

TAPE RECORDED INTERVIEW BETWEEN DETECTIVE SENIOR SERGEANT MURRAY GREGOR AND PAUL NOEL DALE OF NUMBER [REDACTED] IT'S BEING CONDUCTED AT THE ETHICAL STANDARDS DEPARTMENT, LEVEL 3, INTERVIEW ROOM NUMBER 4 ON FRIDAY THE 5TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2003. ALSO PRESENT IS DETECTIVE SERGEANT TREVOR MUCCHI.

DETECTIVE SERGEANT MUCCHI:

Detective Sergeant Mucchi in the room.

DETECTIVE SENIOR SERGEANT GREGOR:

Q 1 Paul, do you agree the time now is approximately 27 minutes past 7.00 am by my watch?

A Yes, correct.

Q 2 What is your full name and address?

A Paul Noel Dale. [REDACTED]

Q 3 Paul, I intend to interview you today in relation to a conspiracy to commit burglary, theft and traffick a large commercial quantity of drugs of dependence. Before continuing, I must inform you that you're not obliged to say or do anything, but anything you say or do may be given in evidence. Do you understand that?

A Yes.

Q 4 I must also inform you of the following rights. You may communicate with, or attempt to communicate with, a friend or relative to inform that person of your whereabouts. You may communicate with, or attempt to communicate with, a legal practitioner. If you are not a citizen, or permanent resident of Australia, you may communicate with, or attempt to communicate

with, the consular office of the country of which you are a citizen. Do you understand these rights?

A Yes.

Q 5 Do you wish to exercise any of these rights before the interview proceeds?

A No.

Q 6 Okay. Is - do you wish to obtain legal advice prior to the interview proceeding or - - -?

A No.

Q 7 Alright. What is your age and date of birth?

A 34 years of age. Born [REDACTED]

Q 8 Okay. Are you an Australian citizen?

A Yes, I am.

Q 9 Are you a permanent resident in Australia?

A Yes, I am.

Q 10 Are you of Abor-, Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent?

A No.

Q 11 Okay. Paul, do you agree that approximately 5.45 am this morning, myself in company with other detectives from the Ethical Standards Department attended at your home address at [REDACTED]

A That's correct.

Q 12 Okay, and you agree that as a result of knocking on the door, your wife answered the door, where I spoke to her initially?

A Yes.

Q 13 And you agree that your wife then informed you that

detectives from the Ethical Standards Department were at the front door?

A That's correct.

Q 14 And you further agree that you then attended at the front door where I introduced myself, although I know - I know you, including the other detectives in my company?

A That's correct.

Q 15 And do you further agree that I handed you a copy of a Section 465 Crimes Act search warrant?

A Yes.

Q 16 Okay. And I explained to you the reasons and what was gonna occur in relation to the execution of that search warrant?

A Yes.

Q 17 Do you agree that myself, in company with the detectives, entered your premises and then conducted a systematic search of your premises?

A That's correct.

Q 18 Okay. Can you just state who was present at the premises when that search warrant was executed?

A As you've stated, myself, my wife and my mother was also present and my young child.

Q 19 Okay. As you're aware, nothing relating directly to the search warrant has been seized - - -?

A As far as I know, yes.

Q 20 Okay, I'm informing you that is the case.

A Okay.

Q 21 Okay? There are no matters I wanted to discuss pertaining to property, which was seized from your premises, okay?

A Alright.

Q 22 Alright. Do you agree that shortly after I handed you a copy of the occupiers - or the - a copy of the search warrant, I explained to you that you were under arrest for conspiracy to commit burglary, theft and traffick a drug of dependence?

A Yes.

Q 23 Okay. And do you further agree that I, at that time, informed you of your - I cautioned you and gave you your rights at that time?

A Yes.

Q 24 Okay. Look Paul, at this stage what I intend to do is just temporarily suspend the interview and then we'll come back and then we'll go into it in full - -
-?

A Okay.

Q 25 Detail of the matters I want to put to you - - -?

A No worries. If the interview's gonna be suspended for sometime and I'm gonna be sitting here for sometime then I - I'll seek - I'll ring a solicitor then.

Q 26 Yep. It's a matter for you, we're just gonna have a very short break - - -?

A Who's been notified that I'm here? You said my bosses.

Q 27 Mr - Mr - - -?

A - - - - -

Q 28 Mr Mr Biggin has been informed.

A Mm'm. Has Jim O'Brien been informed?

Q 29 I'm not - I'm not aware of that at this stage.

A Am I able to contact him?

Q 30 An opportunity will be made for you if you wish to make a call to Jim O'Brien - - -?

A That's who I'd like to speak to before the interview proceeds at this stage.

Q 31 Okay, certainly. In that case I'll suspend the interview. The time by my watch, do you agree, is approximately 7.32 am?

A Yes.

Q 32 Interview suspended.

INTERVIEW SUSPENDED

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[REDACTED] IT'S BEING CONDUCTED AT THE ETHICAL STANDARDS DEPARTMENT, LEVEL 3 ON FRIDAY THE 5TH DAY OF SEPTEMB-, DECEMBER, 2003. PERSONS ALSO PRESENT IS DETECTIVE SERGEANT TREVOR MUCCHI.

DETECTIVE SERGEANT MUCCHI:

Trevor Macchi in the room.

DETECTIVE SENIOR SERGEANT GREGOR:

Paul, do you agree the time now is approximately 7.59 am?

A Yes.

33 Q Could you just state your full name and address again please?

A Paul Noel Dale. [REDACTED]

34 Q Okay. Paul, as I previously explained to you, I intend to interview you in relation to a conspiracy to commit a burglary and theft at 23 Dublin Street, East Oakleigh on the 27th of September, 2003 and also a conspiracy to traffick a large commercial quantity of a drug of dependence. Before continuing, I must inform you that you are not obliged to say or do anything, but anything you say or do may be given in evidence. Do you understand that?

A Yes.

35 Q I must also inform you of the following rights. You may communicate with, or attempt to communicate with, a friend or relative to inform that person of your whereabouts. You may communicate with, or attempt to

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communicate with, a legal practitioner. If you are not a citizen, or permanent resident of Australia, you may communicate with, or attempt to communicate with, the consular office of the country of which you are a citizen. Do you understand these rights?

A Yes, I do.

Q 36 Do you wish to exercise any of these rights before the interview proceeds?

A No, I've had legal advice. I know what I'm prepared to say.

Q 37 You've had legal advice in relation to this particular matter or - - -?

A No, not this particular matter, just 15 years of policing, I know where I stand.

Q 38 Alright, and you're - you're happy for the interview to proceed without obtaining any further legal advice or contacting any - any other person?

A Yeah, I've - I've got a friend that's a solicitor and I've got - and I deal with solicitors on a daily basis. I've spoken to them about interviews in relation to serious criminal matters - - -

Q 39 Yes.

A On every occasion where I've spoken to solicitors in relation to criminal matters, be it other police members being interviewed or criminals being interviewed, the advice has always been the same and that's been "no comment". I'm not saying that I'm gonna make no comment during this interview, I'm just

saying that that's the advice from leg-, that's the legal advice that I've always been given - - -

Q 40

Okay.

A

In the past.

Q 41

So, you're aware fully of your rights?

A

Yes, I am.

Q 42

You stated prior to the conclusion, when we first started that you - you wished to contact Mr Jim O'Brien, your - your direct line supervisor. Is that still the case?

A

Look, I'll speak to Jim at some stage. No, I'm - I'm quite happy for the interview to proceed.

Q 43

Alright.

A

Thank you.

Q 44

Alright. Paul, do you agree that on the 2nd of October, 2003 that you attended at the Ethical Standards Department office?

A

Yes.

Q 45

And on that day I took a statement from you which comprises 9 pages?

A

Yes.

Q 46

And - and that was a statement basically outlining matters pertaining to Dave Miechel and Terry Hodson?

A

Yes.

Q 47

And predominantly, matters pertaining to operation Gallop?

A

That's correct.

Q 48

Okay. And you signed that statement as being true

and correct?

A Yes, I did.

Q 49 Okay. Is in fact that statement true and correct?

A Yes, it is.

Q 50 Okay. And is there anything that's since come to mind that you believe might be relevant in relation to the investigation we're conducting relating to the burglary of 23 Dublin Street, East Oakleigh?

A I don't know what you mean by that.

Q 51 Oh, do you have any further information in f-, that you wanted to tell us that perhaps you'd omitted in your initial statement?

A Oh, I don't believe so, I must - - -

Q 52 Okay. That's alright.

A Look, I don't know, I certainly was party to a number of high level meetings in the weeks post the Miechel/Hodson - - -

Q 53 Yep.

A Investigation where certain things were brought to my attention during those meetings, so, look, yeah, look, I'm certainly a lot more aware of the whole incident since probably I made that statement, but in particular I'm not - I don't know.

Q 54 Okay. Can you tell me what your involvement is in the burglary and theft committed at 23 Dublin Street, East Oakleigh, on the 27th of Oct-, 27th of September 2003?

A I have no involvement whatsoever.

- Q 55 Okay. I'll put it to you that on or about the 8th of September, 2003 yourself and Dave Miechel met with Terry Hodson at Romeos restaurant in Toorak Road, Toorak. What do you say about that?
- A That could be correct, I met with Mr Hodson in the company of Miechel on numerous occasions.
- Q 56 Okay, and were some of those occasions at Romeos?
- A Affirmative, yes.
- Q 57 Okay. And do you recall early in September having such a meeting with Terry Hodson, in company with Dave Miechel?
- I'd say that'd be correct. We had regular contacts.
- Q 58 Okay. I further put it to you that at this meeting, you asked Hodson if he would be interested in committing a burglary and theft. What do you say about that?
- A Totally deny it.
- Q 59 I further put it to you that Dave Miechel was present during this conversation with Terry Hodson where this matter was discussed.
- A I - David Miechel was present on most occasions that I met with Terry Hodson. I make no further comment in relation to that.
- Q 60 Okay. I put it to you that late in the evening, on or about the 16th of September, 2003 you attended at Hodson's home address in company with Dave Miechel, where further discussion and planning occurred concerning the burglary and theft to be committed at

23 Dublin Street. What do you say about that?

A Deny these allegations and I make no comment.

Q 61 Further, that at this meeting at Hodson's house, you told Hodson to bring his gun with him when he committed the burglary, what do you say about that?

A I - no comment.

Q 62 Were you aware that Terry Hodson owned a .45 pistol?

A No.

Q 63 Had you at any time borrowed the .45 pistol from him - - -?

A No.

Q 64 For any personal purpose?

A No.

Q 65 I put it to you that it was arranged to meet with Hodson at the oval - at an oval situated in Princes Highway near a [REDACTED] restaurant at 11.30 pm on Wednesday the 24th of September, 2003. What do you say about that?

A No comment.

Q 66 I put it to you that due to a mix up on the 24th of September, 2003, Hodson failed to show up at the oval as planned and had instead waited for yourself and Miechel in Dublin Street. What do you say about that?

A I've no knowledge of this.

Q 67 I put it to you that you th-, you travelled with Miechel on his motorbike to the oval in question as a pillion passenger on the evening of the 24th of

September, 2003 in order to meet with Hodson. What do you say about that?

A I have no knowledge of this.

Q 68 I further put it to you that Miechel rang Hodson in the early morning of Thursday the 25th of September, 2003 to ascertain what had happened to Hodson because he hadn't turned up at the oval and - which resulted in Miechel riding his motorbike over to Hodson's home address and speaking to Hodson. What do you say about that?

A No comment.

Q 69 Further put it to you that Miechel has returned to the oval, where you've been waiting, on his motorbike and Hodson arrived shortly thereafter, driving his black BMW motor - motor vehicle, what do you say about that?

A No comment.

Q 70 I further put it to you that the proposed burglary to be committed at 23 Dublin Street, was discussed by yourself, Terry Hodson and David Miechel in the oval area on this evening, or morning. What do you say about that?

A No comment.

Q 71 I put it to you that on Thursday the 25th of September, 2003, that's a Thursday directly preceding the burglary which occurred on the 27th, that on this - on this Thursday afternoon, yourself and Miechel met with Hodson at the [REDACTED] What do

you say about that?

A No comment.

Q 72 I further put it to you that you, Miechel and Hodson at [REDACTED], further discussed the planning of the proposed burglary at 23 Dublin Street. What do you say about that?

A No comment.

Q 73 I put it to you that at about midnight on Thursday the 25th of September, 2003 you travelled with Me-, Miechel on Miechel's motorbike to the same oval in Princes Highway, where you met with Hodson. What do you say about that?

A No comment.

Q 74 I further put it to you that you have then travelled in Hodson's motor vehicle, from the oval in Princes Highway, to Oakleigh Street, where Hodson parked his vehicle adjacent to the western end of the primary school. What do you say about that?

A No comment.

Q 75 I further put it to you that Miechel rode his motorbike alone from the oval and parked it in the primary school carpark which has access from State Street, what do you say about that?

A No comment.

Q 76 I further put it to you that yourself, Miechel and Hodson have then entered in the [REDACTED] into the [REDACTED] yard of a street address, which was being used as a

[REDACTED] of 23

Dublin Street. What do you say about that?

A No comment.

Q 77 Further put it to you that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
23 Dublin Street, East Oakleigh. What do you say about that?

A No comment.

Q 78 Further put it to you that Miechel and Hodson kept surveillance on 23 - sorry, I'll - I'll put that again. I further put it to you that yourself, with Miechel and Hodson kept surveillance on 23 Dublin Street from the [REDACTED] a street address for a considerable period of time, what do you say about that?

A No comment.

Q 79 I'll put it to you that the burglary was not committed at this time because the house was occupied. What do you say about that?

A No comment.

Q 80 I further put it to you that at about 4.00 am on this evening, you left a street address in company with Hodson and Hodson drove you in his motor vehicle, where he dropped you off at Burke Road, Kew, where Hodson - he dropped you off at that location where you met with Miechel, who was waiting on his motorbike. What do you say about that?

A No comment.

Q 81 I put it to you that it was arranged that yourself and Miechel would meet with Hodson on Saturday the 27th of September, 2003 at 1.00 am at the same oval in Princes Highway. What do you say about that?

A No comment.

Q 82 Further put it to you that you were supposed to ring Miechel in order for him to collect you on the way through to the oval on this - on this evening. What do you say about that?

A No comment.

Q 83 Put it to you that you failed to ring Miechel on this evening and Miechel travelled to meet with Hodson on his own. What do you say about that?

A No comment.

Q 84 Put it to you that Miechel attended at your home during the day of Saturday the 27th of September, 2003. What do you say about that? That's being Grand Final day.

A Yep, no comment.

Q 85 Put it to you that you further discussed with Miechel when he attended at your house on - on the Grand Final day, the planning of the burglary that was to be committed at 23 Dublin Street on Saturday evening, the 27th of September. What do you say about that?

A No comment.

Q 86 Put it to you that due to you having a Grand Final day party, you were una-, unable to attend with Miechel on the evening of the 27th of September, to

commit the burglary at 23 Dublin Street. What do you say about that?

A No comment.

Q 87 I further put it to you that you gave your permission to Miechel to go ahead and commit the burglary with Hodson on the evening of the 23rd of - on the evening of the 27th of September, 2003. What do you say about that?

A I had no involvement in no burglary on that address. I deny that allegation.

Q 88 Okay. I'll put it to you that between the 8th of September, 2003 and the 27th of September, 2003 at various locations in Melbourne, you conspired with Dave Miechel and Terry Hodson to commit a burglary at 23 Dublin Street, East Oakleigh, what do you say about that?

A I deny that allegation.

Q 89 Put it to you that between the 8th of September, 2003 and the 27th of September 2003 at various locations in Melbourne, you conspired with David Miechel and Terry Hodson, together to commit a theft of money and drugs from 23 Dublin Street, East Oakleigh. What do you say about that?

A I deny that allegation.

Q 90 I put it to you that between the 8th of September, 2003 and the 27th of September, 2003, at various locations in Melbourne, you conspired with David Miechel and Terry Hodson to traffic a drug of

dependence, namely a commercial quantity of ice am-,
amphetamine. What do you say about that?

Deny that allegation.

Q 91 Put it to you that between the 8th of September, 2003
and the 27th of September, 2003 at various locations
in Melbourne, you conspired with Dave Miechel and
Terry Hodson to traffick a drug of dependence, namely
a commercial quantity of MDMA, ecstasy. What do you
say about that?

A Deny that allegation.

Q 92 Okay. Paul, I'm obliged to put these allegations to
you. Do you wish to comment about anything I've put
to you?

A I - I just can't understand where these allegations
are coming from.

Q 93 Okay. At this stage I'm just gonna suspend the
interview, just make a couple of quick enquiries and
we'll get straight back to you. Paul, do you agree
the time now is approximately 13 minutes past 8.00
am?

A Am I able to ask - am I able to ask you a question?

Q 94 Depends what the question is Paul.

A Someone's obviously told you this crap, now, if
that's - if Hodson's told you this stuff, the only
thing I can think of for him to say something like
this would be to try and benefit any sort of problems
he may have, I don't know whether he's got any
problems but - or if David Miechel's ma-, told you

...
this sort of stuff, what they're - why they would
tell you this? Why they would try and say I had any
involvement in this whatsoever is - - -

Q 95 Ho-, how would you describe your relationship with
Dave Miechel?

A Very close friends.

Q 96 Yep.

A And someone I rely on. I've known him for years.

Q 97 Yep. Have you had any contact with Dave Miechel
since the - since he was admitted to hospital?

A No, I haven't.

98 Okay.

A Which, - - -

Q 99 Did you have - - -?

A Which is something that has concerned me because he
is a good friend, we worked together on a daily
basis, we trained together, we did everything
together. So, basically I was told not to have any
contact with him since the incident and that's why I
haven't but, you know, that's been something I guess
I regret in that I'd like to have had contact with
him, I'd like to have contact with him in the future,
because, you know, I'd like to know - I'd like to
know that he's okay, put it that way. I haven't
spoken to him in - since the night or the day of the
incident and you know, we had a daily contact.

Q 100 Yep. Have you had any contact, directly or
indirectly, with Terry Hodson?

A No, I haven't.

Q 101 Okay.

And again, knowing the guy for as long as I've been at the drug squad. A very likeable bloke, we became good friends and again I feel - I feel for Terry in that he's a - in that - I've just gotta be mindful of what I say here as to where these words could be heard but bottom line is he was a - a very good source of information to us at the Major Drug Investigation Division and was in, you know, incredibly high level - - -

102 Mm.

A And therefore he had nothing over his head to make him be a an informer. It was really, really - a relationship between him and Mischel when I arrived, they were very - they got along very well - - -

Q 103 Mm.

A And that was his motivation from there, he was just - was purely our - I guess friendship in the end that motivated him to assist. As far as I - I could tell.

Q 104 Yep. Did you meet with Terry Hodson in company with Dave Mischel, which on occasions the meetings weren't documented [REDACTED]

A I'll make no comment in relation to that at this point in time.

Q 105 Have you ever attended Terry Hodson's hou-, private address and consumed alcohol, in company with Dave Mischel?

A I have been at his address and consumed alcohol but I won't go any further at this point in time in relation to who was present.

Q 106 Okay.

A It's been authorised, that was authorised.

Q 107 And - and documented?

A I'm not sure if it was documented.

Q 108 Okay - - -?

A And I don't know whether everything was documented where I've worked, for the last 18 months has been a hugely stressful time for me, a very, very busy time in that your completely unresourced, understaffed and it was just so frustrating working there. I've - since that incident it was basically the nail in the coffin for me as far as working at that location. I've worked at busy locations before and it's not the work that concerned me it was just the frustration in - in relation to lack of resources, you were just completely snowed under the whole time. Now, when we start talking about documenting all contacts like obviously that wouldn't have occurred. I mean I've got no doubt in my mind there'd be some contacts that weren't documented by either myself or Michel and it wasn't through any criminal intent, it would've been purely through our workload was so great that it may not have occurred. Now, as you would've seen at my house today, you would've seen I/R's and whatnot done on my own personal computer and then emailed into

work or copied and taken into work, it gives you t-, you take your work home. You do an I/R's of contacts with - there was contacts there of - with Hodson I/R's on my system at home, purely because you just - you walked in the door at the drug squad or Major Drug Investigation Division and your head didn't get - your bum was down, your head was down, your bum was up for the next 10 hours and that's the way it was and you were just completely and utterly snowed under. Now, I only say that to say that if things aren't documented that wouldn't - that's why. - - - --.

Q 109 And do you recall any occasions when you've attended on a sort of a social outing with Terry Hodson where his wife accompanied him?

A Yes.

Q 110 With yourself? Do you recall when and where?

A There were a couple of occasions but - when and where they were just restaurant, a dinner on a couple of occasions. Again authorised - - -

Q 111 Right.

A Debriefing. She was also a registered informer.

Q 112 Yep. Who handled her?

A Me and Miechel - - -

Q 113 Yep.

A Yeah.

Q 114 And at those dinners did Miechel attend with yourself?

A I'd rather s-, not say.

Q 115 On the occasions you - you attended meals, who - who actually paid for them?

A Varied. Mostly paid for yourself, whatever.

Q 116 Did Terry Hodson on occasions pay for the meals?

A He paid for his meal.

Q 117 Did he ever pay for yours or - and Dave Miechel's or - - -?

A I'm not sure. I don't know who he paid for.

Q 118 In relation to yourself, did you pay for all your meals?

Yep. Not on all occasions, sometimes I paid for his, occasions he paid for mine, I'll - I'll agree, yes. But like a lot of our - we met almost on a weekly basis and a lot of those meetings, they were nearly - they were always at restaurants. Always. We didn't always eat, Terry hardly ever ate. Very rarely did he have anything to eat, very rarely. He would have a cup of tea but we would normally be meeting and it would - it'd be a lunch time or it'd be afternoon and I would - I'd certainly eat most occasions, Dave would - would eat on the occasions that he was present, I know he ate on a number of occasions. As far as who paid - picked up the bill, look I'm not a hundred percent sure who picked up each one but we shared it around, we - it was - like I said, it was a business arrangement but it was also a very friendly business arrangement.

Q 119 Did you ever meet Terry Hodson at the [redacted] Hotel?

A I'm not sure.

Q 120 Do you know the [redacted] Hotel?

A Yeah, I know [redacted], it's just up the end of his street.

Q 121 Yep.

A Yep. I'm not sure. Like I said, we've met over an 18 month period on a weekly basis I'd almost say. It was a co-, there were occasions where that stretched out longer than that - - -

Q 122 Mm.

But I could almost say a - you know, on an average you would meet once a week and as you put it earlier,

[redacted]

[redacted] we were certainly compromised, early stages meeting at a particular location in [redacted]. We weren't compromised but, we thought we were compromised - - -

Q 123 Yep.

A Through another criminal associate observing us meeting. So, we were always mindful of that, [redacted]

[redacted] So when you say did we ever meet there, I've certainly been to

[redacted] I'm not sure if that was with Mr Hodson or whether it was with another informer or whether it was with - who it was with.

Q 124 So, you recall actually attending [redacted]

A I've been to [redacted] yeah I've been to [redacted] on

a couple of occasions. Socially, without any police involvement - - -

Q 125

Yeah.

A

And also work wise I've been there, yes.

Q 126

Okay. And I asked this question before but you stated no time did you borrow the - a pistol from Terry Hodson - - -?

A

No.

Q 127

And you weren't aware that Terry Hodson had a pistol?

A

No.

Q 128

Okay. In relation to your knowledge of a relationship between Terry Hodson's daughter, Mandy Hodson and Dave Mischel, what's your knowledge concerning that matter?

A

I have no knowledge of it.

Q 129

None whatsoever?

A

Mm. I've heard lots of rumours.

Q 130

Did you ever ask Dave - well when did you hear those rumours?

A

When all this happened.

Q 131

Not previously?

A

No, previously I was aware that David had arrested her and charged her. I wasn't present during that period at the - at the Major Drug Investigation Division, however I was aware that that's - he had - had dealings with her through that. Other than that that's about all. But certainly yeah, I became aware of the rumours after all this.

- Q 132 Mm.
- A So, no, I never asked him about it.
- Q 133 After hearing of the so-called rumours, did it - anything click in your mind that sorta said, "Well, hang on, that might be true because of this or that"?
- A No. It didn't. David's a - a very strange - he's a - he's a very different person when it comes to his private life. And what I mean by that is just he's not an extrovert, he's a very introvert type person, very quiet, shy, doesn't speak to people that he doesn't know, very - you know, he's just not the type of bloke that get's - you know, really is out there meeting people and - and doing all the social activities that I - I guess I look upon my life and all my friends. So, when you ask questions about his private life, I really didn't know what his private life was all about, other than when he was at work which initially for the first number of months, 6 months or more that I was at the office it appeared to be all he did and that's all I did, 'cos we just worked a million hours and he was just so focussed on his work - - -
- Q 134 Mm.
- A But I mean, it almost brought him down in a screaming heap, he was just so stressed out. In the end it was basically - he was forced to take 13 weeks leave which was owed to him because he hadn't taken any rest days, he hadn't taken any leave for a 12 month

period. He then like I said, took that leave, came back a lot more relaxed and a different person. And I've known the guy for - I don't know, it's over 10 years now. He - in relation to his private life though, I became aware that he had a girlfriend and didn't know her name, still don't know her name. I've heard it a few times but I wouldn't be able to quote. I knew she lived somewhere in the west, Hoppers Crossing, because he was often saying I'm off to - off over west or off over to Hopper's. I'd never met her, we'd never gone out socially, which again, you know, for two blokes working so closely side by side and go to the gym together and do all that sorta stuff, I didn't know a lot about his social life - - -

Q 135

Mm.

A

So, yeah. That explains - again if there was any - any truth in the rumours about him and Mandy Hodson, is it? Didn't you say? Yeah, like I said don't be surprised if no one would know anything about that. It's just - that's his social life, he was very, very guarded in his social life. He doesn't make it known to people what he's up to.

Q 136

I mean fai-, it would be fair to say that if - if there was in fact a relationship between Mandy Hodson and Dave Miechel that would be highly improper wouldn't it? In that he is the informant.

A

Yes. I would - I would agree with that.

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Q 137 Okay. Look what I'm gonna do - do you have any questions at this stage Trevor?

DETECTIVE SERGEANT MUCCHI:

No, not at this stage.

DETECTIVE SENIOR SERGEANT GREGOR:

Alright. Paul, at this stage I'm just gonna suspend the interview - - -?

A Mm'm.

Q 138 Do you agree the time is now approximately 8.28 am by my watch?

A Yes.

139 Interview suspended.

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THIS IS A RESUMPTION OF A TAPE RECORDED INTERVIEW BETWEEN DETECTIVE SENIOR SERGEANT MURRAY GREGOR AND PAUL NOEL DALE OF [REDACTED] T, [REDACTED] CONDUCTED AT THE E-, ETHICAL STANDARDS DEPARTMENT ON FRIDAY THE 5TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2003. DETECTIVE SERGEANT MUCCHI ALSO PRESENT.

DETECTIVE SERGEANT MUCCHI:

Yeah, Detective Sergeant Mucci in the room.

DETECTIVE SENIOR SERGEANT GREGOR:

Paul, do you agree the time now is approximately 9.59 am by my watch?

A Yes.

140 Right, you understand Paul that you're still under caution?

A Yes.

Q 141 And you understand your rights?

A Yes, I do.

Q 142 And duri-, do you agree that during the break, refreshment was supplied to you and - is that correct?

A Yes.

^ 143 And you were given the opportunity to make a phone call or a number of phone calls?

A Yes.

Q 144 Okay, and did you in fact receive or make a phone call to a solicitor?

A Yes, I did.

Q 145 Are you able to tell me who that person was?

A I'll keep that to meself at this stage.

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Q 146 Okay, no problems. Alright, Paul, we're gonna conclude the interview. At this stage you're gonna be charged with a conspiracy to commit burglary, a conspiracy to commit theft, conspiracy to traffick a drug of dependence, namely ice amphetamine and a conspiracy to traffick a drug of dependence, namely ecstasy. You're not obliged to say or do anything unless you wish to do so, but whatever you say or do may be recorded and given in evidence. Do you understand this?

A Yes.

147 Do you wish to say anything in answer to these charges?

A I can't believe this. This is unbelievable. Totally deny any involvement in this.

Q 148 Do you wish to make a further statement in relation to the matter?

A No, not at this point.

Q 149 Alright. At this stage I'm just gonna ask you some questions in relation to your fingerprints. You are believed to have committed the charges as outlined, including conspiracy to commit burglary. Your fingerprints are required for the purposes of identification. Your fingerprints may be used in evidence at court. If you refuse to give your fingerprints voluntarily, a member of the police force may u-, use reasonable force to obtain them. If you're not charged with a relevant offence within

six months, or are so charged but the charge is not proceeded with, or you are not found guilty of the offence or any other relevant offence before the end of that period, then the fingerprints will be destroyed. Do you understand this information?

A Yes.

Q 150 Do you wish to comment on this inf-, on this information?

A No.

Q 151 Do you consent to giving your fingerprints?

A Yes.

152 You are gonna be charged with the offences as outlined Paul, including conspiracy to commit a burglary. You are being requested to undergo a forensic procedure which would tend to confirm or disprove your involvement in the commission of an indictable offence. The nature of - of the procedure is that we seek to conduct is a scraping taken from your mouth. You may request that the procedure is conducted by, or in the presence of, a medical practitioner of your choice. If the procedure is a taking of a dental impression you may request that the procedure is - be conducted by or in the presence of a dentist of your choice. The procedures could produce evidence to be used in court. The information obtained from analysis of forensic material obtained by the procedure will be placed on a DNA database and may be used for the purpose of a

criminal investigation or any other purpose for which a DNA database may be used under the subdivision or under a corresponding law of a participating jurisdiction. You may refuse to undergo the procedures. You may refuse to undergo the procedure and the procedure is defined as a compulsory procedure, a member of the police force may make application to a magistrate's court for an order authorising conduct of the procedure. If you are held in a prison, police jail or youth training centre or an institution with the me-, within the meaning of Section 56 of the Corrections Act 1986 and within 24 hours of receiving the above information you refuse or fail to consent to the request to undergo a forensic procedure, then it will be considered that you have refused to consent. Do you understand all of this information?

A Yes.

Q 153 Do you wish to comment on any of this information?

A No.

Q 154 Do you consent to the forensic procedure?

A No.

Q 155 Alright, in that case, I intend to conclude the interview, Paul. Do you agree the time now is approximately 4 minutes past 10.00 am?

A Yes.

Q 156 Interview concluded.

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