

Breaking News – Thursday 29 July 2010

Man jailed for seven years for 'vicious' attack on ex-partner:

A Scottish man has been jailed for seven years for falsely imprisoning, torturing and threatening to kill his former partner in a four-hour ordeal.

Paul Coulter, with an address in Dublin at Clonshaugh Glen, Coolock, had just been released from the Midlands prison when he carried out the attack in front of the couple's two children at a house in Swords on April 5, 2009.

Paul Coulter punched and kicked his girlfriend, struck her with a bottle and told her every time she looked in a mirror she would be reminded of him as he was going to slice her “from ear to ear” with a razor.

Her four hours of torture only ended when she jumped from a second-floor bedroom window and alerted a neighbour.

The victim said during the ordeal she had held her daughter in her arms to protect her and had struggled to remain conscious, afraid that if she didn't she would die.

The court heard Paul Coulter lashed out against his former partner because he was devastated that she had started seeing another man while he was serving time in jail

Judge Frank O'Donnell today described it as one of the most vicious attacks on a female he had ever come across.

He sentenced the 28-year-old to eight years in prison with the final year suspended.