

# Arson probe in blaze at 'luxury' timber frame houses

*The Irish Examiner carried the following report on the 2nd March 2005*

**G**ardai in Limerick have not ruled out arson after a number of new houses were destroyed in a suspicious blaze at a luxury new housing development on the outskirts of the city.



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Up to €50,000 worth of damage was caused after four partially built houses were gutted in a fire at Kilteragh, in Dooradoyle area of Limerick, shortly after 1.00 am yesterday.

Three units of Limerick city fire brigade and one from Cappaghmore in Co. Limerick brought the blaze under control within an hour. The fire service returned to the scene again yesterday shortly after 8.00 am when a small part of the site re-ignited. It's understood the fire broke out at the end of a block of eight houses and spread to the next three in that row. Fortunately, the fire did not spread to a nearby completed block. A fire service spokesperson said the damaged timber framed houses were the new 'superwarm' homes, causing the flames to spread rapidly.

The scene was cordoned off and technically examined by gardai yesterday and samples were taken off to Garda headquarters in Dublin. Investigating Gardai from Roxboro garda station said a number of youngsters were seen running from the area. 'The may or may not have had something to do with it' said a Garda.