

Lost the plot

PAYS PAEDO TO APPEAR ON KENNY SHOW

Sex beast Goldenflame leaves RTE studios on Friday night

RTE was under fire last night after paying convicted paedophile Jake Goldenflame €1,000s for appearing on the Late Late Show.

Pat Kenny's ailing chat show picked up the tab for a night in a posh hotel, his return flight from San Francisco to Dublin and all his expenses.

The broadcaster refused to say how much the total bill for the child sex monster's appearance came to but a Premier class ticket with Aer Lingus costs €3,925, and locals hotels near Montrose charge at least €200-a-night.

An RTE spokesman last night confirmed the convicted paedophile was specially flown over from his San Francisco home for the interview on Friday night's Late Late Show.

"We paid him his expenses, his hotel and his flight. We covered the cost of his expenses in getting here. It is quite normal.

"He was not paid an appearance fee," the spokesman said.

The perv was put up in a plush Dublin hotel close to the RTE studios.

But even though licence payers were footing the bill, the show's production team refused to disclose which hotel he was in or what the final figure came to.

RTE also refused to say how long Goldenflame was staying in Ireland.

But a source said: "If you add up the cost of his room, his meals, drinks, cabs and the flights, you're looking at a few thousand euro that the Late Late spent on him."

Yesterday none of the hotels in the area would admit to having had the sicko in their rooms.

A hotel industry source said: "It would put off other guests. No one would want to sleep in the bed a paedophile had slept in."

"It is most likely that he was booked under the name of an RTE employee."

RTE's spokesman said: "Jake would have stayed in a hotel close to the studios, but we couldn't say which one. It's a matter of confidentiality between us and the guest."

"I can confirm that he was not paid to appear on the show, but, yes, the show would have paid for his other expenses."

Goldenflame himself had

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claimed he was in Ireland to promote the introduction of Megan's Law, which requires convicted child sex offenders to be put on a register and neighbours informed of their presence in the community.

Since finishing his five-year stint in prison in 1991 for molesting his five-year-old daughter, Goldenflame has made a lucrative business out of his sleazy past.

He has written a bestselling book, *Overcoming Sexual Terrorism* and has appeared on Oprah and various other chat-shows in the United States.

His Late Late Show appearance, during which he admitted having fondled his own daughter when she was three and having had sex with children of all ages, has outraged members of a group working with child sex abuse victims.

Colm O'Gorman of the One in Four group accused RTE of "insensitivity" towards victims.

And Fiona Neary, of the Rape Crisis Network, claimed RTE had given the pervert a platform to boost ratings for the Late Late.

can understand, if you have a brain in your head, how much this child means to his parents and how easy it would be for a child of that age or any age to be harmed... the damage that you can do is so great."

He said the temptation was "an addiction" and that he needed to be constantly "on guard" in case he had "an episode".

He told Pat he picked up his first victim on the street at the age of 22, shortly after his wife had given birth. He said he had been suffering from depression at the time and was kebab-crawling at night.

"A young teenage boy came up to my car and asked for a ride.... I found myself seducing him, going up into the hills and committing an act."

"I discovered I liked it in a very dangerous way. It gave me an escape from some of my pain, freedom from responsibility."

His eyes gleamed as he added: "It was intoxicating."

He explained: "There was something in me that seemed to be making me go out and do this, even when I didn't want to. But we don't count the ugliness of it until it is too late."

Yesterday a spokesman for the Late Late Show defended the interview and Goldenflame himself.

"We totally stand by the interview and we feel it was very much in the public interest to do it. It was a good interview."

"Jake is a reformed character. He was explaining the mind of a paedophile and that was important to do," the spokesman said.

She pointed out that not all the phone calls from the public about the show were negative.

"One woman texted in to say 'Fair play to him' but most were furious."

Pat's next guest, comedian Jimmy Carr, also laid into the show for featuring the sex pervert..

As the audience clapped, the comic said: "I got a better response than the last fellow. Literally the worst babysitter in the world."

The audience moaned, but Jimmy retorted: "Don't 'oooh' me - he was the paedophile! I do an agony aunt spot in my show. People have got all kinds of problems and I like to deal with them sensitively."

"For instance, your last guest. He could turn it to his advantage. He may get a job with the Catholic Church."

Pat Kenny gaped as the funnyman continued: "Joking about paedophilia is absolutely fine. I have no problem with that. If he gets offended I will be honest with you - I couldn't give a f**k."

And he told Pat: "Judging by this show this evening, you are in a lot of trouble."

The Late Late Show had to abandon a planned interview with drug trafficker Patrick Holland after a howl of protest when it was revealed they had invited him on. And Pat Kenny was criticised when he referred to Tim Allen's child porn conviction as "a bit of a hoo-hah" during an interview with celebrity chef Darina Allen.

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She said: "Pat Kenny is not trained as a child abuse counsellor and has no skills in dealing with a sex offender."

"They should have got a child protection expert to step in."

Pat - a father of three daughters himself - was also accused of being "soft" during his interview with the monster.

Outraged viewers bombarded RTE with e-mails and phone messages after Pat Kenny shook hands with the 69-year-old paedophile on live television.

And they were shocked to hear Goldenflame admit he was often "tempted" - and had been gazing at a tot in Dublin just hours before the show.

The sicko's eyes darkened as he told Pat about a child he had seen while he popped into a city cafe for an ice-cream that afternoon.

Stated Goldenflame: "I see this young couple coming in and they have a little toddler with them - a little child. And I see the love that the father has for that child and he's feeding the child some ice-cream and the mother's there."

"And I'm looking at the child and the child is only about two years old."

"You see the beauty of the child and you