

# 'SHOW SHOOTING SUSPECT RED CARD'

BY NIALL DONALD

A HEARTBROKEN dad has vowed to continue protesting after a top soccer club appointed a manager who was arrested in connection with his son's attempted murder.

This exclusive photograph shows convicted criminal Andrew Noonan issuing instructions to his Bluebell United team from the sideline last month.

## Respectable

Noonan (33) looks like any other respectable coach as he directs the famous Leinster Senior League team during a clash with Crumlin United.

But in reality, Andrew - who is the son of Provo godfather John Noonan - has twice been arrested in connection with the attempted murder of innocent postman Robert Delany.

Dad-of-two Robert (29) had no involvement with crime and was



**Dad's fury as Provo's son is given top soccer post**

COACH:  
Andrew  
Noonan

brutally gunned down after a minor row in a pub with one of Noonan's associates.

But despite his shady past, Noonan was put in charge of the highly respected south Dublin club earlier this year.

The appointment sparked a protest outside the club by Robert's friends and family last month.

Speaking to the *Sunday World*, Robert's dad Terry said they planned to keep up the pressure on Bluebell United.

"I've have been inundated with calls from other clubs across the

country expressing support for our protest.

"The Justice for Robert campaign plan to continue our protests at Bluebell.

"Given the circumstances surrounding the shooting of Robert, I am amazed that a respectable club like Bluebell would lend the badge of respectability to this man."

Last September, Andrew, his brother Sean and father John Noonan were all arrested in connection with vicious shooting of Robert.

The three men were quizzed by

gardai about information they had might have about how hitman Daniel Gaynor was hired to shoot tragic Robert.

Gaynor (25), who is a suspect in four murders, was himself found gunned down near his home in Finglas last year.

Robert was shot in the head and has been left in permanent vegetative state.

In June, security boss Andrew Noonan was also fined €2,000 in Naas District Court after he was found guilty of unauthorised possession of an AK calibre 6mm air gun.

## Rifle

It was not the first time Noonan jnr has come before the courts in connection with weapons offences.

In 2000, he was jailed for a year after he was caught with a rifle, five rounds of ammunition, a silencer and a telescopic lens in a field in Tallaght.

Broken-hearted day Terry Delany said his son has been given no chance for recovery.

"Robert is in a permanent vegetative state, he is in a hospital and he will be there for the rest of his life. It is heartbreaking for his family."

John Noonan was the adjutant officer of the Provisional IRA's Dublin brigade for most of the 1980s.

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