

## Charges relating to fox and dog fights dropped at Kildare court

### Defendants to make donation to Wildlife Rehabilitation Ireland

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The case was heard at Naas District Court earlier today

A case against eight men who had been charged in relation to foxes and dogs being made fight to the death was withdrawn by the State at Naas District Court earlier today, Wednesday, January 2.

It had been alleged that the eight men were present at a location on the Curragh, on January 22, 2017 where dogs and foxes were made fight each other inside a pipe. All eight men denied the allegations.

Today Superintendent Martin Walker informed Judge Desmond Zaidan that by agreement with all parties, he was withdrawing the case against all of the men, and that they would each make a €150 contribution to Wildlife Rehabilitation Ireland.

"We have difficulty with the proofs (in the case)," he admitted to Judge Zaidan.

Lawyers for the eight men, Dylan Costigan (24) with an address at Skenagun, Castledermot, Conor Hughes (36), 24 Oldcourt Avenue, Bray; Graham Curley (38), 6 Doum Height, Leap, County Cork; Simon Enright (48), Sunset View, Corrin, Leap, County Cork; Keith Ownes (31), Ladystown, Rathvilly, Carlow; Kenneth O'Driscoll (24), 9 Convent Court, Clonakilty, County Cork; Michael Molloy (32), 54 Deerpark, Bray, County Wicklow and Richard Molloy (36), 23 Old Court Park, Bray insisted that their clients disputed the allegations and asserted their innocence.

Judge Desmond Zaidan entered a nolle prosequi (a withdrawal of charges by the prosecution) in the cases.

# Men charged in connection with Kildare animal death fights

## Curragh is venue in alleged fox and dog cruelty

By Leinster Leader Reporter

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Eight men have appeared at Naas District Court charged with cruelty to animals by allegedly having foxes and dogs fight to the death at a location on the Curragh.

At the December 13 sitting, one man was charged with an indictable offence and seven others were brought to the court on summary charges.

Dylan Costigan (24) with an address at Skenagun, Castledermot, County Kildare, is charged with hunting foxes in a cruel manner at the Curragh Plain on January 22, 2017.

Garda Sgt Brian Jacob said the State is alleging that Mr Costigan and others were involved in having foxes and dogs fight each other in concrete pipes at the location.

It is alleged that the animals were being forced to fight to the death.

Apart from the Costigan case, Sgt Jacob said the men are to be tried summarily.

They were, allegedly, in breach of Section 12 of the Animal Health and Welfare Act 2013.

The men range in ages from 24 to 48.

Others charged are Conor Hughes (36), 24 Oldcourt Avenue, Bray; Graham Curley (38), 6 Doum Height, Leap, County Cork; Simon Enright (48), Sunset View, Corrin, Leap, County Cork; Keith Ownes (31), Ladystown, Rathvilly, Carlow; Kenneth O'Driscoll (24), 9 Convent Court, Clonakilty, County Cork; Michael Molloy (32), 54 Deerpark, Bray, County Wicklow and Richard Molloy (36), 23 Old Court Park, Bray.

The case has been adjourned by Judge Desmond Zaidan until January 2 for further progress.