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ANGRY: The family of Michael Carty who committed suicide after a row with gardai

COPS GET BLAMED FOR SUICIDE

Family call for probe into death

THE family of a traveller who committed suicide are calling for a garda probe.

Michael Carty's family claim he committed suicide two weeks ago because he was suffering from stress after gardai "roughed him up" during a raid on his halting site and in a garda station six months ago.

The father of 13 and grandfather of 47 was due in court next May on charges of assaulting a garda.

Mr Carty's son, Michael, told the *Sunday World* his father was trying to save his pet cocker spaniel, Sheila, when he got into a confrontation with the gardai.

"About 12 or 15 guards came here (to the halting site on the outskirts of Kilkenny) at 10 in the morning. They were taking his dogs out of a horsebox.

"My father had a few beers in him and he was asleep but they woke him. He ran out to save his cocker spaniel.

Dragged

"The guards dragged him across the road and shoved his face in the (flood) water. They used a pig-stunner on his back and knocked him out."

A garda spokesman denied that a stun-gun or taser of any kind was used on Mr Carty. "Under no circumstances was a



STRESS: Grandfather Michael Carty

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er the same" after the incident. He was depressed.

"The guards want to take away our traveller culture. They impound our horses and take our dogs."

Son Michael said his father disappeared on September 29. "A guard who we get on well with told us he was hanging from a tree in a field."

The family admitted Mr Carty had been depressed since his wife died three years ago but say it was the inci-