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Lucan man sentenced to 18 months with the entire sentence suspended for a period of 18 months after conviction of multiple theft and company law offences.

Arising from an investigation conducted by the Office of the Director of Corporate Enforcement (“ODCE”) and following directions from the Director of Public Prosecutions (“DPP”), Mr. John Canny, aged 41, from Lucan, County Dublin, was today sentenced in Dublin Circuit Court to 18 months with the entire sentence suspended for a period of 18 months. Mr Canny had pleaded guilty to contrary to 9 counts related to theft offences contrary to section 4 of the theft and fraud offences act 2001 and 1 count relating to an offence contrary to section 876 of the companies act 2014.

At today’s hearing, Sergeant William Kavanagh informed the Court that Mr. Canny had been arrested by ODCE officers in June and charged with multiple offences contrary to section 4 of the Criminal Justice (Theft and Fraud Offences) Act 2001 and section 876 of the Companies Act 2014. At a hearing on the 9 October 2020, Mr Canny entered a guilty plea on a number of counts and the matter was remanded to today for sentencing.

The investigation commenced after a complaint was made to the ODCE by solicitors representing Western Biomedical Technologies and its parent company, Philips Ireland. In their complaint, it was alleged that falsified returns had been filed with the Companies Registration Office and that there had been a theft of over €30,000 from a Philips Ireland bank account. The Court was told that the money was removed from the account by Mr Canny, an employee of the company, in a series of over 80 transactions. In every instance, the money was lodged directly into Mr Canny’s personal bank account. This figure was subsequently revised down to €26,051 after allowance was made for wages and genuine expenses due. Mr Canny has since repaid all this money.

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