



Fickle: Eamonn Lillis has a year left

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EAMONN Lillis's brazen attempts to dictate where he will serve the last 11 months of his sentence for killing his wife have been rejected by jail bosses.

Having had his initial request to be moved to the low-security, open prison, Shelton Abbey, granted, Lillis then changed his mind and demanded to go to Mountjoy's training unit.

On the day he was due to be transferred to Shelton Abbey two weeks ago, the 57-year-old refused to go.

Now, after prison officials declared that he was in no position to 'pick and choose' where he will serve his time, it is most likely he will be forced to serve the rest of his sentence at Dublin's Wheatfield jail, where he is currently incarcerated.

Lillis is believed to have initially wanted the move to Shelton Abbey in Arklow, Co. Wicklow, as a way to prepare for his freedom next April.

Lillis, who brutally bludgeoned his

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wife Celine Cawley to death at their plush family home in Howth, Dublin, in December 2008, told prison authorities he wanted to go to Mountjoy's training unit, which also has a relaxed regime.

However, prison bosses have now refused this 'demand'.

'He does not get to pick and choose where he spends the remainder of his sentence,' a prison source said.

'He wanted to and agreed to go to Shelton Abbey. Then he refused to go at the last minute.

'Then he announced he wanted to go to Mountjoy training unit. But this isn't Butlins, this is prison. He doesn't get to pick and choose.

'He has been told his request to go to Mountjoy training unit has been refused. It is looking likely that he will spend his remaining months in jail in Wheatfield.

'I'm sure he is not too happy. He would much prefer the regime at Shelton Abbey but now remains in an environment where he is locked up and has much fewer freedoms.'

Had the 57-year-old gone to Shelton Abbey, a pre-release programme would have been prepared for him and he would have enjoyed a new life of minimum security where there are no prison bars and he could walk out the front gate.

However, he is now likely to spend the remaining 11 months of his term

Brazen wife-killer Lillis is refused move to open jail



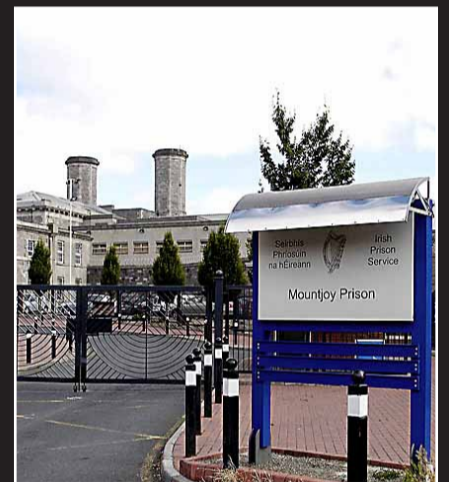
Bludgeoned to death: Celine Cawley was a mother of one



Relaxed regime: Shelton Abbey low-security prison in Arklow, Co. Wicklow



Staying put: Wheatfield Prison, Dublin



Training unit: Mountjoy jail in Dublin

in Wheatfield Prison, a closed, medium-security prison.

The prison - designed to hold 320 prisoners, and often with up to three inmates to a cell, is in stark contrast to Shelton Abbey.

Set on the banks of the Avoca River, Shelton Abbey was the ancestral home of the Earls of Wicklow. It has no bars or locked gates and is surrounded by woodlands.

Offenders can take part in regular bingo sessions, table quizzes, card drives, dart competitions, soccer tournaments and pool competitions. They are encouraged to 'Grow your own veg' as well as to garden, weld gates, valet cars, take part in

dramatic performances and learn creative writing.

This would have been an apt setting for Lillis, who has attended writing classes in Wheatfield - and even won a prize in a prisoners category at Listowel Writers' Week in 2012, for a short story he wrote.

Educational programs focus on literacy and numeracy but also include courses on 'anger management, addiction studies, furniture-making, communications, painting, computer literacy, food and cookery and woodcraft'.

A recreation room allows prisoners to play pool and darts at any time. A gym is open seven days a week and

is managed by two qualified gym officers. Inmates can avail of swimming lessons in a nearby leisure centre and Football Association of Ireland soccer skill courses are provided under a qualified coach.

The safe and open surroundings of Mountjoy's training unit are also at odds with the prison's main wing despite sharing the same grounds.

The 'semi-open, low-security' jail is used as a pre-release centre to prepare offenders for life outside with a strong emphasis on work and training.

The son of bankrupt businessman Seán Quinn, Seán Jr, who was found to be in contempt of court in 2012,

spent one night in Mountjoy's main prison before being sent to the safer surroundings of the training unit.

Lillis's trial had heard how he told gardai that a burglar had attacked his wife and fled through the back garden of his home. But it later emerged he killed his wife, a mother of one, after they became involved in a violent row on the patio of their home on December 15, 2008.

His trial was told Ms Cawley, who starred in the Bond film *A View To A Kill*, died after suffering three blows to the head. Lillis was charged with murder but after a trial he was convicted of manslaughter.

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E-cigarette smokers at risk from superbugs?

THEY have been touted as a healthy alternative to smoking but e-cigarettes could make users more vulnerable to deadly superbugs such as MRSA.

A study found vapour from e-cigarettes makes the bacteria more toxic and weakens the body's ability to fight the antibiotic-resistant bug.

And while electronic cigarettes are not as toxic as tobacco cigarettes, researcher Laura Crotty Alexander said they had 'measurable detrimental effects on health'.

The University of California research showed that the vapour makes the bugs think they are in danger - and so they ramp up their

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defence mechanisms, making them even harder to kill with antibiotics.

However, the study found tobacco cigarettes fuel MRSA even more than the electronic versions.

There is growing concern that 'vaping' glamorises smoking in the eyes of the young who, once hooked on the nicotine, may move on to conventional cigarettes.

There are also fears e-cigarettes contain cancer-causing chemicals.

Their popularity has increased rapidly in the past year, with more than 50,000 smokers estimated to be regularly using them in Ireland.



Link to MRSA: E-cigarettes

Fourth hijacking in a month has drivers fearing for safety

A TAXI driver was threatened at knife-point yesterday morning - in the fourth carjacking in Dublin this month.

The 36-year-old driver was forced out of his car after being threatened with a knife. Twenty minutes later, the stolen taxi crashed into another car on North Wall Quay in Dublin's inner city and the hijacker fled the scene on foot. A 15-year-old suspect was later arrested by gardai near the scene.

Gardai have confirmed that nobody was injured during the crash.

These incidents are 'changing the lifestyle of drivers,' according to president of the Irish Taxi Federation

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John Usher. 'There's been really frightening incidents in recent years.

'You don't know who's getting in. It could be a doctor, a solicitor, or it could be the most violent criminal out there. It can be very frightening.'

Last Friday, a woman and her two children were held up in a carjacking, while a pregnant woman ended up in hospital a week ago after being attacked when a syringe-wielding criminal hijacked the car she was in.

And earlier this month, two men hijacked a taxi in Castleknock.