is one of suspicion and apprehension which may account, to some degree, for the apparent slowness in cerebration."
Sentencing: Suspended sentence of 18 months, £10 personal reconizance and keep the peace and good behaviour for two years.
Cnetral Criminal Court, April 1946, Cavan, Indictment Number 1 AM, Murder, Plea Guilty to Manslaughter
8 May 1946
Central Criminal Court 24 th April, 1946 The People v. A M R
I certify that the above named entered into a Recognizance in open Court this day in the sum of £5 that she would go to High Part Convent, Drumcondra, Dublin, and remain their for 18 months from that date and to obey the Rules and Regulations of the said Insitution.
IT WAS ORDERED BY THE COURT that the accused be taken charge of by Miss Elizabeth Carroll, Probation Officer, for the purpose of accompanying the accused to the said convent.

Clárathóir Chóndae.

— Circuit Court Office, Green Street, Dublin.

- Charged of Murder — on the 10th day of January 1946 in the County of Cavan. Murdered an unnamed female child of which she had been recently delivered. - Literally did not understand that she was pregnant: "Then about half past eight on Thursday morning the 10th of January 1946 I was I the kitchen, when my baby was born. I was going to the table in the kitchen to get a drink of water. I took a terrible pain and my baby fell from my womb to the floor on its back. It cried for a couple of minutes. I lifted it in my arms, and I baptized it. I put a cloth around it but I held my hand to its mouth to keep it from crying first, I put the cloth around its mouth and body. I put it on fairly tight. It did cry a little after putting on the cloth. I took it outside, and it didn't cry anymore. I put it in a hold in A Mc C Central Criminal Court — Committal Order Eg. 12th. October, 1948. M___ McD___ - Murder, Custody, County Kilkenny. Green Street TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN Central Criminal Court, 12th October, 1948 The People v. M____ McD____ I CERTIFY that the above-named entered into a Recognizance in open court this day in the sum of £5.0.0. binding herself to GLOUCESTER STREET CONVENT, DUBLIN and to remain there for 12 months from this date (or any other Institution to which she maybe transferred therefrom) and to obey the Rules and Regulations of the said Institution. It WAS ORDERED BY THE COURT that the Accused be taken charge of by Miss Elizabeth Carroll, Probation Officer, for the purpose of accompanying the Accused to the said Home. DATED this 8th day of November 1948 **CLARATHOIR CHONDAE** Central Criminal Court, 4th. July 1949 – The People v. M____ J. W____ (Custody) W____, Charged with Murder Particulars of Offense: "M____ J___ W___ on or about the 10th day of May, 1949 in the County of Offaly murdered an unmaned female infant. Statement by M____ J___ W____, 27 years, taken on 16/5/'49 at 12noon by Sgt. J____ McT____, in Tullamore Hospital after caution. "I have been cautioned by Srgt. McT____ that I am not obliged to say anything unless I wish to do so and that anything I say will be taken down in writing and may be used in evidence. I am 27 years of age and resided with my parents* at ____, ___ up to Saturday the 7/5/'49. I remember (?) the 7/5/49. On that morning I gave birth to a baby at 10:30 am (old time). I knew I was pregnant but I did not think the baby would be born so early. From 1:30 am on

that morning until the time the baby was born I was in pain and I knew then my baby was

going to be born. The baby was born in the bed, and I didn't want my father or mother to hear it crying. I decided to conceal it by putting it in a box, but before putting it into the box I squeezed it with my hands to choke it. After squeezing its neck it didn't cry and it was not crying when I put it* into the box. I didn't notice any injury on the child's neck after squeezing it, and I don't know what caused the cut on its neck except it might be my thumb nail. About 5 minutes after I put the child in the box my mother entered the room and up to then the child had not cried. The child cried then and my mother went to the box and found it. Mother took it out and put clothes around it and after giving it conditional Baptism she put it into the bed to me. It was crying very strong and I thought it was in pain and I looked at it and saw blood on its neck. I looked where the blood mark was and I saw* [p.t.o.] that the skin was tore across. My mother came in soon afterwards again and she saw the cut and she asked me if I did anything to it and I said I did not. I tried to breast-feed the baby on my mother's suggestion but the baby refused the breast and kept crying the whole time. After a couple hours Dr. H_____ of Roscrea arrived and on his orders I was removed to Tullamore Co. Home where my baby died on Tuesday 10th May 1949.

I have heard this statement read over to me and I was asked to make alternations or corrections if I desired but it was correct.

	Signed — M	JW_	
	Witnessed by Sgt. J_	McT	_ 16/5/49
[* = initialized J.M.W.]			-0

Central Criminal Court, 12th October, 1948 - The People v. M____McD___. Co. Kilkenny.

"Extract from the Medical Officer's Journal," Mountjoy Prison, 17th September, 1948 "I have the honour to report that I have examined prisoner for trial M____ McD___. I examined her on August 1st and on sunsquent dates.

I found her childish in manner, anxious to co-operate and she replied to questions willingly and without hesitation.

She is correctly orientated, but although she gives her age correctly, be cannot state the year in which she was born ... Her time was occupied working on the family's farm and any spare time she had she employed in knitting.

She gives an account of the birth of her child on 27th June last. Apparantly she crept from her room in the early hours of that morning to an outhouse where after a final hours labour she gave birth to the child. She had experienced pains for some days in advance and these became more forcible and constant on the night of the 27th June. There was no other person present at the birth and her one fear, she states, was that her brother, T____, would hear the child cry and be angry with her for the trouble she has brought on the family.

From examinations it appears that this girl was completely ignorant of childbirth and also with some of the essential physical facts. For instance she knew nothing of the after-birth and it was only the presence of the protruding umbilical cord that induced her to send for a doctor. Such matters as haemorrhage, inability to deliver, difficult presentations etc. she had never heard of,

and her behaviour on that night is consistent with such gross ignorance. When asked why she never became acquainted with such matters she replied "I never asked anyone, I didn't like talking about it — my sister knows it all, much more than me," and no further explanation coul dbe obtained from her.

In my view this girl is mentally immature and I regard her as being Mentally Defective."

Signed, T.M____, M.B. D.P.M.

Medical Officer
Mountjoy Prison
11th October, 1948
The Co. Registrar
Central Criminal Court, Dublin

Green Street

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT, 12TH OCTOBER 1948.

THE PEOPLE V. M____MCD__

I certify that the above-named entered into a Recognisance in open Court this day in the sum of £5.0.0. binding herself to go to GLOUCESTER STREET CONVENT, DUBLIN and to remain there for 12 Months from this date (or any Institution to which she may be transferred therefrom) and to obey the Rules and Regulations of the said Institution.

IT WAS ORDERED BY THE COURT that the Accused be taken charge of by Miss Elizabeth Carroll, Probation Officer, for the purpose of accompanying the Accused to the said Home.

Dated this 8th day of November 1948.

CLARATHOIR CHONDAE

Central Criminal Court, 6th November, 1947. Country Donegal. The People V. M
McG
Central Criminal Court.
Before Mr. Justice Haugh
Date:- 6 th November, 1947
The People V M McG (26 years)
Indictment:- M McG, about the 21 st day of July, 1947, in the County of Donegal, murdered her male child, P McG
Accused pleaded not guilty of murder, but guilty to manslaughter.
Supt. W, examined by Mr. M:-

3. And I think she went to the National School and subequently stayed at home with her parents for a number of years? - She went to the National School until May, 1933. She was at the National School for about six years, and while there made no progress. The teacher who taught her thought she was of sub-normal intelligence and not capable of learning anything. I think myself she could not spell her own name.

Mr. Healy, S.C. for Accused: As your lordship heard, this girl is a bit sub-normal, and it ws while as a migratory labourer in Scotland picking potatoes that she gave birth to her first illegitimate child. But her people are morally decent. Her mother sent her the money to come home, and she was subsequently married to a tinker. ...

Judge Haugh:- M____ McG____, I have considered this most distressing case, and these cases are not uncommon here; and the law endeavours to deal with each such case on its own merits. When unmarried mothers take the lives of their children at or about the time the child is born, great consideration is taken of the fact of the mother's condition at the time, and every allowance is made for it. Very often the mothers in such cases are sent to a Home on their own undertaking, and if not they are sent to prison. Unfortunately in this case, although I have a certain amount of sympathy for you, your child was ten days old when you took its life; and much as I would like, it is a feature that I cannot use in extenuation of your conduct. I recognize that you have two other children, one aged four and one aged two,and have been a good mother to them. I accept the evidence that you have done everything you could for them. But unfortunately you took the life of the third child. It was only at the last moment that you made up your mind on the way from the Home. I am afraid I cannot take the usual course of sending you to a Home to the Nuns, and taking everything I can into consideration I sentence you to three years' penal servitude.

C.C.C. Dublin, March 3 rd , 1964. The People V. M R	
The People –V- M (M) R	
Exhibit No. 15. Dublin District Court, Dundrum 10/4	/64
Statement of M R takne at St. Brendan's Hospital, on 20/3/64 by Supt. J. P. McM and Supt. P. M	

I understand that I have been cautioned that I am not obliged to say anything unless I want to do so but whatever I say will be taken down in writing and may be given in evidence. I will tell the truth. I was (crossed out in pen and replaced with 'am') pregnant sicne July. On Tuesday morning 3rd March I stayed in bed all day. I was not feeling well and about half eleven went into bathroom. That was half eleven at night. I got a severe pain and I had the baby. I think I walked around the bathroom for a while and then I sat on the toilet. I stood up and the baby slipped into the toilet. At the time there was life in the baby. It just moved. I saw it bleed. I cut the cord and then immediately the after birth came. I took the baby out of the toilet and when the afterbirth came I flushed the toilet. At the same time the landlady was knocking at the door and then I don't know whether I got frightened — my mind went blank,

and I thought it would cry and I just got toilet paper and put it into its mouth. I cleaned the toilet. I came into my room, still hoping that the baby was alive. I left it under the bed — I put holy water on it before putting it under the bed. I went to bed then, and stayed sitting there until next morning — I did not sleep. The next morning the landlady brought me up my breakfast. I got up that Wednesday evening about half past two or three and I stayed up that night until half eleven. The next morning, Thursday I on my way to work I took the baby with me in the basket and I left it in the church. I went to work then. I went to work next day Friday again. I have heard this statement read over to me and it is correct. I have no alteration I wish to make.
(M R declined to sign statement)
WITNESS: J.P. McM, Supt. DO. P. M SUPT. 20/3/64.
Central Criminal Court, 1 st June 1948. The People V Mrs. K G,, Case # 3 J D, Case # 1 W B
Statement of Mrs. KG,, taken at the Garda Station, on 24/2/48 by D/Sgt. J. G I wish to make a clean breast of things. My first case was J D's, B, About three years ago. It was Spring time. I was on my way to, when passing D's, J D told me that she was four months pregnant. She asked me for a dose to get rid of the baby, and I said I'd give her no dose but that if she liked I would open up the womb with a handle of a teaspoon, and if the parents consented. Both parents were there and they agreed. I open the womb that day with a spoon – teaspoon which brought on labor and I then left the
house and said I would be back later. I went to Ds hosue about 11 p.m. the same night. J was in bed and in labor. Her father and mother were in the kitchen. I did nothing to J that night. I remained in the room all night with her and about 7 a.m. on the following morning, J gave birth to a baby girl. The baby was alive and cried for ten minutes. I never got such a shock as J and her mother both told me there was not life in the baby. They and told me this before I used the spoon on J and I expected to see the baby born
dead. I would judge the baby to be in or about six months old in my opinion. I baptised the baby with Easter water. I then just left it in the bed. When J heard the baby crying she said "smother the brat. I can't bear to hear it cry". I said "I will not smother it, I will not commit murder". I just left it to die of its own accord. The navel cord was not severed from the afterbirth and the child died after about ten minutes. I took the baby away form Ds and buried it under a rose bush in the front garden of my house at There was a piece of cloth around the baby when I buried it. I took the baby form D's in an attache case. I kept an eye J D for a week afterwards and she got all right. Two days after the birth J D's mother gave me a pound for what I had done for J
There is another case I would like to tell you about. It is about SF,, On Ascension Thursday three years ago after she following me several times and asking me to

give her something as she was two months pregnant and wanted to do away with her pregnancy. I consented on Ascension Thursday three years ago to do it. She called to Ps' at Road and learned that I was gone to Mrs. P's house, Road. She followed me there. I took her into a room and opened her womb with the handle of a teaspoon. She then went home. I met her afterwards and she told me the miscarriage had come. About four months later S F gave me one pound but I first had to write to her for it.
I also want to tell you about $N_{__}$ $P_{__}$ of the $__$ road. I was just visiting her about three year ago and I told her about $J_{__}$ $D_{__}$'s case. $N_{__}$ $P_{__}$ told me that she was six months pregnant for a soldier and asked me to do something for her. I took her to a room in her house and opened he mouth of her womb with a teaspoon. I called the following week and $N_{__}$ told me that it came away that night.
A short time after that I was staying at P and Mrs. P and J F called to see me. N P had tome them before hand that I could bring off abortions. N P introduced me to J F, and J asked me to help her out. I asked her how long she was pregnant and she said eight months. I asked her if she felt life in the baby and she said she felt slight life. The same evening I injected the handle of a spoon into J 's womb and opened the mouth, which was not a success as it did not bring on labor. The next day I went to see J at P 's house at the road. I tried again with the handle of the spoon and this time I was successful in bringing on labor. I went away and came back that night about 11 p.m. N P with with me. J was in heavy labor I remained with her all night. Mrs. P and N P stayed up all night with me. About 6 am in the morning I hae to help J to give birth to a baby. I pressed on her stomach and helped to relieve her at the passage. A deformed little baby girl was born with cloven hands and feet enlarged ears adna twisted face. It breathed after birth but made no sound. It opened its mouth a couple of times. Mrs. P Baptised it in the presence of myself and N P They were not in the room when the baby was born but I got such a fright when I saw it that I called them in. They baby only lived a second or two. There was barely time to Baptise it. I wrapped the dead body of the baby in an old cloth and put it behind the fire to burn. N P and I then left the house. When I preformed the first act for J at P 's house she gave me two pounds. I visited J on and off until she was fully recovered.
About five months later J F called to my house at and told me she was two months on. She asked me to do something for her. My daughter, A, was with her when she called and A told me that Mrs. P had given her the bend that J had used the spoon on herself. On account of this I refused to have anything to do with he.
About two years ago GW came to my house and asked me if I could do something for Mrs. H as she was two months pregnant. Tow days later, GW and E H came to my house. I used the spoon on the H girl to open her womb. W gave me two pounds that evening and I did not see either of them again. About two years ago I heard that Mrs. H of Road, wanted to see me. I called to her house and and she told me that she was six weeks pregnant and asked me to if I could help her out. We went upstairs together and she laid down and I opened her womb with the handle of a teaspoon. The next day was Ash Wednesday and I called to see her on my way to to see my daughter

J Mrs. H was not so well but told me everything was successful. She gave me 10/-for my service.
About eighteen months ago a girl called to me house at I think she said her name was H and told me that she was only two months pregnant. I could sworn she was three. She asked me to do something for her to get rid of her pregnancy. She said that she would drown herself if I didn't. I brought her to my house and opened her womb with the handle of a spoon. She promised to pay me two pounds and gave me 10/- that evening on account.
About two months afterwards I was in the town of and I saw the girl that said her name was H I made enquiries and learned that her name was J McD, Road. A couple of days later I wrote to her and gave out to her. She replied to my letter and enclosed 10/- and asked me to say nothing about it. Some time later I was again in and this girl came up to me and told me that she did not like to give me her right name first time. She asked me not to divulge it to her people and that she would send me on another pound. She did write again twice and each time sent me 10/
Plenty have come to me since but I turned them away, I have made a resolution not to do anymore of these cases as they were worrying me.
I have heard this statement read over to me and it is true and voluntary. I have been invited to make any alterations or additions which I deem necessary but there are none I wish to make.
Signed. KG Witness. J. G, D/Sgt. "O. B, Sgt "D. McG D/Gda Concluded 4:15 p.m.
Central Criminal Court, Wexford, 4 th July, 1949. The People V J M
i) Extract from The Medical Officer's Journal of this Date (12 th July 1949)- Mountjoy Prison.
He is aware of the nature and gravity of the charge preferred against him and was able to give an account of the happenings of the evening of the tragedy His educational standard is very low In my view he is a man of low mental calibre, but I consider he is fit to instruct Counsel and is fit to plead. Signed- T.M, M.b., D.P.M.
ii) Statement of JM, C/o JQ, K, M, Co. Wexford, Taken by
Inspector W. C, at W, on 16-5-49. I have been keeping company with Miss (F) B for the past nine years. I have met her nearly every night during that period. I have had a snooge off her very nearly two or three times a week since I first got to know her. By snooge I mean putting my private part into hers. About a fortnight ago I noticed she was very full about the stomach and I asked her was she going to have child. She said where did I think it was or was it in her shoes. I didn't believe her. I knew there was something wrong with her. I knew I wasn't responsible for her

condition because I always withdrew before I discharged. [Sunday mass followed by hurling
match] When we reached her home I went inside and F went up the fields. Mrs.
McC and her son S were inside. Mrs. C asked me where was F and I said
"she's out there". It was in or about half past seven o'clock at this time. I had my tea with the
boy and sat at the fire for about an hour and a half and as F was not coming in I went out
to look for her. I had to search for her for a while and then found her in a cornfield. She was
standing in a gripe beside a fence. I asked her was she coming into ther tea and she said she'd
be in in a minute. I went back to the house and told Mrs. C that F was up there in the
field. I told her she was in the cornfield. After another quarter of an hour or so Mrs. C
went out saying she would see what was wrong with F After a few minutes Mrs. C
and F returned. F's stockings were all blood. I asked her what was gone wrong and
she said :the changes came on me". She sat at the fire and said nothing more for about half an
hour when I helped her up to bed. After I helped her to bed I went up to the field (cornfield) to
the place where I had seen F standing and noticed the blood there. After walking about
that place for a while I heard the screeching of a baby. I returned to where the blood was and
close by I saw a baby covered with grass. It was alive then. I saw it moving and heard it
screech. Only I heard it screech I would not have found the baby as it was completely covered
with grass. I took the grass off it and left it there. I went directly to S D who is
married to Mrs. C's sister. I told him F had a child up in the field. I asked him to go
for Nurse K and I went myself and (phoned the)- caused the Guards and Dr. D to be
phoned. It was Nurse K who sent me to have the phone messages sent. I did not go back
to the child again until I went with Nurse K I didn't make any effort to bury the baby. I
didn't suggest to any one that we should bury it. I wasn't talking to F since I put her to
bed. The above statement has been read over to me and it is correct. I do not wish to have it
altered in any way.

John Merriman Witness: W. Coonan, Cig. 16-5-49, @ 2.55 a.m. J. Spillane, Sgt. 247; 16-5-49 at 2.55 a.m.