

Young Man's Death

Murder Charge at Abbeyfeale.

A Farmer Remanded

Laurence T O'Connor, a small farmer and civil bill officer, aged 40, was charged at Abbeyfeale on Wednesday before Mr T D Warren, P. S., with the murder on Christmas Eve, of James D Collins, aged 20, who was killed while reading in his own home by a shot fired through the window. Accused lived but a few hundred yards away. He was remanded in custody to Shasagolden District Court on the 7th inst.

Superintendent T Mulvihy, Newcastle West, said that when charged O'Connor made a statement which he did not propose to put in evidence at that stage. He was further investigating the case.

When asked by the Clerk, Mr J Ambrose, if he had anything to say, accused replied "No."

O'Connor has been a civil bill officer and summons server in the district since 1913. He is a widower with nine children. His wife died about three weeks ago.

Mr R Macaulay, solicitor, appeared for the accused.