

Police beat me, alleges friend of comedian

COMEDIAN
Brendan O'Carroll
spoke out last night
over an alleged
assault by British
Special Branch
officers on his
business partner
Gerry Brown.

"I am shocked and
stunned — I just want to
go home," said Mr
O'Carroll after the incident
at Liverpool's Speke
Airport.

Mr Brown (38), from
Finglas, said after arriving
on a flight from Dublin he
was asked to fill in a
disembarkation card. When
he queried this, he claimed
a policewoman "became
agitated" and pointed to a

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"Three policemen then
jumped on me and dragged
me into a room screaming
'you f... ing Irish
scum'," he said.

"They went ballistic for
15 minutes kicking and
punching me and holding
my face on the ground."

Mr Brown was taken to
Belle Vale police station
and detained for a further
90 minutes, photographed
and finger-printed. He was
released with a caution.

Last night Mr Brown
was appearing in Mr
O'Carroll's play *Grand
Dad's Sure Lily is Still
Alive* at the city's Neptune
Theatre.



● Comedian Brendan O'Carroll with business partner Gerry Brown after the incident with police in Liverpool yesterday.