



Údarás Forfheidhmithe Corparáideach
Corporate Enforcement Authority

Press Statement

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WOMAN SENT FORWARD FOR TRIAL FOR COMPANY LAW AND THEFT OFFENCES

Arising from an investigation by the Corporate Enforcement Authority (“CEA”), a book of evidence has been served on a woman charged with company law and theft offences.

Ms. Emer Murphy (58, Loughrea, Co. Galway) appeared before Judge Mary Fahy at a sitting of Galway District Court on the 16th January 2023, where the book of evidence was served on her by Detective Garda Michael Kilfeather, an officer of the CEA, in the presence of her solicitor.

Ms. Murphy faces 8 charges: six charges of fraudulently removing property of a company within 12 months preceding winding up or a time thereafter¹, and two charges of theft².

The charges relate to a CEA investigation into the affairs of Emeracly Property Management Limited, a property management company based in the west of Ireland which went into liquidation in 2018.

Judge Fahy directed that Ms. Murphy be sent forward for trial to the next sitting of Galway Circuit Criminal Court on the 18th April 2023 and that she must notify the prosecution within 14 days if she intends to rely on an alibi as part of her defence.

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CORPORATE ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY

16th January 2023

¹ Contrary to s. 717(b) Companies Act 2014.

² Contrary to s. 4 Criminal Justice (Theft and Fraud Offences) Act 2001.

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Note to Editors

- The Corporate Enforcement Authority (“CEA”) is an independent statutory agency tasked with promoting compliance with, and enforcing, company law, and the exercise of certain supervisory functions in relation to liquidators and receivers. The legislation underpinning the establishment of the CEA is the [Companies \(Corporate Enforcement Authority\) Act 2021](#) (“CEA Act”), which amended the Companies Act 2014.
- Commencement Orders providing for the commencement of the CEA Act and the establishment of the CEA were signed by An Tánaiste, Dr. Leo Varadkar, T.D., on 5 and 6 July 2022, respectively.
- The CEA is staffed by, amongst others, a multi-disciplinary team of legal, accounting, and digital forensics professionals, together with seconded members of An Garda Síochána. All staff of the CEA, including seconded members of An Garda Síochána, may be referred to as CEA Officers.