

Petra Taskforce**Weekly Update: 07 September 2009****Op. LORIS**

Investigation relating to double murder of Terence and Christine HODSON.

Update (as per Interpose) –

Brief served on solicitors for both Collins and Dale within time frames. Further SD transcripts to be provided; audio served.

Form 10A received from defendant – DALE. 25 witnesses requested, including [REDACTED] and Witness F.

- Witnesses AHMED, HAYNES [REDACTED] [REDACTED] added to the 10A.

Form 10A received from defendant – COLLINS. 18 witnesses requested.

Committal date - 9 March 2010. Booked in for 3 weeks.

Subpoena received at office on 24 August 2009 from solicitors representing Collins, subpoena available for perusal. Required to assess subpoena prior to Friday mention and give advice to court in relation to what we would be prepared to provide, refuse, or sanitise. Will require adjournment to complete full assessment of subpoena and give advice to court.

Issue concerning Gerard MacGuire has arisen with witness F.

Special Mention heard on 28 August 2009; adjourned to further mention on 1 October 2009. Required to give advice to court on that date as to what will be provided and what will be objected to. Defence for Collins instructed to provide new more specific subpoena that will be argued on 1 October.

About 10 percent of current subpoena content agreed to and will be provided prior to 1 October.

Barrister Ron Gipp briefed and appeared on 28 August.

Request for unsworn member to be attached to Petra in relation to subpoena management; liaising with Crime operations Support re same.

Still no subpoena from Dale. Advice is that Dale has been refused funding by TPA.

Issue

Information received that barrister Chris Dane has possession of IR 44 and that he [REDACTED] Information arose as part of review of material on hand.

Inquiries re possibility of [REDACTED] of both persons.

Dale Bail Application

Application for bail refused by Justice Byrne in Supreme on 10 August 2009. Found that he was an acceptable risk in relation to witnesses.

Dale is still in Acacia. Corrections are currently exploring options to have him moved. Legal representatives have written to Minister in relation to the Human Rights Charter and the comments of Justice Byrne.

Have received application to Court of Appeal from Hargreaves on behalf of Dale. Seeking leave to appeal on grounds of error at law by Justice Byrne in that he reversed the onus to the defence in relation to 'unacceptable risk.' Matter being considered currently by OPP as to whether court has jurisdiction to hear appeal.

Dale compl. to SIM re use of OPI material in the bail appl. & had up body → TI material.

- Ongoing negotiations continuing with [redacted] in relation to the provision of further statements.
- Issue in relation to [redacted] raised by [redacted] in that he has received a demand from [redacted] for [redacted]. This is in contravention of understanding that amount has been placed into suspense account until after [redacted] has given evidence.
- Matter resolved. [redacted] will retain money in suspense account until advised by Victoria Police.
- [redacted] has had [redacted] surgery and is back at home.
- **Have liaised with Purana in relation to Mokbel trial of Williams. [redacted] has been bought up in trial by defence in relation to providing a statement in relation to Mokbel's involvement or lack of involvement in murder of Lewis Moran. Advice given to Purana.**
- Visited [redacted] at [redacted] on [redacted] September; still happy with Petra.

re Lewis Moran

Witness 'F'

- Witness [redacted] to [redacted] location post [redacted]
- Op. QUEAZY commenced re threats to Witness F (see below)
- Witness travelled to [redacted] on 02 September 2009 and will [redacted] until Tuesday 08 September 2009.
- **Formal letter served on witness on 27 August 2009.**
- **Witness F has advised that she will be replying by letter to D/C Walshe today's date. Has sent preliminary letter advice to D/C Walshe on 01 September.**
- **Witness has made various comments and threats since service of letter; none have come to fruition at this time.**
- **Second statement adjourned off at this time. Statement taker S/D Davey on 2 weeks leave, unable to obtain statement prior to leave commencing.**

letter rec'd today.

*• Give names to report to etc & prepare (fours on [redacted]).
• 5 on 14th Sept. to report. | • letter to file for also not 2
• Will go to 60 units. | • response. → final counselling.*

[REDACTED]

- Petra investigators attended [REDACTED] 2009 and obtained written and signed statement from [REDACTED] Statement assessed of being of value. Will be served on defence as soon as possible.
- [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] now [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] statement served on defence.
- [REDACTED] has raised issue of taking legal action against department on issue [REDACTED] without his knowledge. Advised to seek independent legal advice.

Op. BERIME

Investigation relating to double murder of Ramon and Dorothy ABBEY. Offender – Rodney COLLINS, charged with Murder (2 counts)

COLLINS trial booked in for four weeks commencing 5 October 2009.

Preliminary work commenced. Geoff Horgan will prosecute.

Op. HETMAN

Armed Robbery / Serious injury shooting on 14th May 1987 at Samco Meats 5 Lyon St, Coburg North. Suspects: Ray ABBEY (deceased) and Rodney COLLINS.

Committal – 3 & 4 August 2009

Collins committed to stand trial to Supreme Court on all charges; attempted murder and armed robbery. Listings hearing in November.

Op. MINCER

Investigation into the murder of Brian KANE in November 1982 at the Quarry Hotel, Lygon Street, Brunswick. Two unknown males, wearing balaclavas, observed committing the murder. Nominated Suspects – Russell COX and Rodney COLLINS.

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- Witness – [REDACTED] – has provided information that COLLINS admitted involvement, with COX, in the murder. Statement obtained from [REDACTED]
 - Nominates COLLINS and COX – COLLINS as the “shooter”
 - COLLINS admits to murder [REDACTED]
 - Describes background / lead up to the murder and the associations of those involved.
 - Also provides evidence of admissions made by COLLINS to the ABBEY murders.

- Investigation plan submitted and approved
- Preliminary enquiries / investigation commenced.
- Investigation has been elevated to primary investigation for Petra together with Queazy; with additional resources added to investigation.
- Surveillance on [REDACTED] Greenslopes has confirmed Cox in residence at that address with wife Helen Deane.
- Telephone Intercept on Mobile phone commenced 21 August. Cox uses a number of different aliases and appears to be involved in building industry in some capacity. Currently about 12 calls a day.
- Affidavits at ESD TMU in relation to LD on [REDACTED] and LD at Cox home address.
- Application to be made in relation to reward increase.
- **Investigators travelled to Qld on Wednesday 26 August to formulate JIA with QPol Homicide Squad. Also meet with QPOL [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and formulated investigation plan.**
- **Significant surveillance on Cox and Deane. Intend to conduct LSD and tracker install on house and car last next week. Two Petra members and member of TSU will travel to Qld to provide advice and assistance.**
- **Installation of LD’s at [REDACTED]**
- **Once electronics are in place will move onto next phase. Consideration of;**
 - **Media strategies involving press releases**
 - **Reward increase**
 - [REDACTED]
 - **Commencement of canvass of POI’s.**

Intell Probe – [REDACTED]

During May 2009, investigators from Op [REDACTED] were notified by [REDACTED] that witness has received threats from associates in relation to evidence given at [REDACTED]. As a result Witness has been [REDACTED] as being [REDACTED]. Witness will be [REDACTED] and will be transferred to [REDACTED] as soon as possible.

- Will be maintained as Intell Probe within office.

Intell Probe – Cremmen Murder

Case Review completed of investigation into the murder of Paul Kevin Cremmen at A Division Pentridge on 6 May 1990. Review conducted by Petra due to [REDACTED] (Op [REDACTED] [REDACTED] involvement of Collins. Evidence indicates that Collins involved 'after the fact,' in that he has apparently assisted in moving the body out of sight under bunk to prevent immediate discovery and disposal of bloodied clothing. Not involved in murder as principal; would be difficult to prove knowledge prior to killing.

File with reports forwarded to Crime Tasking and Co Ordination for review.

Op. DANDER

Investigation relating to conspiracy to murder –

- Incident 1 - LEA Document located in execution of search warrant on Rodney COLLINS.
- Incident 2 - Further Copy of LEA Document (Copy 2) handed to Epping Police Station by [REDACTED], intended recipient Dale JEFFREY.
- Incident 3 - Further copy of LEA Document (Copy 3) in possession of Sonny OTENE.
- Incident 4 - Further copy of LEA Document (Copy 4) in possession of John HIGGS.
- Incident 5 - Further copy of document (Copy 5) in possession of [REDACTED] from [REDACTED]
- Incident 6- Further copy of document (Copy 6) in possession of WAPOL Gangs Squad – located during execution of search warrant two weeks ago at Tuart Hill address (Perth) Op JUPITER – 45 pages of S/169/2006 (Randjelovic) – home address of Steven and Kiro MILENKOVSKI. They are associates of OTENE and HAFNER.

Have advised D/Sgt Fisher to submit final investigation report recommending that DANDER no longer to actively investigated by Petra. Report to be submitted not later than 01 September.

Investigator has been tasked and is currently reviewing investigation file to identify any further avenues of inquiry and preparation of avenues of inquiry.

Investigation report will be completed by 11 September.

JEFFREY charged with Perjury and bailed.

PONIEWAS, HAGGAR, COLLINS and CHAMBERLAIN will be charged this week with Perjury.

Operation KRISES

Investigation targeting – Darren HAFNER

- HAFNER arrested 21.11.2008. Since admitted to bail (on 19.12.2008) [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Bail revoked [REDACTED] due to re offending.
- Bail application by HAFNER on 17/03/09
- HAFNER indicated during bail application that he wanted to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] application adjourned until this occurs.
- Investigators spoke with HAFNER – nil value.
- Nil further contact with HAFNER.

Committal – 21 October 2009 (4 days)

- **Hafner committal in relation to armed robbery on postal van conducted on 02 September. Hafner discharged due to three witnesses not swearing up to statements, nil costs; obvious interference from Hafner and wife Biliana. Investigations have revealed sufficient evidence via Arunta calls and formal interview of wife to charge them with Pervert Course of Justice. Once this process completed, witnesses will be re interviewed and approaches made to OPP to have Hafner directly presented.**

Op. PLYERS

Investigation into the unlawful disclosure of document to Mohammed OUIEDA

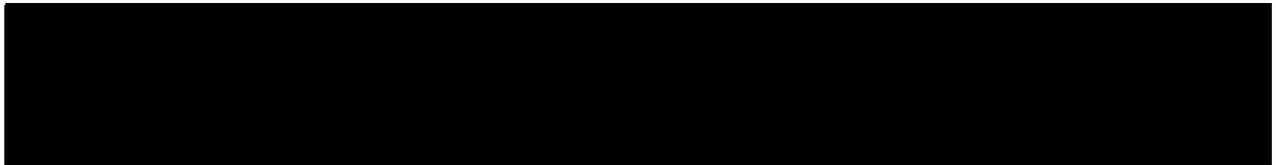
- Target – Mohammed OUIEDA identified on 10.10.2008 as being in possession of police document.
- Investigators believe that OUEIDA had possession of a further SSU profile titled, “Job: S144/2007- AGAMAS – 31/03/2008 08:22:15.” Which is an SSU generated profile on Mohammed Sherif Lobau OUEIDA

[REDACTED]

- Search Warrant executed at residential premises – Nil documents / profiles located
- [REDACTED] stated that he has no contact with [REDACTED] – last contact over 18 months ago. Further stated he has no contact with OUEIDA and has never met him.

- Investigation identified work related e-mails being sent by [REDACTED] from his work computer to his home e-mail address. These e-mails were not linked to any PETRA investigation.
- PETRA has no further investigation pending re [REDACTED]
- Disciplinary matter, ie. Emails to be referred to ESD.
- PETRA investigators believe that [REDACTED] possibly intending to return permanently to [REDACTED]
- Nil further contact with or from [REDACTED]
- ESD file submitted and recommendation of no criminal action. Assessment of internal disciplinary action currently by DAU.
- Suspension rescinded on [REDACTED] and has returned to work at [REDACTED]
- **Still no advice (known to Petra) re internal processes.**

Have advised D/Sgt Kos to submit final investigation report recommending that PLYERS no longer to actively investigated by Petra. Report to be submitted no later than 08 September.



Op. QUEAZY

Threats received via phone by Witness F.

On 26 May 2009, Witness F received 4 SMS text messages, between 1.58 pm and 6.03 pm, which contained threats to the life of the witness.

- RCCR check of witness's phone indicate threats received from mobile service – [REDACTED] Subscriber – Adam Rich BIRD, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Ascertained to be FALSE details.
- [REDACTED] used only once before threats – on previous day – 2 second phone call to TAB from the Brunswick area. Phone not used after threats. Triangulation attempted – phone number is not in use.
- [REDACTED] [REDACTED] is a [REDACTED] Mosque.
- 3 further mobile services identifies as having been registered to the above address. All believed to be connected in false details.
 - All phones purchased from LEQ Connect, [REDACTED]

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- Analysis of CCR information on other 3 mobile phones has identified a link to mobile phone store – LEQ Connect, [REDACTED] Owner – Quoc LE, who resides at [REDACTED]
- Witness F has been shown a list of names, from CCR records of above numbers. The witness has identified Ken HA, as a person known to the witness.
- Surveillance applications being prepared re HA and LE.
 - Submitted – nil surveillance as yet.
- A peripheral association has been identified between HA and former police member, Dave WATERS. HA is involved in heroin trafficking with Ken WILSON, who is a close associate of Bob MATHER, who meets with WATERS 3 to 4 times per week.
- Enquiries being conducted with PURANA Task Force re Operation GOSFORD and Operation VORTEX – both of which relate to previous threats against Witness F.
 - Enquiries conducted – nil apparent nexus.
- Investigators conducted triangulation operation on suspect phone to identify user – Nil value.
- Investigators have identified Op. GRUMPY, being conducted by DTF into Asian Drug dealers. Targets of Op. GRUMPY were recently arrested in NSW, by NSW member – [REDACTED]
- POI – Suky LIEU ([REDACTED]) – identified as association to Asian drug dealers and used as “standover” man.
 - Identified as an associate of Fedel (Fred) D’AMICO.
- Stored Comms Warrant executed on 3 phones linked to threat phone
 - 800 SMS messages identified and interpreted
 - Identified probable owner / user of phones –
 - Enquiries pending to ascertain his current address/s
 - Investigators propose to execute search warrant/s re VAN to locate mobile phone or documents
 - Search warrants obtained for -
 - [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
 - [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
 - [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
 - [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

On 06 August 2009 two search warrants executed at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. Small amount of drugs and stolen property located. Also located 20 mobile phone hand sets and SIM cards in two addresses. Arrested and charged VO and QUACH.

Two further warrants at [REDACTED] Street and [REDACTED] Road executed on 07 August. Phone supplier LE and home address.

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Issue of Waters access to Footscray police station. Present when members had Queazy suspects at station. Now ESD file.

Phone analysis continuing; have downloaded about 200 SMS messages from seized phones.

VO will be interviewed Wednesday 09 September 2009. Not expected that there will be sufficient to charges other than drug and theft related matters.

It would appear that phone dealer QUACH has been selling up to 30-40 prepaid SIM cards a day and has used the same address of the 'threat phone,' on a number of occasions. We are proceeding on the basis that VO obtained card but it is possible that he obtained SIM's separately and 'threat' SIM obtained by unknown. Obviously no CCTV or records at QUACH's.

Personnel issues

- Have had conversations with all members individually and spoke about taskforce tenure, their own tenure, career progression and development opportunities.
- S/D Densley to Homicide for three months.
- S/D Morse to Region 1 upgraded to Acting Sergeant for three months.
- S/D Wilson to Region 2 as Acting Sgt on 11 October for three month period.
- RD issue currently being addressed.
- **Formal Dinner, new proposed date of Thursday 26 November 2009.**

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