

**Royal Commission**

**into the Management of Police Informants**

**STATEMENT OF MICHELLE MAREE KERLEY**

1. My full name is Michelle Maree Kerley. I am currently a Detective Sergeant at Darebin Crime Investigation Unit.
2. I have previously provided a statement dated 26 September 2019 to the Royal Commission (**First Statement**) and provide this further statement in response to a letter from the Royal Commission dated 20 November 2019.

**Request**

3. I have been informed that evidence has been given to the Royal Commission of two post-it notes found in the diary of Inspector Boris Buick; the first written by Detective Sergeant Stuart Bateson (**First Post-it Note**), and the second, by Ms Gobbo (**Second Post-it Note**).
4. I have no recollection of seeing either the First or the Second Post-it Note.
5. Beyond what I have been told by the solicitors assisting the Royal Commission in their letter to 20 November 2019, I do not know who wrote either the First or Second Post-it Note.

**First Post-it Note (Q1)**

6. In relation to the First Post-it Note, I am aware that the Homicide Squad and Purana used slightly different formats for the statements that they produced, so it is possible that this is what the reference to "*this format*" means. However, I cannot say this with certainty.
7. As stated in my first statement, I do not have a recollection of Ms Gobbo writing on or marking up the statements in any way.
8. Otherwise, I cannot recall anything about the matters detailed in the First Post-it Note.

**Knowledge of Ms Gobbo making alterations to [REDACTED] statements (Q2)**

9. As stated in my First Statement, I do not recall Ms Gobbo suggesting [REDACTED] statements should be changed in any way or writing on the statements.
10. I do not recall seeing any red pen on the statements.
11. If Ms Gobbo had suggested changes by writing on the statements, or otherwise, such suggestion would have been left to the person who took the statement and to [REDACTED] to deal with or consider.

  
M. Kerley

**Knowledge of Ms Gobbo making alterations to any other statements (Q3)**

12. I do not recall Ms Gobbo making alterations to any other statements. I do not recall meeting with Ms Gobbo on any other occasion for her to read statements.

**Further evidence before Royal Commission (Q4 & Q5)**

13. The further evidence I have been told about does not alter or refresh my recollection. I have done my best to recall, but am unable to assist the Royal Commissioner further in relation to these matters.

**Second Post-it Note (Q6)**

14. I do not recall seeing the Second Post-it Note or whether I knew that Ms Gobbo had written it.
15. I do not recall anything about the contents of the Second Post-it Note. I believe I was not involved in the investigation into the murder of Paul Kallipolitis. I do not know anything about the letter referred to in the Second Post-it Note.

**Knowledge of Ms Gobbo suggesting amendments (Q7)**

16. I have no knowledge or recollection of Ms Gobbo suggesting amendments to statements or providing information to Victoria Police on post-it notes while reviewing statements.

**Any other matters (Q8)**

17. I can think of no other matters with which to assist the Commission in relation to this request.

Dated: 28 November 2019



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**Michelle Maree Kerley**