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# Noonan no longer has security permit

## John Mooney

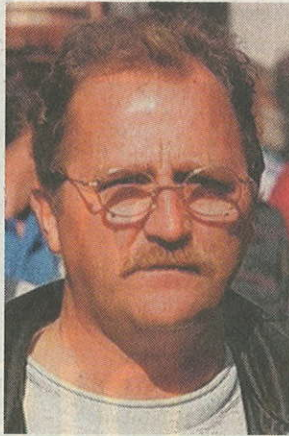
THE Private Security Authority (PSA) no longer lists John Noonan, a gangland figure from south Dublin, on its register of people licensed to work in the security sector.

Noonan, who has acted as a bodyguard to celebrities such as the U2 singer Bono, was licensed by the PSA despite his being pursued by the Criminal Assets Bureau (CAB) for almost €20m owing in taxes and penalties.

It is unclear whether Noonan did not apply for a new licence, or if he was informed by the PSA that any renewal application would be refused. His licence expired last month. The PSA had refused to revoke it.

The authority confirmed that Noonan is no longer licensed but said that it was not its policy to discuss individual cases.

The PSA licence was the focus of a campaign by the family of Robert Delaney, 28, a father-of-two who was shot in the face in October 2008 as he looked out of an upstairs



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window at his home in Tal-laght, south Dublin. The shooting left Delaney in a vegetative state.

Noonan, who is in the process of becoming a bankrupt, a move thought to be in response to his CAB bill, has been arrested twice and questioned about the attack.

Terry, the victim's father, welcomed the news that Noonan no longer has a licence. "The PSA's handling of this was nothing short of

appalling. The agency refused to revoke the licence, claiming it had insufficient grounds to do so," he said.

"The PSA did not fulfil its mandate in its dealings with Noonan. The authority was established to oversee the security industry, to ensure that paramilitaries and criminals could not operate in the sector. Yet they were content to register someone like Noonan as a security guard at a time when he was being pursued by CAB for millions of euros."

Detectives investigating Delaney's shooting believe it was carried out by Daniel Gaynor, 25, from Finglas, who was himself shot dead last August following a feud.

Gaynor is understood to have been paid €10,000 to carry out the attack on Delaney, who had tried to stop a fight in a pub some weeks earlier. The victim's family have been told he will remain in a vegetative state for the rest of his life.

The Sunday Times was unable to contact Noonan for comment last week.