



Row: Retired Judge Barry White

By Paul Caffrey

A WOMAN who was raped and assaulted by her father is calling for automatic compensation for abuse victims.

Victim Barbara Naughton's remarks come after retired High Court judge Barry White sparked fury by suggesting that some rape victims who express an interest in receiving compensation might be 'trying it on'.

Ms Naughton said: 'Nothing could be further from the truth. The perpetrator is jailed while the victim has to cover their own medical costs. Where is the sense in that?'

A week ago Mr Justice White told Seán O'Rourke on RTE Radio that a rape victim who recently came before his court 'seemed to have a considerable interest in compensation for the offence'.

Ms Naughton, 32, told the Mail she has been forced to pay for her own medical treatment since she turned 18 and escaped her predator father Patrick Naughton.

Strict rules prevent compensation

She is calling on Justice Minister Frances Fitzgerald to introduce a State-run compensation committee for victims of sex crimes.

Rape victim Fiona Doyle - who branded Judge White's comments 'insensitive' - and the parents of the victim of sex attacker Anthony Lyons, have told the Mail they support the proposal for a new compensation board.

Ms Doyle said she would 'fight strongly' for such change.

Ms Naughton estimated that she has spent about €50,000 of her own money to repair problems with her nose, which she says were caused by her father's attacks when she was a teenager.

Her father walked free from prison in 2012 after being sentenced to 11 years in jail.

But the Galway woman said his punishment was a 'waste of time' as he was not rehabilitated behind

'Rape victims aren't out for money' But abused must be compensated, says one victim



Raped: Barbara Naughton was denied a payout



Patrick Naughton: 11-year term

bars while she was left to cover her own costs.

At present the Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme, overseen by the Department of Justice, administers payouts for some victims of crime. Strict rules prevent awards to victims who were living with their abuser when the crimes were committed - a clause that automatically ruled out Ms Naughton's claim for compensation.

The CICS, established in 1974

and updated in 1986, also says the crime must be reported to gardai promptly, another potential stumbling block for victims of sex abuse.

In the case of Fiona Doyle, 49, she was raped by her father in the Seventies. She first reported the crimes in the early Nineties and her father was only brought to trial last year.

Ms Naughton met two Cabinet ministers in 2004 after being refused damages. Having failed to persuade them, she sought medical treatment overseas for a deviated septum in her nose.

She flew to Prague in 2006 to go under the knife at her own expense but she said she was left barely able to breathe. Ms Naughton revealed she was forced to spend tens of thousands of euro visiting London clinics to have expensive injections afterwards.

She said: 'I had suffered a broken nose and further damage. I had to go to Prague and I paid out of my own pocket.'

Ms Naughton said she should have had State-funded treatment here and she said Ireland was 'like a regressive society for failing to adapt'.

She said Ireland should come in line with other countries like the US. In the US, rape victims have their medical expenses and loss of

earnings covered by the Crime Victim Compensation Programme.

Each year, millions of dollars are deposited into the fund from criminal fines, forfeited bail bonds and penalty fees.

The Rape Crisis Network Ireland said the scheme here is too limited and should cater for 'many more victims'.

The RCNI's Caroline Counihan has called on the Government to 'build on the Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme and improve access to it'.

The Justice Minister has vowed to 'consider fully any concerns raised about current arrangements' for compensating victims of sex crimes.

A spokesman told the Mail that while Mrs Fitzgerald has no plans to set up a separate compensation tribunal, she is currently 'addressing victim issues as a priority'.

In 2002, the trial of Ms Naughton's father almost collapsed following an intervention in the case by then minister Bobby Molloy, who resigned as housing minister after it emerged that a phone call had been made from his office to presiding judge Philip O'Sullivan before sentencing.

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Another year without Jill, writes husband on anniversary

By Ruaidhrí Giblin

JILL Meagher's husband Tom last night posted an emotional tribute to his wife on his Facebook page to mark the second anniversary of her brutal death.

Mrs Meagher was raped and murdered while walking home from a night out in Melbourne, Australia. Her body was later discovered in a field outside the city after a six-day search.

In the tribute, Mr Meagher recalls their last moments together and revealed how he still finds mementos in the pockets of old bags, and his wife's dark hair still wrapped around her hairbrush.

He said: 'Another year without you in the world Jill Meagher. I remember our last moments together two years ago this morning. You emerged from the bathroom beaming with Friday enthusiasm, wearing a towel that was wrapped so tightly around your head that it forced your eyes to slant upwards.'

'Days like this make it all real; how you loved to irritate and surprise me, how much you loved to dance in your PJs spilling red wine all over the floor.'

'I still find your to-do lists in old leather compendiums and exam results, notes, sketches, stories and characters in the pockets of old bags.'

He said that he reads his wife's diary and laughs, and said he has kept her make-up and perfume.

'You were a true original Jilly, a free soul, you were unashamedly you. I love you even more than you loved life.'

Attached to the emotional tribute was a video of the song Michelangelo by Emmylou Harris, the lyrics of which are hooks on the line: 'Last night I dreamed about you.'

Last night more than 650 people had 'liked' the tribute on Facebook. Among the comments underneath, Ev Byrne wrote: 'Beautiful words for a beautiful soul, she is the brightest star in the sky looking down on you x.'

Annie Rasmussen wrote: 'A free spirited, beautiful soul. I would have loved to have known her. True, real love between you. Hugs xx.'

Rosanna Burgess wrote: 'Beautiful words and quite simply, true love.'

Ms Meagher, 29, was originally from Drogheda, Co. Louth, but emigrated to Australia with her Dublin husband Tom three years before her death.

Her murderer Adrian Bayley, 42, who had previously committed 20 rapes or attempted rapes, was jailed for life in June 2013 with no possibility of parole for 35 years.

Earlier this year, Mr Meagher spoke about how he spent months dreaming of avenging his wife's death by inflicting violence on Bayley.

'I dreamed for over a year of how I would like to physically hurt this man [Bayley], and still often relish the inevitable manner of his death.'

Rihanna and Kim K latest victims of nude pic hackers

RIHANNA and Kim Kardashian are believed to be the latest victims of hackers who have stolen nude celebrity photos and posted them online.

Explicit selfies of women closely resembling the singer and reality TV star were leaked to file-sharing websites yesterday and reposted by Twitter users. Other victims are believed to include actress Vanessa Hudgens, 25; singer Avril Lavigne, 29; actress Hayden Panettiere, 25, and Mary-Kate Olsen, 28.

Earlier this month, Hunger Games star Jennifer Lawrence, 24, and Downton Abbey's Jessica Brown Findlay, 25, were also said to have had photos and videos hacked via

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their iCloud accounts on their iPhones. The new pictures followed boasts by hackers that there were still more nude snaps to be posted on websites 4chan and Reddit.

Anonymous hackers posted a list of 101 celebrities they claim to have targeted, including TV presenter Cat Deeley, 37, and model Kelly Brook, 34. Last month, Ms Kardashian, 33, said the hacking scandal was 'a wake-up call for people to make sure they have every privacy setting'.

Yesterday, spokesmen for Ms Kardashian and Rihanna, 26, could not be reached for comment.



Photos leaked: Rihanna

Most feel free water will not cover daily needs

By Eamon Donoghue

TWO out of three homeowners feel that the proposed free water allowances will not cover their daily needs when charges are introduced next week.

Every household is entitled to a free annual allowance of 30,000 litres when Irish Water begins their billing process at the start of next month.

But just one in seven people believe the free water would cover their usage, according to a Sunday Independent/Millward Brown survey.

The majority of people surveyed do not believe that their daily water needs will be covered by the free allowance proposed by the new State utility company.

For those who have children under the age of 18, an additional allowance will be given. However, the free child's

allowance is only available for children who qualify for child benefit. It was initially suggested the free allowance would be 38,000 litres per child per year, but this was cut to 21,000 litres.

The Government has put forward an average water charge of €240 per year after households avail of their free allowance. Fianna Fáil finance spokesman Michael McGrath has described the Government's claim that the average bill would be €240 as 'absolutely bogus'. He insisted families with two children will receive bills exceeding €600 a year when the charges are introduced next month.

Final water charge prices have yet to be decided but it is hoped they will be agreed by early next week.