

actions of five apprehending a man who to kill them, and his old son, were District Court

Court heard that of Labra Park.

Ballyfermot, made the threats while holding his son and brandishing a knife in a caravan opposite his house at 1am on August 29 last.

His family, said Judge Gillian Hussey, should feel indebted to the gardai for saving the life of the defendant and his son.

Garda Donal Keating said that he and gardai Niall Kampff, Barry Walsh, Michael Kennedy and

Padraic O'Meara failed to calm Mr Berry after talking to him for over half an hour.

The gardai then pulled up two iron gates and used them as barriers to pin Berry against the rear of the caravan and managed to release his son safely.

Neil McNelis, solicitor, admitted that his client went "totally berserk" but was

convinced that drink he consumed at a wedding had been spiked.

Judge Hussey ordered that the defendant pay £200 compensation to each of the five gardai.

Berry has £150 in court which was given to Garda O'Meara who was slightly injured in the incident.

The defendant was remanded on continuing bail to July 14 for a further £850 compensation.

The attack Church near latest in a series of attacks on Northern Ireland said the building severely damaged by fire, which is as arson.

Car hijacked by knife

A MAN was his car by a car thief last

He had stopped traffic lights on Dublin when he drew up alongside a pillion passenger driver out of Prelude before in the car.

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Ammo case man held

A MAN was Belfast yesterday possessing 200 rounds of ammunition after being found in a Friday. Norman Branagh (39), of Park Avenue Belfast, was taken into custody to Magistrate's Court.

Inquest clarification

IN the report into the death of Mr Lynch of Lough Santry, it was said Mr Lynch, a 31-year-old, had threatened himself because he was unable to see his wife.

Mr Lynch was told, was being treated in a treatment room in Park on November 15. A verdict of death by suicide was returned.

Miss Evelyn Cromcastle of Coolock, mother of Mr Lynch's son, who attended the inquest, wishes to point out there was a letter against Mr Lynch which prevented him from Miss Hannon's fact which is known to the inquest.

The Coroner said he understood Lynch had a number of problems in his

SADDLE UP FOR AN EIGHT-MONTH PUB CRAWL

Japan to Dublin is aim of cyclist

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The 25-year-old from Ohoyo, is planning an eight-month solo pedaling trip from Beijing, through China, Mongolia, Russia and mainland Europe ending next October with his bike parked outside a Dublin pub.

"It's a private dream," he said while spending a holiday here.

By NIAMH HOOPER

"But it's also a bigger dream to bring two countries closer.

"Japan is so far away from Ireland geographically and mentally. Since the first time I visited Ireland several years ago and went swimming in Sandycove on Christmas Day I've been crazy about the Irish people.

"The Japanese are not so loving as the Irish and I hope this trip will make me closer to the Irish.

"It's the freedom I love more than anything else, as my feet pedal away my mind does too."

His aim is to cycle 100kms a day with one day off a week, from March next when he sets off from Beijing until he reaches Dublin.

To finance his dream Yasuyuki expects to pay out £5,000 between food, accommodation, ferry trips, essential medicines and bike maintenance.

When it's all over, he and his bike will board a plane for home he says.



☐ JAPANESE TAKEAWAY: Yasuyu Ozeki from Japan, in Dublin for a holiday, plans to cycle here next time (Picture: Declan Cahill)

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Brave garda action is praised by judge

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NEWS BRIEF

Another church fire-bombed

ANOTHER church in the North was severely damaged by fire in the early hours of today.

The attack, on St Peter's Church near Lisburn, is the latest in a series of sectarian attacks on buildings in Northern Ireland. Police said the building has been severely damaged by the fire, which is being treated as arson.

Car hijacked by knife thug

A MAN was forced from his car by a knife-wielding car thief last night.

He had stopped at traffic lights on the M50 in Dublin when a motorcycle drew up alongside and the pillion passenger forced the driver out of his Honda Prelude before driving away in the car.

HERALD
COUNCILLORS in West Lothian, Scotland have closed a hi-tech lavatory. It was used by only three people over a month — with each person spending a penny costing the council £17 in maintenance charges.

HOTSPOT

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A MAN was charged in connection with the