

'Sickened' business owners come to the rescue after theft of wheelchair ramp



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KINDLY business owners have stepped in with offers of help after callous thieves stole the wheelchair ramp of a father-of-two who was shot in the face after intervening in a pub row.

Robert Delany (pictured left, who is a 31-year-old former postman, is now in a permanent vegetative state after suffering brain damage when he

was shot in the face on October 22, 2008 when he looked out the window of his apartment to see who was at his door.

Gardai have never found the culprits who blasted him in the head with a shotgun, leaving him in a coma with brain damage, for no apparent reason other than he intervened to prevent someone from being hurt in a row in a pub in west Dublin several weeks earlier.

He is now living in a nursing home and is completely dependent on others for his care. He must be strapped into a wheelchair to get around as he has no control over his body.

His mother, Noleen Delany (57), said she went to pick up Robert from the nursing home for his weekly visit to the family home in Tallaght, south Dublin, on Tuesday. The ramp was gone when she arrived

home. Now business owners have offered to help after Dick Redmond (pictured right) co-owner of Superior Racking Ltd, in Finglas, north Dublin, said that he and his colleagues were absolutely sickened when they heard of the theft.

He and the business co-owners agreed to stump up the €800 or so required to replace Mrs Delany's ramp when they heard about her plight yesterday.

