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**TAPE-RECORDED INTERVIEW BETWEEN CHARLIE BEZZINA,
CAMERON DAVEY and NICOLA GOBBO**

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MR BEZZINA: Have a seat, Nicola.

MS GOBBO: (indistinct) all the phones off.

MR BEZZINA: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: How are you (indistinct) what are you laughing at? Did you see me sort of (indistinct) out the front?

MR BEZZINA: No.

MS GOBBO: Oh, I said (indistinct) of all times I try to come here quietly without anyone seeing me they've got - Robert Williams, everyone's out the front.

MR BEZZINA: Are they?

MS GOBBO: Yeah. "What are you doing here?" I said, "I just came to give some advice to somebody."

MR BEZZINA: You're assisting someone.

MR DAVEY: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: Yes, myself, not - - -

MR DAVEY: Now, thanks for coming in, Nicola. You'd be aware that we were going to - - -

MS GOBBO: Yeah.

MR DAVEY: - - - video-record what we're discussing.

MS GOBBO: Which I strongly object to but it doesn't matter.

MR DAVEY: All right. Well, it just takes - stops us from taking copious notes.

MS GOBBO: Yep.

MR DAVEY: We want to discuss Terry Hodson and his murder with you - - -

MS GOBBO: Yeah.

MR DAVEY: - - - and also Christine's murder.

MS GOBBO: Yeah.

MR DAVEY: Are you - do you know who Terry is?

MS GOBBO: Yeah, I acted for him.

MR DAVEY: Okay. How did that come to be?

MS GOBBO: His - his son rang me - that's Andrew - I can't remember exactly when but Jim Valos would have file notes because he was the solicitor.

MR DAVEY: Okay.

MS GOBBO: He rang me because ESD had - oh, no, no, no, sorry, ESD rang me 'cause they thought I acted for him. Now, whether that was when the - a set-up or something, I don't know, but - - -

MR DAVEY: This wasn't for the burg, though, was it?

MS GOBBO: Yes, after the burglary.

MR DAVEY: Okay. So September last year?

MS GOBBO: Yeah, I don't know whether it was September or October. I can't remember the exact date but they rang me thinking that I acted for him. I said, "I don't act for him, never have acted for him, but I do act for his son."

MR DAVEY: Okay.

MS GOBBO: And I don't know whether that was misinformation on their part or a set-up but - - -

MR DAVEY: No, well, I can tell you this much that having read the brief that Terry actually asked you, wanted to speak to Nicola Gobbo.

MS GOBBO: When he was initially arrested?

MR DAVEY: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: Oh.

MR DAVEY: Yeah, when he was at the - - -

MR BEZZINA: The lock-up down at Oakleigh.

MR DAVEY: Wherever he was taken to.

MS GOBBO: I read that. Oh, no, I didn't read that part of the brief. I only read - I was only allowed to read the witness statement.

MR BEZZINA: Yeah. Well, he may have had your name because his son - - -

MR DAVEY: Because of Andrew, I suppose.

MR BEZZINA: Yeah, yeah.

MR DAVEY: Yeah, that's why I - 'cause I couldn't work out where you sort of started and Rob Stary started. That confused me reading the brief.

MS GOBBO: Anyway I then - I spoke to Andrew 'cause I was acting for Andrew at the time, and Andrew and Terry came and saw me. Terry was utterly paranoid, he did not want to come to my office which is not unusual, most crooks won't - alleged crooks, I should say. He came - I met him and Andrew and that was initially when ESD - I think it was before he was cooperating with ESD or at the time when he was about to, I'm not entirely sure.

MR DAVEY: Okay. So you - - -

MS GOBBO: I saw him with Andrew and then I saw him - each time I think it was with Andrew except for once 'cause Andrew used to come with him, and then there was a bit of toing and froing between ESD and me in relation to giving instructions about whether he did or didn't want to cooperate with them, and I'm not entirely sure where he was - whether - when he started to assist them - - -

MR DAVEY: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: - - - or whether he was telling me that he was or wasn't, as in - at some point he'd obviously made his statement and so forth. I wasn't aware of that until the day that he was arrested or the day that they were all arrested. I gave him certain advice about what course of action I thought he should take, bearing what - bearing in mind what I knew at the time which is not what I know now obviously, and bear in mind what his instructions were, or lack of instructions. But he obviously after that became - do you know what I mean? Like, at some point he decided he was gunna cooperate with them unbeknowns

to me. That may have been for security reasons or whatever, and I don't necessarily know whether Andrew knew either or at what point Andrew knew - - -

MR DAVEY: Mm.

MS GOBBO: - - - to the extent that the day that he was arrested he actually had a conference timed that afternoon. He rang me the day before and presumably on a phone that must have been intercepted by somebody - or might, I don't know. But he rang and he was coming in at 3 o'clock the next day, I think, as in the day that he was arrested.

MR BEZZINA: We've been trying to work out - because he was arrested then he was let go and then - - -

MS GOBBO: No, I'm talking about the day when he was - the actual day.

MR DAVEY: Yeah, there was a break-in there later because that was on grand final eve.

MS GOBBO: Yeah.

MR DAVEY: That was the night that he was arrested.

MS GOBBO: Yeah. No, I'm not talking about that, I'm talking about when he was actually arrested and placed into custody in relation to the burglary - - -

MR DAVEY: Okay.

MS GOBBO: - - - or the offences involving the police, allegedly.

MR DAVEY: Right. Okay. So that's - the arrest takes place on Grand Final eve - - -

MS GOBBO: Yeah.

MR DAVEY: - - - and then - - -

MS GOBBO: I don't speak to him then.

MR DAVEY: You don't speak to him then.

MS GOBBO: I don't have anything to do with him.

MR DAVEY: And it's after that he's released and then he's - you're saying he's re-arrested at a later stage - - -

MS GOBBO: That's right.

MR DAVEY: - - - on the date that he's charged.

MS GOBBO: On the day that he was charged, ultimately charged, with ^{Solicitor 1} acted for him, did his bail application, that day that he was arrested he was supposed to be coming to see me - - -

MR DAVEY: Okay.

MS GOBBO: - - - and I don't know at what point - and I still don't know but - whether he was playing me against ESD or ESD were playing me via him, or whether they were trying to set me up with something, I don't know.

MR DAVEY: Okay. All right.

MS GOBBO: I suspect that part of what probably upset ESD - and I don't know whether you'd know this or not - is that - and it would be probably tape-recorded. My first advice to him - I mean, like you say, because he's obviously not around.

MR DAVEY: Passed away.

MS GOBBO: I know he's an informer. Now, someone who's a police informer where there are allegedly corrupt police involved and that he's alleged to have committed some offence he's always going to be able to say, at least in theory, "I was acting on the instructions of my handler. I was doing what I was told to do." But I gave him advice about what to do in respect of - that there would be a search warrant executed on his house, that he should put money in a solicitor's trust account, that he should make arrangements for bail, that he would need exceptional circumstances in the event that he was charged - blah blah blah - and I don't know at what point, as I say, he'd already started cooperating with ESD or not.

MR DAVEY: Okay. So it was - but your first contact with him in the presence of Andrew was between the dates that he was initially arrested at the burglary - - -

MS GOBBO: Yep.

MR DAVEY: - - - and then the date that he was charged.

MS GOBBO: Would have been about - I reckon about two weeks after the burglary.

MR DAVEY: Okay. Okay. And how many meetings would you have had with him?

MS GOBBO: Three or four, but as I say not in my office - not because I had any objection to that, but it's not unusual - everyone in the world seems to think it's got a listening advice, or more than one in it, so they won't come there.

MR DAVEY: All right. Okay. Other than that, you've never represented him?

MS GOBBO: No.

MR DAVEY: Okay. Do you know who was representing him prior to this?

MS GOBBO: Bernie Balmer, I think, and the reason I think that is because when I started acting for Andrew - - -

MR DAVEY: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: - - - Bernie was his previous solicitor - - -

MR DAVEY: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: - - - and Mandy - every time I went to court for Andrew, 'cause Mandy was his co-accused, Bernie was there or had briefed someone for her.

MR DAVEY: Do you know how Rob Stary fits into the picture?

MS GOBBO: I think he took over from ^{Solicitor 1} | - - -

MR DAVEY: Okay.

MS GOBBO: - - - and I think - well, I know ^{Solicitor 1} did the bail application and I don't know when after the bail application - I mean, I don't even know when the man walked out of custody because people often as you know get bail and then - days, whatever, for a surety, but some time after ^{Solicitor 1} | did his bail application he changed.

MR DAVEY: All right. And then you had this meeting arranged with him for 3 o'clock on the day that he's subsequently arrested and then charged?

MS GOBBO: On the day that the police were arrested.

MR DAVEY: On the day that the police were arrested?

MS GOBBO: Which I think was 5 or 10 December, something like that.

MR DAVEY: Correct, yep, early December. So you had an appointment to see him then?

MS GOBBO: 3 o'clock that day.

MR DAVEY: All right. After that date did you have any further contact with him?

MS GOBBO: No, with Andrew, not with him.

MR DAVEY: Okay.

MS GOBBO: No. I mean I - cause I still appeared for Andrew.

MR DAVEY: Yep.

MS GOBBO: At court.

MR DAVEY: Yep.

MS GOBBO: I don't think Terry ever came to court with him after that, no.

MR DAVEY: All right. So it was only very - - -

MS GOBBO: It was a limited period.

MR DAVEY: A limited period.

MS GOBBO: Yep.

MR DAVEY: A short amount of time that you - - -

MS GOBBO: Yep.

MR DAVEY: That you had discussions with him and represented him?

MS GOBBO: That's right.

MR DAVEY: Do you know why he decided to come to you rather than his normal legal representation?

MS GOBBO: I don't except I just assumed it had something to do with Andrew.

MR DAVEY: Right.

MS GOBBO: Or - who knows? I mean who knows? Maybe it was some other alleged criminal or drug trafficker or something that had said something to him. I don't know.

MR DAVEY: Yeah, all right.

MS GOBBO: Maybe it was because he knew that - see, Andrew Hodson had had two bail applications - or no, maybe one or two, both failed, before I started acting for him.

MR DAVEY: Right.

MS GOBBO: He'd been - you probably know from the briefs he was committed to the County Court on a commercial trafficking charge.

MR DAVEY: Yep.

MS GOBBO: In circumstances where there was no forensic analyst's certificate because there never could have been because the drugs were never - they came from somewhere else. The Drug Squad - it's a long story, but anyway. He got committed to the County Court. No forensic analysis and how it could be on a commercial quantity was a mystery to me. I took - he changed solicitors to Jim Valos.

MR DAVEY: Yep.

MS GOBBO: And then I was briefed to do his bail application after he'd had a failed Supreme Court application with Bernie acting for him.

MR DAVEY: Okay.

MS GOBBO: And so maybe it was that Terry came because he figured he was going to be arrested or charged and maybe Andrew said she can - I mean bail seems to have been the niche that I've carved.

MR DAVEY: Okay.

MS GOBBO: Unfortunately.

MR DAVEY: Okay, all right. Now, obviously you're aware that Terry was a police informer.

MS GOBBO: Yep.

MR DAVEY: You just said that before. You had another client or had a client by the name of Shane Pidoto?

MS GOBBO: Yes.

MR DAVEY: Okay. Do you still represent him?

MS GOBBO: Good question.

MR DAVEY: I suppose you don't know, do you, because it depends when they - - -

MS GOBBO: Yeah.

MR DAVEY: - - - ever come under - under - - -

MS GOBBO: I certainly did his - all the subpoenas for him.

MR DAVEY: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: Did his bail application, committal mention, form 8A and then numerous committal mentions where there was toing and froing about whether the matter could proceed because of a whole lot of circumstances.

MR DAVEY: Yeah, yep.

MS GOBBO: At some point there was - he was directly presented to the County Court - I couldn't tell you how many months ago. Suzie Cameron decided to brief a QC for him, a silk.

MR DAVEY: Mm'hm.

MS GOBBO: And it was at a time when whatever commitments I had I couldn't do all the - I could - I didn't have five or six days free to do what needed to be done.

MR DAVEY: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: So she briefed another junior with that QC and it now - in answer to your question when eventually he comes for a committal, trial, whatever - I don't know whether it will be me or whether it will be - - -

MR DAVEY: Sure, someone else.

MS GOBBO: Yep.

MR DAVEY: Okay. So did you represent him on the charges that were laid by MDID when Miechel was the informant?

MS GOBBO: Yes, yep.

MR DAVEY: And the arrest, you might not know the date, was 15 May 2002. All right. And he was charged with traffick in commercial quantity of ecstasy tablets.

MS GOBBO: Yes.

MR DAVEY: All right. Can you recall what police documents you obtained in do you?

MS GOBBO: Yeah, good question. Notes and obviously police diary notes, daybook entries. I don't think their - surveillance logs, but they had a whole lot of deletions because I had - we had a huge fight. I had a huge fight with Miechel over whether or not we could have surveillance logs.

MR DAVEY: Mm'hm.

MS GOBBO: Put it this way, I could never understand in a case where you are relying on a transaction occurring from A to B - - -

MR DAVEY: Yep.

MS GOBBO: - - - you would want - if you had surveillance boys watching the transaction you would want to rely on their statements.

MR DAVEY: Mm.

MS GOBBO: I could never understand why at the time there were no surveillance statements.

MR DAVEY: Okay.

MS GOBBO: Now - then it became obvious later on. I don't think we had any IRs. I'm just trying to think of the usual subpoena things.

MR DAVEY: Mm.

MS GOBBO: I've probably got a copy of the subpoena or it'd be a matter of the public record, the subpoenas that were issued.

MR DAVEY: Did - did you obtain a copy of an affidavit for a search warrant on Pidoto, any of Pidoto - - -

MS GOBBO: No.

MR DAVEY: - - - matters?

MS GOBBO: No.

MR DAVEY: All right.

MS GOBBO: You can't obtain affidavits.

MR DAVEY: Did you obtain any documents that made reference to Terry Hodson's informer registration number?

MS GOBBO: No.

MR DAVEY: Okay.

MS GOBBO: Oh - no. I'm just trying to think if it was that case or - no, no.

MR DAVEY: All right. Were you aware that there was a police informer involved in that particular investigation at that time?

MS GOBBO: As in registered police informer? No.

MR DAVEY: Well - all right. What did you - what did you think might have been the case?

MS GOBBO: Look, obviously you get - it wasn't just that case.

MR DAVEY: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: There's a guy called - not Rupert Kaldor, he was a co-accused.

MR DAVEY: Shaheen Wahid?

MS GOBBO: Yeah, my client.

MR DAVEY: We'll get to him as well.

MS GOBBO: Yeah. And him and a few others and - you get instructions from your clients.

MR DAVEY: Yep.

MS GOBBO: They obviously know, without admitting their guilt or their involvement or their knowledge of anything to people like me because I'm only asking for instructions for bail or for whatever, they know that someone - somehow there is some link that has caused the police to arrest them.

MR DAVEY: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: And at some point I became aware of Hodson but not - I didn't know that he was a registered informer, like confirmation that he was one. It was rumoured for a long time but no, he was not in any documents for that case.

MR DAVEY: Okay.

MS GOBBO: Having said that though when you issue a subpoena - - -

MR DAVEY: Yep.

MS GOBBO: - - - asking for statements of any registered informer, statements of any - the usual things I put on.

MR DAVEY: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: And public interest immunity is claimed, well, there's your answer.

MR DAVEY: Yeah. You know that there is one. You just don't know who.

MS GOBBO: And you don't know whether they're registered or unregistered

or who they're registered to or what for or how old - - -

MR DAVEY: Yeah, sure.

MS GOBBO: - - - or any of those things.

MR DAVEY: At that time did you identify any police informer in that case?

MS GOBBO: Identify by name or?

MR DAVEY: Yes.

MS GOBBO: I did? Well, as in I told someone?

MR DAVEY: No. Did - with - by your discussions with Shane Pidoto and the access that you had to the documents that were provided to you were you able to figure out with Shane, "Okay, the informer in this matter must be X"?

MS GOBBO: Not from documents.

MR DAVEY: Okay.

MS GOBBO: But was - but as in was he involved? Yes.

MR DAVEY: Okay. Did - so Terry was obviously a link.

MS GOBBO: Yep.

MR DAVEY: In - in that series of events.

MS GOBBO: Yep.

MR DAVEY: But your - not - you've said not through documents, through - through either discussions with Shane Pidoto or through any other means did you become aware that Terry Hodson was the informer in that matter?

MS GOBBO: Yep.

MR DAVEY: Okay. At that time or later?

MS GOBBO: As in what, the time he was arrested?

MR DAVEY: Yes.

MS GOBBO: No, not when he was arrested because I didn't act for him.

MR DAVEY: No, sorry, not when he was arrested. When you started representing him?

MS GOBBO: Yep.

MR DAVEY: Okay.

MS GOBBO: Which was not until - he got bail in December 2002 and I think the first subpoena arguments came on in - committal mention date was the 1st or - 1st of November, 2nd of - some early November 2002 date.

MR DAVEY: Okay. You've already touched on Rupert Kaldor.

MS GOBBO: Yep.

MR DAVEY: And Shaheen Wahid. Did you represent Kaldor as well or just Wahid?

MS GOBBO: Can I just say one other thing that - and that is in relation to when. Look, it's a really hard question, when did I know Terry was - was an informer.

MR DAVEY: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: I have a recollection that Andrew told me that he was and there were rumours in Port Phillip Prison from people I saw there that he was way before Shane Pidoto.

MR DAVEY: Okay, okay.

MS GOBBO: As in - well, not long after - not long after I started seeing a whole lot of people at Port Phillip, which would have been early 2002.

MR DAVEY: All right.

MS GOBBO: Because I started acting for Mokbel on Valentine's Day 2002 and from then on that's when a lot of the links in all these drug cases became obvious.

MR BEZZINA: Yeah.

MR DAVEY: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: Anyway, sorry, I interrupted.

MR DAVEY: No, no, that's okay. So we're talking - you represented Wahid. Did you also represent Kaldor?

MS GOBBO: No.

MR DAVEY: Okay.

MS GOBBO: Never acted for him.

MR DAVEY: And obviously the - did you represent him for any other matters or only for the matters where MDMI charged him and Miechel was the informant again?

MS GOBBO: Wahid?

MR DAVEY: Yes.

MS GOBBO: Only - I didn't know he had other matters.

MR DAVEY: No, that's - - -

MS GOBBO: Yeah.

MR DAVEY: Okay, they're the only ones that you've represented him on?

MS GOBBO: Yep. All the way from his committal and then I did his plea in the County Court.

MR DAVEY: Okay. He was arrested in June 2002?

MS GOBBO: Yep.

MR DAVEY: And charged with trafficking in a commercial quantity of ecstasy as well? In a separate operation from Pidoto. Same questions, can you recall what police documents you obtained in discovery on that?

MS GOBBO: None.

MR DAVEY: None?

MS GOBBO: None except notes and diary entries.

MR DAVEY: Okay.

MS GOBBO: The reason I can recall that is because there were some very strange daybook entries or diary notes in - which you'll be able to access anyway - in Miechel's material, because Miechel was the informant.

MR DAVEY: Yep.

MS GOBBO: I think.

MR DAVEY: Yes, he was.

MS GOBBO: There was something very strange in that case. There was a 1000-tablet transaction, which occurs I think - my memory is that the police come with a search warrant to Shaheen's house, and this is all not privileged because it is all in the brief.

MR DAVEY: Yep.

MS GOBBO: They come to his house, execute a search warrant, they find I can't remember how many tablets in however many bags.

MR DAVEY: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: He makes admissions to having sold 1000 - I think it's 1000 tablets already.

MR DAVEY: Mm'hm.

MS GOBBO: He says he told them for X amount of dollars, blah, blah, blah, there's a backpack with money in it.

MR DAVEY: Right.

MS GOBBO: And he - and I think the money was somehow added up to what he'd sold the 1000 tablets for.

MR DAVEY: Okay.

MS GOBBO: Big question mark, where's the 1000 tablets? Because there was nothing in the brief about - - -

MR DAVEY: Where they had gone to?

MS GOBBO: - - - anyone who had been arrested with them, who - who bought them, blah, blah, blah.

MR DAVEY: Mm'hm.

MS GOBBO: There was a real question over whether it was a commercial quantity or not, because my memory is he was only I can't remember how many grams over the commercial limit, and there was a question over what the purity was of the 1000 tablets and what had happened to them. We had a committal. Issued subpoenas in relation to - I can't remember whether there were ESD ones as well, but my recollection is Miechel was furious with me and had - and was represented by counsel. And public interest immunity was claimed in relation to a lot of things that were asked for, which of course answers questions from my point of view.

MR DAVEY: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: Anyway, in his daybook notes there's all these references to someone called ^{PII} somebody or other.

MR DAVEY: Yes.

MS GOBBO: Now, ^{PII} - I think ^{PII} must be some informer or he must be somebody who has got an immunity or an indemnity or God knows what, because it's clear that even though my client never knew names, I don't think anyway, who he sold to, this ^{PII} bloke is mentioned in the - in the diary entries as being someone who was spoken to. I can't remember whether he said he was interviewed, but definitely spoken to. It had his date of birth and whatever there.

MR DAVEY: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: And which of course leads me to speak to Miechel about, "Hang on a minute, here are these notes we've got, who's this person?"

MR DAVEY: Mm'hm.

MS GOBBO: And I now understand that ^{PII} was somehow linked to Hodson, but I don't exactly know how.

MR DAVEY: Okay, okay.

MS GOBBO: Then when I did Shaheen's plea in the County Court - sorry, going back to the committal, we didn't pursue a lot of the subpoenaed material because he wanted - his instructions were that he wanted to plead, he wanted to plead as quickly as possible, and even when - because a lot of these people that are sitting in custody are on bail. When people like their informant gets charged, they still don't want to do anything about it, because irrespective of the corruption or alleged corruption there's still enough evidence for (indistinct)

MR DAVEY: Mm, mm, okay, okay. So again, at that time were you aware that there was a police informer involved in that investigation?

MS GOBBO: I was, but not sure who.

MR DAVEY: All right. Did - now, obviously that PII [REDACTED] ink would have - that has taken some time for you to piece together, has it?

MS GOBBO: It has, but all - in all these briefs, eventually it becomes obvious - - -

MR DAVEY: Yes.

MS GOBBO: - - - that there's somebody missing out of all of them. See, going back to Shane, what the most obvious thing in his case was, without worrying about what his instructions may or may not have been, the brief says that there is a video- there's video surveillance of the actual transaction, and when you bother to watch the videotape it's crap, it doesn't show anything like what it's supposed to show. The whole case against Shane is based on observations of Miechel and I think it's Sase. They - when we actually got the surveillance logs they don't match up. One of the police who is the sort of - the dogs say, "Green backpack, door open," or something, and the police notes say, "Black backpack and door closed." There's all sorts of discrepancies, so it was obvious from my point of view someone was in that carpark that nobody wanted anyone to know about. It must be an informer.

MR DAVEY: Okay.

MS GOBBO: Or an undercover, because you never know - - -

MR DAVEY: Yeah, sure.

MS GOBBO: - - - at that point.

MR DAVEY: Sure. So did you ever identify who the informer was in

Shaheen's matters?

MS GOBBO: Yep.

MR DAVEY: Okay, and who was that?

MS GOBBO: Hodson.

MR DAVEY: And when did you identify him as the informer?

MS GOBBO: I can't - to be honest, I can't say exactly when.

MR DAVEY: All right.

MS GOBBO: It was certainly not part of his plea, as in it was never put on his plea, and it was never identified by Miechel, because Miechel is the person I had a lot of dealings with.

MR DAVEY: Yeah. Now, you've had Pidoto, who you've represented at around the same period of time.

MS GOBBO: Yep.

MR DAVEY: Obviously also a person who in the chain of events - Hodson's in Pidoto's matters, and in the chain of events Hodson's in Waheen's matters.

MS GOBBO: And bear in mind, all these blokes are in Port Phillip Prison, all sharing their briefs around.

MR DAVEY: Yes, and Miechel is the informant - - -

MS GOBBO: Yep.

MR DAVEY: - - - in both matters. So did that lead you to think that Hodson was likely to be the informer in both matters?

MS GOBBO: It did at some point, but I can't tell you when. To be honest with you, I thought Miechel was - I started issuing subpoenas against - for ESD. I thought Miechel was the one doing all of this, as in, I wasn't sure whether he was doing - he was the person who got the 1000 tablets in Shaheed's case. As in, whether he got them via an informer, proper transaction put through FSL.

MR DAVEY: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: As in, evidentiary buy, or whatever the right terminology for it is.

MR DAVEY: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: Or whether he was in a corrupt relationship with him and the 1000 tablets just were bought by him, put in his back pocket, shared the money. You never - you never knew in these cases what the story was. One thing that did come out in Wahid at, from just now I think about it - one of the subpoenas issued was in relation to what happened to that 1000, the 1000 tablets.

MR DAVEY: Mm'hm.

MS GOBBO: Because if they had been - my view was, if they had gone through the proper channels, the way things are supposed to go at the Drug Squad, they would have ended up at FSL or they would have been photographed and put in some log somewhere, as in even if he was going to on-sell them in some other operation. But they were never at FSL, never to be analysed, and no-one knew what happened to them.

MR DAVEY: Okay.

MS GOBBO: And I don't even know now what happened to - who PII was, whether he was registered, whether it was really Terry, whether it was Miechel. Who knows?

MR DAVEY: Okay. You mentioned earlier with Shane that by November 2002 you knew that Terry was the informer.

MS GOBBO: Yep.

MR DAVEY: Okay, so would it be fair to say that by November 2002 you would have - that would - you would have pieced it together that Terry was the informer for Shaheen's matter as well?

MS GOBBO: Yeah, but I think I - look, I think I might have - my - I think I knew before then.

MR DAVEY: Okay.

MS GOBBO: I - I have a feeling of knowing that Hodson was around or rumoured to be the informer - - -

MR DAVEY: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: - - - from the time I acted for Andrew.

MR DAVEY: Okay, which was when?

MS GOBBO: He was about - - -

MR DAVEY: The time that he was arrested by Miechel?

MS GOBBO: No, I didn't act for him at the beginning.

MR DAVEY: Right.

MS GOBBO: From the day that - from, say, about eight weeks before I got him bail. So whatever date he got bail in the County Court.

MR DAVEY: Right.

MS GOBBO: Which from memory was April, May 2002.

MR DAVEY: That was certainly after Miechel had been - sorry, Andrew Hodson had been arrested by Miechel?

MS GOBBO: Yeah.

MR DAVEY: In that operation? Okay. And so from - - -

MS GOBBO: Look, I think - I'm sure that someone said, "Oh, you're acting for Andrew Hodson, be careful," blah, blah, whatever, and I'm sure that Andrew told me that his dad had been an informer or was rumoured to be one. I can't - I just can't remember exactly when, but it was - Andrew got bail in April or May 2002, I think. Or it might have even been earlier than that. I can't - anyway, I acted for him for about eight weeks before then, and that's the first time I met Terry, because he came - - -

MR DAVEY: Did you say (indistinct) 2002?

MS GOBBO: No, no, no, he got bail - - -

MR DAVEY: April, May?

MS GOBBO: I think it was April, May.

MR DAVEY: April 2002?

MS GOBBO: Court records would probably - - -

MR DAVEY: Yeah, sure. Now, was it a case that you were actively trying to identify who the informer was in Pidoto and Waheen's cases?

MS GOBBO: No, not really. Well, yes and no. I suppose one aspect is subpoenas and so forth. But I had instructions from both of them, which I'm not going to tell you what they were unless they tell me I can.

MR DAVEY: Yeah, no, that's fair enough.

MS GOBBO: Relating to [REDACTED] And when you say "actively trying to identify", not - well, not really, because once you get a brief, as I said earlier, sometimes it doesn't matter whether there's an informer or not, there's still sufficient evidence.

MR DAVEY: Mm.

MS GOBBO: And no matter - you know, there's no argument.

MR DAVEY: Yep, yep, all right. Well, was there any other reason that you might have been actively trying to identify an informer, apart from - - -

MS GOBBO: No.

MR DAVEY: Okay.

MS GOBBO: I don't care, at the end of the day.

MR DAVEY: No worries. No, that's fine, I'm just asking whether you were or not. Did you receive - you said earlier you didn't receive an affidavit. Did you receive affidavits regarding the search warrants for either Wahine or Pidoto?

MS GOBBO: No. We never - you can't get affidavits.

MR DAVEY: No, I'm just wondering whether that was something that you obtained at any stage.

MS GOBBO: No, no.

MR DAVEY: Okay. Did you receive any documents that had an informer registration number on them?

MS GOBBO: No, no.

MR DAVEY: Okay.

MS GOBBO: Maybe - I don't know whether at some point there was some indemnity, as in a section 51.

MR BEZZINA: 52.

MR DAVEY: Okay.

MS GOBBO: 52?

MR DAVEY: Or 51.

MR BEZZINA: Yeah, 51.

MS GOBBO: (indistinct) whether that - see I got - at some point, I'm sure that that was around, but as in what case it came out of - - -

MR DAVEY: Not sure.

MS GOBBO: I mean, I just - I've actually got folders of subpoenaed material sitting on my floor. Some of it's never been read, some of it's been flicked through at the time and then left there. Yeah, I couldn't tell you specifically, but I don't think so.

MR DAVEY: Okay. Did you ever approach Miechel and tell him that you had identified who the informer was in either Pidoto or Wahine's matters and tell him that the informer was Terry Hodson?

MS GOBBO: I don't know whether it was Miechel or Dale, but one of them.

MR DAVEY: Okay. Can you recall where that happened?

MS GOBBO: Magistrates' Court.

MR DAVEY: Okay.

MS GOBBO: I didn't speak to either of them outside of there. The reason I - see, Shane Pidoto had a bail application initially listed for the date of his

committal mention, which was early November.

MR DAVEY: Yes.

MS GOBBO: He had two or three extensions of time beforehand which is the only reason I got briefed, because at that time there were ESD inquiries into the Drug Squad, lost of delays in lots of people's cases. So it was wheel her in, she'll issue some subpoenas and do bail application. His bail application couldn't proceed on whatever the date of the committal mention was. There was some - Miechel was there but there was some - there was a massive delay. We didn't get on till 3.30 in the afternoon before Barbara Cotterell.

MR DAVEY: Right.

MS GOBBO: By the time the - I think ESD was separately represented to the chief commissioner, as in counsel. By the time the subpoena things were resolved it was too late for bail. Actually, no, it wasn't the first week in November. I think it was about the 14th. The long and short of it is Shane then had to wait about four weeks in custody before her Worship was back to hear the bail application.

MR DAVEY: Right.

MS GOBBO: When we came back for the bail application Miechel wasn't there and it was Dale, and I don't know whether I - that's why I say I don't know who - whether it was in conversation with Miechel or Dale that that happened.

MR DAVEY: Okay. But either one or the other of them you approached and told them - - -

MS GOBBO: Asked them, yep.

MR DAVEY: Asked them what?

MS GOBBO: Asked them whether Hodson was an informer, was he in the case? I don't know whether I told them or asked them (indistinct)

MR DAVEY: Okay. Well, our information was that you said to them, "I know that Terry is the informer," words to that effect.

MS GOBBO: Yep.

MR DAVEY: Told them that you knew who he was. Would that be - you

can't recall whether that was the case or whether you asked them.

MS GOBBO: Not exact words. Look, it might have been either.

MR DAVEY: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: It might have been trying to see whether - what they would say.

MR DAVEY: Right.

MS GOBBO: As I say, when public interest immunity is claimed in relation to subpoenas there's your answer.

MR DAVEY: Yeah, yep.

MS GOBBO: And I don't know whether he was named in a subpoena or whether - as in whether any particular person was - like for example, [REDACTED] was put into the subpoena by name or whether there was just a subpoena with registered informers, undercover whatever.

MR DAVEY: Fair enough.

MS GOBBO: The subpoena would still be around somewhere so I can check but - - -

MR DAVEY: Okay.

MS GOBBO: But anyway, then I had a massive fight with Dale in terms of Shane's bail application, it was a free for all.

MR DAVEY: Okay.

MS GOBBO: We had an argument before we started, outside court, you know when you normally try to speak to an informer and say, "Tell me what your objections are. Tell me what the - you know, why do you say he's an unacceptable risk, blah, blah, blah."

MR DAVEY: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: Had a fight with him outside court. Suzie Cameron and him had an almost a stand up and then it got uglier inside court.

MR DAVEY: Right, okay. Apart from - and this really is to the crux of why you're here, apart from discussing with Pidoto and Wahid that the informer in

their cases was Hodson.

MS GOBBO: Yeah, wouldn't say discussing with them because, as I say, there were certain instructions that both of them gave relating to informers or an informer, which unless they tell me I can talk about I'm not going.

MR DAVEY: No, that's fine, I don't want you to discuss that further. My question is, other than in discussions with them - - -

MS GOBBO: Yep.

MR DAVEY: Are there other people that you have told that Terry Hodson was a police informer?

MS GOBBO: Not that I know of, but as in there are lots of questions that you get asked, lots of rumour. I mean, he also comes up as an informer in Bruno Deloya's case, in that operation. Now, that was something talked about with either - might have been Steve Drazetic from legal aid, because he was initially acting for Bruno. It might have been with him, but I'm sure that that - that he was the name that popped up in that case. I know I've been - I would have been asked. Like for example when Defteros was charged and there's some newspaper article the next day, some registered informer, the first thing that happens is people ring me over the phone and ask, "Who's the registered informer?" or, "Do you know who it is?" No-one immediately springs to mind.

MR DAVEY: Are there - - -

MS GOBBO: But it was common - but it seemed to be common knowledge.

MR DAVEY: Yeah. And I mean you know as well as I do, Nicola, that it's not an offence for you to tell someone, "I think that Terry is a police informer, watch out."

MS GOBBO: No, not at all.

MR DAVEY: But it's vital to us to know who else may have known and whether you have told anyone. Are there - apart from people within the legal system - - -

MS GOBBO: Yeah.

MR DAVEY: - - - are there other clients or other people that you have mentioned, or said directly to, or in passing to, "Terry is a police informer"?

MS GOBBO: Well, this goes back to when I knew he was actually registered, and I mean it's - bear in mind, and I'll be honest with you, my suspicion was more Miechel than Hodson. I mean, I remember cross-examining Paul Dale about Wahid, which he had - poor bloke, he no - or seemed to have no idea in the witness box about it, because my view was Miechel was - all these cases where there's something dodgy and odd that had happened and he was also in the crew of Drug Squad detectives from which there are a number who were charged - and some - some apparently are under suspicion now, or investigation. He was from that crew. I thought there was something odd about all those cases.

So whether - that was when my first suspicion was. Whether Terry was registered or not, certainly it was common knowledge and common - a common topic for whether he was or not. But I wouldn't have been able say to someone, "He's registered and this was the date of registration," because I wouldn't have known.

MR DAVEY: Not in so many details, I'm not saying that you - that you - I'm not asking whether you said to someone, "He is registered and this is his registration number."

MS GOBBO: Yep.

MR DAVEY: But are there people you have told, "I think that Terry Hodson is a give-up"?

MS GOBBO: I wouldn't say I've gone out of my way to ring people up and tell them, but if someone asked me, yes.

MR DAVEY: Okay. Are you able to provide me with any names of people that you would have told?

MS GOBBO: Probably - that I would have told or who would have asked me?

MR DAVEY: Either way, who would have, as a result of speaking with you, become aware.

MS GOBBO: I'll think about it, but - I'm not trying to be evasive, but the reality is someone like, for example, Shane Pidoto, there were instructions from him about it long before I thought anything about it. God knows who he then goes and tells, or - - -

MR DAVEY: Granted.

MS GOBBO: And then - look, I mean Andrew was one person.

MR DAVEY: I'll get to him in a minute, yeah.

MS GOBBO: Yeah, Andrew was one person.

MR DAVEY: No doubt - - -

MS GOBBO: Mokbel - I mean, Mokbel was another. But that was - I mean, see, I can't tell you exactly when because I'm sure Mokbel said to me when he was in prison - or one of the things that came up was, "There's some rumour that Hodson is an informer," way back then.

MR DAVEY: Yeah. I mean, there's no doubt that all of these people, the Pidotos, the Wahids, the Mokbels, the Bruno Deloyas, all these people would know in their own mind or have some suspicion in their own mind who - - -

MS GOBBO: Yep.

MR DAVEY: - - - has been cooperating with the police and giving them information, and those inquiries are for us to chase down with them.

MS GOBBO: Yep.

MR DAVEY: But what I'm asking you specifically about is, are there people that you have had discussions with about Terry being an informer?

MS GOBBO: Not that spring to mind, not - - -

MR DAVEY: All right.

MS GOBBO: - - - as in more than a passing comment with anybody, but if you ask specific people - Bruno Deloya is one, or Bruno Deloya's case. I don't - that just - that just springs to mind.

MR DAVEY: Yeah. Have you discussed it with Tony Mokbel, for instance?

MS GOBBO: As in whether he's - whether Terry's registered or not?

MR DAVEY: Not whether he's registered. Apart from Mokbel saying to you, "I think Hodson's an informer - - -"

MS GOBBO: Yep.

MR DAVEY: - - - have you ever had other discussions with him and said, for instance, "Look, from people that I've represented I can say, yes, he was," or anything to that effect?

MS GOBBO: No. But bear in mind unless you - I mean, it's - it tends to be an unwritten rule amongst all these - all the people I act for, that you don't - you don't ever say things like that about someone unless you're a million per cent sure - - -

MR DAVEY: Mm.

MS GOBBO: - - - as in unless you've got a copy of an informer management log - - -

MR DAVEY: File.

MS GOBBO: - - - or whatever.

MR DAVEY: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: No, the thing they sign when they become one.

MR DAVEY: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: Or an indemnity or something like that because from a crook's point of view you put someone in that category, you don't do it until you're a million per cent sure - or at least that's what I understand from them.

MR DAVEY: All right. All right. So to answer the question is there anyone that you can think of?

MS GOBBO: Not specifically but the best way for me to think about it would be to look through a who's who of who I've acted for - - -

MR DAVEY: Mm.

MS GOBBO: - - - and think of whether it came up in conversation.

MR DAVEY: Because that's the whole crux of our investigation, as you can understand. We need to know who knew - - -

MS GOBBO: Yeah.

MR DAVEY: - - - and then go and speak to those people and find out from

them where they were, what they were doing, who else they told.

MS GOBBO: Yeah.

MR DAVEY: And you can imagine our pool of - - -

MS GOBBO: It's just gonna get bigger and bigger.

MR DAVEY: - - - people that we've spoken to and need to speak to is huge and growing.

MS GOBBO: Yeah.

MR DAVEY: But we need to speak with all of these people and that's why I ask you who are the people that you've discussed it with.

MS GOBBO: Oh, another person - no, I'm thinking. Another person is Ahmat - - -

MR DAVEY: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: - - - because when I did his bail application - I've had lots of subsequent discussions with him; same with Abby Haines, probably O'Reilly as well. See I couldn't tell you I've specifically said "Hodson" to them.

MR DAVEY: Abby Haines and O'Reilly - Colleen O'Reilly are you talking about?

MS GOBBO: Yeah.

MR DAVEY: And Abby Haines, that's in the same operation?

MS GOBBO: Yeah, that's right, only the bail applications.

MR DAVEY: Yeah, yeah.

MS GOBBO: Now, his name certainly come up in discussions.

MR DAVEY: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: His solicitors. It's certainly come up in - that's common knowledge among solicitors. Bernie Balmer, for example, Charlie Nikakis, Jim Valos knows, but I mean he knew - he knew long before like I did because he was acting for - he briefed me for Shaheen and he was acting for Andrew.

Bruno Deloya, I think I just said him; oh, Jason Rodder, there's another one 'cause I - I gave Jason advice.

MR DAVEY: All right. And what was mentioned with Jason?

MS GOBBO: That he was an informer. I actually declared to Jason that I had acted for Terry and given him advice because I didn't want him to later find out and think, "Hang on a minute, she's got a conflict because she's acted for him before."

MR DAVEY: Yeah. So who said, as far as Jason was concerned - was it you saying, "I've acted for Terry and he is an informer," or did Jason already know at that point?

MS GOBBO: I think Jason knew. I think he knew. Steve Pica, his solicitor.

MR DAVEY: Yes.

MS GOBBO: I'm sure I've spoken in an outside court to co-accused. For example, Bruno Deloya would be one; Glen O'Dea, I'm sure I've spoken to him or at least spoken to his mother.

MR DAVEY: Yeah. Was it common knowledge amongst those people that Terry was the informer in their cases?

MS GOBBO: Yeah, yep.

MR DAVEY: Okay. You touched on Ahmat a minute ago. You've spoken with Andrew Kilpatrick about - - -

MS GOBBO: Yes. Yes, embarrassing as it is, yes.

MR DAVEY: He's one of the people that's a person of interest to us in this investigation - - -

MS GOBBO: Yep.

MR DAVEY: - - - the same as Waheed and Dodo and O'Dea and Jason Rodder and Bruno Deloya - just about everyone. He was - - -

MS GOBBO: I'm sure there's even more people that I've acted for who maybe even unbeknowns to me - it's the same crew of police as in the same day or initial crew - - -

MR DAVEY: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: - - - where - I mean, there's probably more people I can't think of off the top of my head but there's probably more that even fall into your category.

MR DAVEY: Yeah, there are.

MS GOBBO: And don't think I'm hiding for not telling you, I just don't - off the top of my head I can't tell you.

MR DAVEY: Yeah, no worries.

MS GOBBO: It did get to a stage where Paul Dale on one occasion said to me, words to the effect of - and I won't use his language - "What is going on? Every drug trafficker I arrest wants to ring you. What - there must be something going on." And I'm just saying to you - but I mean I don't - I'm not actively ringing the Drug Squad saying, "Hello, please refer these people to me," it just was happening like that.

MR DAVEY: It's word of mouth.

MS GOBBO: Yep. And not through any desire on my part to be pigeonholed into a pay, get bail for - - -

MR DAVEY: Drug Squad matters.

MS GOBBO: Yeah, that's right.

MR DAVEY: Yeah, okay. You've - - -

MS GOBBO: Can't go (indistinct)

MR DAVEY: That's okay. Andrew's already spoken to you about his - - -

MS GOBBO: Yeah.

MR DAVEY: I'll just brush over it quickly. He was spoken to regarding his movements on 15 and 16 May.

MS GOBBO: Yeah.

MR DAVEY: And he said that on the Saturday evening on the 15th he went out for dinner with you.

MS GOBBO: Yep.

MR DAVEY: Was that the case?

MS GOBBO: Yep.

MR DAVEY: Okay.

MS GOBBO: I've actually got - actually I checked my diary when I spoke to Andrew to - I can't remember the place - Chinatown.

MR DAVEY: Okay.

MS GOBBO: I'm just trying to think of the name. It escapes me for a minute but I did say to Andrew if you wanted to check, go there, because they know me.

MR DAVEY: Yeah, okay.

MS GOBBO: I mean he could do that if he wanted to know the times and that.

MR DAVEY: All right. You went out to dinner with him on that evening. Okay. Was that - have you got a personal relationship with him or is it a business relationship or what was the situation?

MS GOBBO: Put it this way: I wouldn't act for him. I wouldn't - I won't act for him now. He has become very attached since he got bail. I jokingly said to Andrew he's known as the Stalker because he's kind of - he's diagnosed with depression, amongst other things and he's - look, it often happens, it's not unusual for people to form some hero worship kind of - - -

MR DAVEY: Yep.

MS GOBBO: Bit of a crush thing.

MR DAVEY: Mm'hm.

MS GOBBO: Infatuation, call it whatever you want.

MR DAVEY: Right.

MS GOBBO: He's not the only one - once you've got them bail, or they see

you as the solution to all the problems. He often comes to my office, and I don't mind - I've said to him, "I don't mind how often you hang around but do not be putting me in a situation where you're committing some crime, so" - because I don't want to be associated with him if he is.

MR DAVEY: Mm.

MS GOBBO: And he often comes - like, if I'm at work on Saturdays and Sundays he often drops in there. I've had his brother-in-law - brother-in-law who's done some maintenance work. I suppose you'd call it maintenance - painting - and I got onto him through Azim.

MR DAVEY: Mm'hm.

MS GOBBO: So it's that kind of - - -

MR DAVEY: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: And I'd refer him to other people. He's done - he did a terrific job.

MR DAVEY: Yeah, okay.

MS GOBBO: But, yeah, it wasn't - it wasn't planned. I was at work.

MR DAVEY: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: And I said to Andrew - 'cause Andrew makes out like it was this kind of romantic date for two and I said to Andrew, "No, it was not organised like that." He just - we went to - he wanted to take me to somewhere Lebanese, so we went to that - what's it called in - that Lebanese restaurant in - Abla's in Johnston Street - what's the top of Johnston Street - Elgin Street, Carlton - - -

MR DAVEY: right.

MS GOBBO: - - - near the BP service station on that corner as you go around into Lygon Street.

MR DAVEY: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: We went there, waited for about 20 minutes and no, no tables, fine.

MR DAVEY: Okay.

MS GOBBO: Left there, went to - went to Chinatown, went to - I can't remember the name of it - whatever it was called - again, same problem. I was getting annoyed because he's got a 10 o'clock curfew, clock's ticking and - - -

MR DAVEY: Was Hodson discussed on that night between the two of you?

MS GOBBO: No, not that I remember. Not that I - - -

MR DAVEY: How was - - -

MS GOBBO: I don't think he - - -

MR DAVEY: - - - Ahmat towards Hodson?

MS GOBBO: I don't think he even knows him. Well, to my knowledge I don't think he's - I don't think he ever - I don't think he knows him at all. I think that in that brief - and I mean, bear in mind we don't have a brief yet - my understanding is that the person who was dealing with Hodson was some bloke called Lucky who I don't think I've even ever met, not at - or Haines or O'Reilly.

MR DAVEY: Okay.

MS GOBBO: Anyway, so we go to this place in towards corner of Exhibition and Little Bourke off - Andrew's got the name anyway.

MR DAVEY: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: And ended up, like, being one hour because he had a curfew.

MR DAVEY: Yeah, okay, okay.

MS GOBBO: See, if you ask me, I don't think any of these people would be - I don't think any of them would be capable of killing a person.

MR DAVEY: Mm.

MS GOBBO: Then again, I mean, who knows?

MR DAVEY: Difficult to tell.

MR BEZZINA: Mm, that's right.

MR DAVEY: We've interviewed Andrew.

MS GOBBO: Yeah.

MR DAVEY: As you're aware. I think I asked you on the phone - - -

MS GOBBO: I think that I told Charlie he rang me when - on what I told you, he rang me the afternoon.

MR DAVEY: After he was released from - - -

MS GOBBO: Yeah, yes.

MR DAVEY: Okay. And have you - you've seen the interview?

MS GOBBO: No.

MR DAVEY: That we've - okay.

MS GOBBO: I haven't.

MR DAVEY: Okay.

MS GOBBO: Jim Valos collected it the next - he saw him the next morning.

MR DAVEY: Right.

MS GOBBO: He rang me at about 8 o'clock that Friday night.

MR DAVEY: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: I don't know what time he got out of here but it was about 7.30, 8 o'clock, 'cause I was on my way home. No, I was on my way to my mum's and I rang him back and he was beside himself.

MR DAVEY: Mm'hm.

MS GOBBO: I'm in two minds about all of that. And then he sought - he was really trying to contact Jim Valos but he couldn't. He hadn't spoken to him. I then rang Jim and said, "Look, Andrew's apparently been interviewed and wants to speak to you," blah blah blah, and Jim rang the next morning.

MR DAVEY: All right. In that interview - - -

MS GOBBO: Yep.

MR DAVEY: - - - Andrew tells us that he becomes aware - - -

MS GOBBO: Yep.

MR DAVEY: - - - some time in September or October of 2002 that his father is a police informer.

MS GOBBO: September or October 2002, yeah.

MR DAVEY: He says that once he's told that information - - -

MS GOBBO: Yep.

MR DAVEY: - - - he then approaches you to seek confirmation.

MS GOBBO: Right.

MR DAVEY: That his father was a police informer, and you provide Andrew with that confirmation, say, "Yes, he is."

MS GOBBO: Right.

MR DAVEY: Is that your recollection of what happened?

MS GOBBO: I think he knew long before that because I'm sure he was the one who mentioned it, or I might have asked him, because people were saying to me, "What are you doing, acting for that bloke?" and this is part of the reason why I'm sick of acting for these people because they all talk to each other. What I tell you is then reported to you and then it comes back to me. It's nowhere near what I said to you in the first place.

MR BEZZINA: Yeah.

MR DAVEY: Mm.

MS GOBBO: My recollection is that I asked him or had discussion with him about it, because other people were saying to me, ^{P11} [REDACTED]

MR DAVEY: Right, okay. Did you ever - so is it your recollection that you provided confirmation to Andrew and said words to the effect of, "Yes, your

dad's an informer?"

MS GOBBO: Not - no.

MR DAVEY: Okay.

MS GOBBO: Not then anyway.

MR DAVEY: All right.

MS GOBBO: Because if ever there was a discussion it would have been before then, because people knew before. I mean, I had an idea before September , October 2002.

MR DAVEY: Mm, mm. The date - - -

MS GOBBO: Put it this way, I can tell you this: I knew from certain instructions from certain people.

MR DAVEY: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: Months before October 2002.

MR DAVEY: Yeah, yeah, no worries.

MS GOBBO: In fact I think I - - -

MR DAVEY: Well, I think you mentioned earlier that you started representing Tony Mokbel - - -

MS GOBBO: He was endeavouring to (indistinct)

MR DAVEY: - - - in February 2002 and at that time did Mokbel know?

MS GOBBO: I don't know and again I don't really concern - you know, look, you guys know I'm sure from listening to telephone intercepts and listening devices, God knows what else, that all the rumour and innuendo that people such as Tony talk amongst themselves - my recollection is that it was known at least February 2002 because - - -

MR DAVEY: Mm. It was out there in the wider criminal community.

MS GOBBO: Yeah, yep.

MR DAVEY: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: I started acting for Tony on that date and that was the date that he changed from Theo Magazis to Jim Valos. I had spoken to him a couple of time prior to that and I think I was put on his phone list about maybe a couple of weeks before that 14 February date. I can't remember whether Tony put me onto Andrew before or after 14 February, probably after. But you'd have to look at when writs got served because one of the things that did occur was that Tony and Andrew and a whole lot of other people were sitting in Port Phillip Prison - David McMulloch. All started sharing their briefs around - oh, and those Melrose East co-accuseds, whatever, can't remember their names. They were all sharing their briefs.

MR DAVEY: Mm, fair enough. The document that has come to light in the newspaper of recent times, this information report, that's obviously been circulating within the criminal community as well. Prior to that making the news, were you aware of that document?

MS GOBBO: I'd heard about it.

MR DAVEY: Had you ever seen a copy of it?

MS GOBBO: Nuh.

MR DAVEY: All right. Who had you heard about it from?

MS GOBBO: Certainly there were discussions - well, not discussions, but suggestions about - I mean, there still are now, about other documents that are around. And that I've been asked, whether I had - whether I've got a copy, had a copy, got it via a subpoena, and I don't think I did. But whether - no, see, a journalist rang me and said, "Explain the information report process to me. How does one get one? What - what form are they normally in?" I remember saying, "Sometimes you get them and they're edited. Sometimes the police don't bother to edit them by mistake when they should. Sometimes they come via subpoenaed material. Sometimes they just turn up." And I'll literally tell you, I got one put in my letterbox a few weeks ago. Not one - not one from this, but another case.

MR DAVEY: An information report?

MS GOBBO: Yeah.

MR DAVEY: Supplied by an unknown person?

MS GOBBO: I don't know. Just put in the letterbox under my chambers, as in the ground floor.

MR DAVEY: (indistinct) work - work then, right?

MS GOBBO: Yeah.

MR DAVEY: Right. So - - -

MS GOBBO: As in, not - and not from this case. Not a Drug Squad matter.

MR DAVEY: Okay.

MS GOBBO: Not a Homicide matter.

MR DAVEY: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: But literally - I mean, that's - you know, I don't know who it came from.

MR DAVEY: Mm.

MS GOBBO: But there was a lot of sharing of information at Port Phillip Prison in 2002. A massive amount.

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because there was

MR DAVEY: Mm.

MS GOBBO: They were - everyone was swapping briefs, listening device conversations, telephone intercepted calls, all sorts of material floating around, and I think - I think that's still occurring.

MR DAVEY: That it had been obtained on their briefs?

MS GOBBO: Either on their briefs, or the subpoenas, or God knows where, and that's still happening now. There's people are sharing material or - well, I know who's sharing material now. Where it actually comes from, who knows, because some of it is properly obtained via subpoenas, some of it you shouldn't get with a subpoena, but sometimes you do get things you're not meant to get.

Sometimes things just turn up. Sometimes it's - you know, you often get material - see material in a brief that in my view shouldn't be in a brief, but it's put there.

MR DAVEY: Mm.

MS GOBBO: I get some of my clients ringing up saying, "Have you heard about this? Have you seen that there's some statement where some police officer says this?" And I don't know anything about it, but they get a copy of it from wherever.

MR DAVEY: Yeah, sure.

MS GOBBO: And I think a lot of what this is - what this - where this is coming from, is because of the number of cases where the same Drug Squad detectives - and I'm not specifically saying Miechel and Dale, but others - you still can't get an answer. You issue a subpoena to ESD tomorrow and they'll say, "No, we're claiming public interest immunity. It's ongoing investigation."

MR DAVEY: Mm.

MS GOBBO: And that causes the defendants to exchange, talk, and then - - -

MR DAVEY: Sure. In that, the document that you had heard about, what had you - what was the information that was in that document?

MS GOBBO: That Hodson was an informer. As in, that he was a registered informer.

MR DAVEY: That was the information that was being bandied about?

MS GOBBO: Yeah, I didn't know what - I was surprised as anyone to see the - what was in the Herald Sun.

MR DAVEY: Mm.

MS GOBBO: But again, was it - was it a surprise to see that sort of thing? No. People - I mean, it was common knowledge months before then.

MR DAVEY: Was it - so the information that you had heard was contained in the document, wasn't that there was an informer and this was his registration number. It was that Hodson was an informer?

MS GOBBO: Yes.

MR DAVEY: Okay.

MS GOBBO: Yes, and that - and as I said to you before, my suspicion was more Miechel than anyone else. But I think I said to Charlie on Friday, you never know in a case like this whether, "I'm a controller (indistinct) a police officer, and I'm properly controlling my informer, and everything that I'm logging and putting through the books and putting in my day book and diary is all legitimate, and that's the only contact I've had with the informer," or whether, "I'm running the informer in two separate ways, one personally, for my own personal drug trafficking, and one for those crooks that he is assisting me to set up," and to this day I wouldn't know. On top of that, everyone sort of seemed to say Hodson was running his own business aside from what he was doing for the Drug Squad, and then that he was trafficking again and running his own business while he was working for - while he was under the protection of ESD.

MR DAVEY: In that document - sorry, Charlie.

MR BEZZINA: I was going say, when did you become aware of this talk about this document? How long ago? We know when it hit the newspaper, but we - - -

MS GOBBO: Probably a few months.

MR BEZZINA: A few months.

MS GOBBO: Yeah, a few months.

MR BEZZINA: So prior to the murder?

MS GOBBO: Yeah, prior to the murder.

MR BEZZINA: Yeah. So you knew about the existence of this - a document as such - - -

MS GOBBO: Prior to the murder, yeah. But like was that the reason for the murder? I mean, I don't - - -

MR BEZZINA: Well, that's what we're - - -

MR DAVEY: That's what we're trying to establish.

MS GOBBO: Yeah. Look, I think - I think as far as a lot of the - well, you

would say criminals, I'll say "alleged" for the sake of the videotape, people that I act for, it was common knowledge.

MR BEZZINA: Yeah, yeah. I think - - -

MR DAVEY: And prior to the - prior to the existence of this document that was circulating it was - you're saying that as far back as near the beginning of 2002 - - -

MS GOBBO: Yes.

MR DAVEY: - - - it was common knowledge.

MS GOBBO: Yep.

MR DAVEY: So the document - the document being leaked or sent into the media weeks before, or circulated into the criminal underworld weeks before his murder is nothing new to the criminal underworld.

MS GOBBO: No. No, but insofar as who it was that he did or didn't actually set up, I don't think people - I mean, I don't know. I mean, I acted for the man but I never asked him, you know, "Who's a list of who you set up?"

MR DAVEY: Yeah.

MR BEZZINA: Mm.

MS GOBBO: And again, that goes back to - look who his handler was. I mean, I don't know whether he, for example - I mean, there's a lot of rumours around that he had, that is, Hodson, had been involved in lots of pinches, lots of criminal activity or drug trafficking where those people were never charged, as in the people that he was selling to - well, sorry, buying from. Those people were never charged. Now, who knows whether that means - as far as I know maybe either police legitimately had a whole lot of, you know, ongoing things which didn't come to fruition or whatever, or whether they were running it for themselves, and I - you know, you never may know.

MR DAVEY: Yeah. As far as the document was concerned, I think you said you never actually saw it, physically saw it?

MS GOBBO: No.

MR DAVEY: All right. Didn't know what form it took. Did you know it was an information report?

MS GOBBO: Some journalist rang me and asked me - not specifically about that one, but asked me in general what an information is, how do you get one, do you normally get them under subpoena, when you get them are they - - -

MR DAVEY: When you heard that there was a document out there - - -

MS GOBBO: I actually heard "documents".

MR DAVEY: Documents. Were you aware then that it was an information report, or did you know what the document was, or documents were?

MS GOBBO: No, the journalist who asked me - well, a few journalists rang, asked about information reports.

MR DAVEY: Okay. When those journalists asked you about information reports was that after or before you'd heard that there was a document in existence which nominated that Terry was an informer?

MS GOBBO: After, I think.

MR DAVEY: Okay. And when you - - -

MS GOBBO: I'll just - I've just got an aside. I was just thinking about Lewis Moran's subpoenaed material, there was eight volumes of stuff for him, and I don't know whether the Hodson stuff came up then, Miechel certainly did.

MR DAVEY: Well, in - - -

MS GOBBO: I'm just trying to think of all the cases that I have had, and there's - - -

MR BEZZINA: Yeah, no, that'd be great. Yeah, no.

MR DAVEY: In that document, apart from it nominating Terry as in informer, did you hear that there was mention of a contract?

MS GOBBO: On?

MR DAVEY: On anyone in that document?

MS GOBBO: No, not in the document, no.

MR DAVEY: Okay.

MS GOBBO: Not at all. But as in contracts on people, there's lots of rumours.

MR DAVEY: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: Apparently there was a contract on me at some point so - - -

MR DAVEY: Right.

MS GOBBO: See, neither of you are surprised.

MR DAVEY: I haven't heard about it, but - - -

MS GOBBO: It's reached a stage where nothing would surprise me any more.

MR DAVEY: Yeah.

MR BEZZINA: You're amongst them.

MS GOBBO: Well, criminal law is not what it used to be, and that's part of desire to get out of it.

MR DAVEY: As far as Terry and Christine Hodsons' murders are concerned have you heard anything else that would assist us during your, you know, activities, dealing with people, dealing with solicitors, dealing with clients?

MS GOBBO: The strongest rumour at the moment is that Andrew was responsible, and I say "rumour". I'm not saying that based on anything he said to me. But that's the talk of Melbourne.

MR DAVEY: Is that a rumour which is being generated as a result of us interviewing him or is that a rumour which was going around prior to that?

MS GOBBO: Prior to, and it's certainly circulating now, but I don't know that most people know you've interviewed him. Andrew - I know because Andrew told me. Jim Valos knows. Have I specifically told anyone he was interviewed? Absolutely not.

MR DAVEY: What are the - what are the reasons that people are saying Andrew would have killed Terry for?

MS GOBBO: What I have heard is some tampering with the crime scene, it's something about him removing or having a firearm, and one has to ask how

someone would get in there. Terry was - when I saw him myself he was paranoid, as in would not go to an office, would not go to a closed environment. I don't know whether he carried a weapon with him or not. I mean, I don't know, but I would imagine that he was - and Andrew says that he was - he wouldn't let anyone in. So who could in to them? Who could get into his house?

MR DAVEY: The rumours that you heard - - -

MS GOBBO: And I think that's part of the reason why there's some suspicion.

MR DAVEY: Yeah. The rumours that you heard about Andrew removing things from the crime scene, did they come up - were those rumours circulating prior to us interviewing him?

MS GOBBO: Yep.

MR DAVEY: All right. Apart from Andrew, are there other people whose names you've heard bandied about as suspects?

MS GOBBO: Not really. I mean there's - obviously the police themselves, all sorts of things about Dale more than Miechel. I think jokingly people have said Carl Williams because he seems to be blamed, rightly or wrongly, for a whole lot of other murders. See, I'd be more inclined to say - the people that we've been through, people I've acted for, I'd be staggered if it was them, whereas if you said, "Would I be staggered and amazed it was Andrew?" No. Not through anything specific, just - I mean, I might be completely naive and wrong about it all. But I mean, Andrew's view was that he didn't have any time for his father, however, he used to say to me, "Look, he's my father, and at the end of the day, he's my dad." But he didn't have much time for him.

MR DAVEY: What was his relationship with his mother?

MS GOBBO: I got the impression that they were quite close, and since he's - since you've interviewed him he's - he appears to be beside himself about his mum, more upset about mum than dad. But look, you're talking to someone who is utterly cynical and very paranoid. I think he's be good friends with him these days. I don't know whether - you know, he's spoken to me a couple of times since the murder, I've never known whether, "God, is this ESD again trying to - putting him up to talking to me," whether he wants to talk to me because he thinks I'll speak to Mokbel or someone else, I just don't know, and so what I'm really saying is I don't know how genuine anything that he's ever said really is.

MR DAVEY: Yeah, fair enough. Other than Andrew and other than the police, which obviously we know about, I mean, we've interviewed all of those people, are there other - and you mentioned - are there any other people whose names are cropping up?

MS GOBBO: There's also a rumour that a police officer did it from ESD, but no-one is saying who, and the basis for that is who else could have got in there but - that Terry wouldn't let anyone in except for a family member and he wouldn't - would he let a copper in? No, he wouldn't, but someone from ESD that he knew, yes he would.

MR BEZZINA: (indistinct) applying commonsense I would think, and that's what they're doing, looking at it, "Well, who would he let in?" and it was a fortress and this type of thing, so - - -

MS GOBBO: But look, the other - one rumour is that Christine was a sweet, innocent housewife who had nothing to do with anything, next rumour is she was the bookkeeper, she was more criminal than he ever was, other rumour is that he - that Hodson owed money to people in Western Australia, that people he dobbed years ago there, that he was - that the whole time he's been supposedly supervised by ESD since he rolled on the police - - -

MR BEZZINA: Yep.

MS GOBBO: - - - that he's been conducting more drug trafficking than ever before; was business as usual.

MR BEZZINA: Mm.

MS GOBBO: So God knows, I mean who knows whether he's - whether it had something - nothing to do with being a witness, nothing to do with being an informer and just had something to do with whatever drug business he was doing, if he was.

MR DAVEY: Yeah, sure.

MS GOBBO: And again it wouldn't be the first time someone supposedly being looked after by a controller, whether at ESD or someone else, and they've been doing whatever.

MR DAVEY: Yeah, sure. Anything else you - - -

MR BEZZINA: I've just got a couple of things. You mentioned when those journos contacted you?

MS GOBBO: Yes.

MR BEZZINA: When was that that those journos - was that at recent times, about this document, asking about the IR?

MS GOBBO: It was about the time that came out.

MR BEZZINA: Right.

MS GOBBO: I couldn't be specific about whether it was before or after.

MR BEZZINA: Yep.

MS GOBBO: But one phone call I got was, "Can you tell me what - how you get one?"

MR BEZZINA: Yep.

MS GOBBO: "Would it be" - it was really asking whether you would routinely acquire one.

MR BEZZINA: Yep.

MS GOBBO: Or whether it would come via a subpoena and in what form and so forth.

MR BEZZINA: Now, would that - would that either be Jeremy Kelly or Raphael Epstein?

MS GOBBO: Raphael Epstein? Never heard of him.

MR BEZZINA: Yeah, he's from ABC, Raphael Epstein.

MS GOBBO: No.

MR BEZZINA: And Jeremy Kelly is from Herald Sun. Jeremy's the one who actually leaked it to the - or gave it to the ESD.

MS GOBBO: Right.

MR BEZZINA: Not one of those?

MS GOBBO: No.

MR BEZZINA: Jeremy ring a bell?

MR DAVEY: Or Moore?

MS GOBBO: I've spoken to Jeremy but not - but I don't (indistinct) that name.

MR DAVEY: Or Keith - Keith Moor?

MS GOBBO: No.

MR BEZZINA: Keith Moor.

MS GOBBO: I haven't spoken to him.

MR BEZZINA: So I know from my experience but from your experience is it unusual to - I think you've answered it but - to be given under either subpoena or warrant - well, not warrant, but subpoena to produce IRs or information reports. You've had them in the past in court matters?

MS GOBBO: Yeah, not unusual at all.

MR BEZZINA: Yeah. And you said some are - some are - - -

MS GOBBO: Some are - - -

MR BEZZINA: - - - sensitised and some aren't, yeah.

MS GOBBO: Yeah but - look, unfortunate thing is sometimes they're blacked out, sometimes they should be blacked out but they're not.

MR BEZZINA: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: I mean like the same with statements where a witness's address should be blacked out.

MR BEZZINA: Yeah, exactly.

MS GOBBO: Or police daybook notes - police - - -

MR DAVEY: That's right.

MS GOBBO: - - - mobile number should be blacked out but it's not.

MR BEZZINA: That's right, yeah.

MS GOBBO: But there's - I think there's a lot of summaries from your brief and your brief and whoever's the - just floating.

MR BEZZINA: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: And then - - -

MR BEZZINA: Yeah. And clearly information reports also floating out - out in that field because what - you know, you guys ask for and at times you get sometimes you don't.

MS GOBBO: Yeah, but where - but where it comes from - where they come from - - -

MR BEZZINA: Exactly.

MS GOBBO: You know, there are - as I say, I had one put in my letterbox.

MR BEZZINA: Whether legitimately or illegitimately they're - - -

MS GOBBO: And I don't - that's exactly right.

MR BEZZINA: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: Someone says - they know - they hear - "Oh, she's acting for such-and-such this might be of some help so we'll pop that there." I don't know where it comes from. It's not illegal for me to have it. I'm not committing a criminal offence.

MR BEZZINA: Correct.

MS GOBBO: So I - if it assists it does. And I mean that's the nature of - unfortunately of acting for all these people that know each other.

MR DAVEY: You sounded surprised when I asked you about affidavits?

MS GOBBO: Yep, because you can't get them. You - tell me a way I can get one, I'd love to.

MR DAVEY: Well, it's my information provided by MDID - - -

MS GOBBO: Yep.

MR DAVEY: - - - that you received a copy of the affidavit both in Pidoto's matter and Wahid's matter.

MS GOBBO: Never, absolutely never.

MR DAVEY: All right.

MS GOBBO: There is a copy of a search warrant in the lawyer's case floating around.

MR DAVEY: Search warrant affidavit?

MS GOBBO: Yes. But definitely - - -

MR DAVEY: All right.

MS GOBBO: - - - absolutely not the Pidoto or Shaheed.

MR DAVEY: How did that affidavit get out there if it wasn't - - -

MS GOBBO: God knows but it's floating around.

MR DAVEY: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: And that brings you back to is it someone from the Drug Squad? Is it someone, you know - I reckon ESD have got a spy working in there, maybe it's them. Maybe it's someone who's on somebody's payroll, somebody who's corrupt. I don't know.

MR DAVEY: Somebody at the court?

MS GOBBO: Could be, yeah. Well, I mean I don't know whatever - what - I wouldn't know the difference between the copy that maybe the court has, whether there's even a difference, whether the court has a different affidavit copy as opposed to the one that a informant has or the one that's on file or the one that - I don't know. There is - there are leaks at courts, for sure.

MR BEZZINA: You still represent Tony Mokbel?

MS GOBBO: Yes.

MR BEZZINA: Now, I don't want to go into the case or anything at all.

MS GOBBO: Good, nor do I, Charlie.

MR BEZZINA: But do you know if - you may or may not be aware, has Mokbel ever - Tony Mokbel ever said anything to you about having - being in possession of a - a list of a number of informers? Has that ever come up?

MS GOBBO: No.

MR BEZZINA: Not to do with this case, I know, but - - -

MS GOBBO: No, no.

MR BEZZINA: But that - something that never came up or he's ever discussed it with you?

MS GOBBO: Not a list, no.

MR BEZZINA: Yeah. Identifying informers?

MS GOBBO: No. But Charlie, he doesn't trust me. He uses me.

MR BEZZINA: Right.

MS GOBBO: Very obviously. Anyway, sore topic.

MR BEZZINA: Well, you answered the question anyway.

MS GOBBO: Yeah.

MR BEZZINA: So what - because of - something sort of cropped up relating to that. Now, as I said to you on the phone he's one of - - -

MS GOBBO: Yep.

MR BEZZINA: Same process we want to go through. So if we can make some arrangements there and obviously the other - and the two brothers. So all the three Mokbels but - - -

MS GOBBO: As in all of them but not Horthy? Or - - -

MR BEZZINA: All - all the three of them.

MS GOBBO: There's four of them.

MR BEZZINA: Four of them, is there?

MS GOBBO: Yeah.

MR BEZZINA: Well, I think there's only three; he's learning on the job.

MS GOBBO: Well, there's only - look, there's Horty who has - is not facing any drug charges - - -

MR DAVEY: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: - - - and never has from the Drug Squad. He - I've acted for him.

MR BEZZINA: But all the brothers are sort of - sort of in that circle or we've got one white sheep?

MS GOBBO: No, Horty - look, I'd say - I've acted for Horty before. He's got a bad driving history.

MR BEZZINA: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: And - and obtain property by deception. But other than that he's kind of not connected with any of the things that the other three seem to be connected with.

MR BEZZINA: Well, as I say, they are a number of the wants we want to talk to in this fashion.

MS GOBBO: Yep.

MR BEZZINA: Same thing, "What do you know?" That's what it's all about. So if we can contact you and you can path the way through it and convince them and say, "Look, there's no issues."

MS GOBBO: Yep.

MR BEZZINA: "It's a matter of," you know what I'm saying? "Well look, we know that there may have been issues between you and Terry or things that you learnt in - whilst in the - in the - in the bin with Andrew and McCulloch at that stage and I don't know whether Andrew at that stage was getting a hard time when he was with Mokbel, of the allegation that dad was an informer. "So if dad is you might well be".

MS GOBBO: Yeah.

MR BEZZINA: And that type of thing.

MS GOBBO: I don't know.

MR BEZZINA: Well, they're the issues we want to talk to the Mokbels about.

MS GOBBO: Yeah, do you know - - -

MR BEZZINA: And that's where - and look - and that's what it's all about.
There's no surprises.

MS GOBBO: And I know that when - Milad being Milad when you speak to
him I'll end up here. It'll just be a saga because that's just the way he is.

MR BEZZINA: Yeah. But it's a matter of a process we've got to go through.
You can convince him to say, "Look, there's no dramas as such," because as I
said it's 90 plus we've got.

MS GOBBO: Yep.

MR BEZZINA: And it grows. And then we can say, "Okay." We can say,
"Well, okay, you may not have liked him," we can say, "people have had - all
people may have had different motives for it," and we just go down that path.

MS GOBBO: Yep.

MR BEZZINA: And then when the end of the day comes we can then say,
"Well, these are people we've spoken to." You mentioned - - -

MS GOBBO: Charlie, what I'll do is I will speak to Tony.

MR BEZZINA: Yep.

MS GOBBO: And get him to speak to his two brothers.

MR BEZZINA: Yep.

MS GOBBO: And - - -

MR BEZZINA: Facilitate that, that would be great.

MS GOBBO: And if he says, "Yeah, give him my number," or something then I will. Or - - -

MR BEZZINA: Yeah, that's all we want. And then if you can convince him to say, "Well, look, there is no surprises, no dramas with it. It's a matter of - it's a process of elimination and," you know, he can tell us what he wants to tell us and then - we're not going to dive into his current matter. We're not entitled to. And as I say and I've said to a lot of people our focus isn't - put ESD aside, put the ombudsman aside. Our focus is just like a - - -

MS GOBBO: Murder.

MR BEZZINA: A garden-variety murder that we've got the double - and this is a path we're doing. Unfortunately it does cross into this path of the - - -

MS GOBBO: Yeah.

MR BEZZINA: - - - this document that's got out there, and we do look at it as the people that have had it - now I'll throw a couple of names at you in relation to what knowledge you may or may not have. In relation to this document has that been discussed, for example, being in the possession of Carl Williams at all?

MS GOBBO: No.

MR BEZZINA: That you're aware of? David McCulloch?

MS GOBBO: Discussed, yes.

MR BEZZINA: So the document - - -

MS GOBBO: Yeah.

MR BEZZINA: - - - and McCulloch - - -

MS GOBBO: Yeah.

MR BEZZINA: Yeah. Roberta Williams?

MS GOBBO: No. Not - no. But then that's - I mean I don't want to repeat myself but the - that's part of the reason why I'm sick of all these people because they're all - they're all talking to each other. They're all - the misinformation is going on at a hundred miles an hour.

MR BEZZINA: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: And that potentially puts people's lives in danger.

MR BEZZINA: Well, that's about where we're at and down the track if - and I don't want you to put yourself in any position where you shouldn't be but because of the people that you come in contact with - - -

MS GOBBO: Yeah.

MR BEZZINA: - - - and things you're obviously going to hear and, as I said, putting ESD aside and everybody else, if you come across information you think we should be aware of to try and solve it, that's all I'm - you know, if you can give us a call.

MS GOBBO: As long as I'm not video-taped, Charlie.

MR BEZZINA: Yeah, no. No, well, you're right. So all I want is a phone call to say well, if we need a push in the right direction, that's what I ask and the end of the day there's someone out there who's callous enough to commit the murder in the way it was committed. And if they had an issue with Terry that's all one thing but then to take out Christine.

MR DAVEY: Obviously if you're going to give us a push in a particular direction we're not going to videotape that.

MS GOBBO: No, no.

MR BEZZINA: Yeah. It remains - - -

MR DAVEY: And you would be dealt with the same as anyone else, you know, if you provide information you're put aside. You become anonymous and we just look - - -

MS GOBBO: Yep.

MR DAVEY: - - - in that direction, all right?

MR BEZZINA: That's what it's all about, but anyway. There's no other people that we're going to be tracking down that Gobbo might have contact with?

MR DAVEY: Not that I'm aware of, but I mean, you're in - you're in with all - - -

MS GOBBO: Too many of these - - -

MR DAVEY: All of those groups, all of those groups.

MS GOBBO: And it's - it's (indistinct) it all comes about because, for example, Tony, my phone number, he just gives it to everyone in the world. All these people that are arrested, half by Purana and half by the Drug Squad, they're all ringing.

MR DAVEY: Do you - do you act for Paul Finn?

MS GOBBO: No.

MR DAVEY: Okay.

MS GOBBO: I act for - Suzie Cameron acts for him.

MR DAVEY: Okay, because I need to speak to Paul Finn again.

MS GOBBO: Yes - - -

MR DAVEY: We've already spoken with him.

MS GOBBO: Suzie Cameron.

MR DAVEY: Okay, because we've spoken to him once and we need to talk to him again.

MR BEZZINA: What about a fellow called Carrison?

MS GOBBO: Andrew Carrison?

MR BEZZINA: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: No, don't act for him but have met him before.

MR BEZZINA: You're not acting for him at the moment or?

MS GOBBO: I think Dan Kosovski or Gabor Yurov - - -

MR BEZZINA: Yeah, I think he - - -

MS GOBBO: Wasn't he a co-accused of - - -

MR BEZZINA: Yeah, we saw one of - - -

MR DAVEY: Yeah (indistinct) that's right, that's right.

MR BEZZINA: We spoke to his brother.

MR DAVEY: Yeah, that's right.

MR BEZZINA: Andrew's brother, yeah.

MS GOBBO: No, sorry, that's right, Greg Harrison was the (indistinct) co-accused, because I acted for - - -

MR DAVEY: Yeah, there's two brothers, Andrew and Brett.

MR BEZZINA: Yeah, Brett, yeah.

MS GOBBO: And Andrew is - Andrew is Dan Kosovski.

MR BEZZINA: Dan Kosovski. Well, so he's just one other name on the list for us to track down.

MS GOBBO: Well, he's one - he's someone who - there's someone else who there was obvious, you know, discussions amongst lawyers about Terry Hodson, he's another one.

MR DAVEY: That's right, but I think - what - I think the crux of it is there was certainly out there as a rumour and innuendos, there's build up and build up over a period of time since the - Feb 02 and it's been - and then - till it's finally confirmed after the arrest in September out at Oakleigh or October or whatever it was, and then eventually when the suppression or was lifted, well, that was it, everything was just confirmed right through.

MS GOBBO: Yep, yep.

MR DAVEY: And as you said, it was in the prison system with - through Andrew, and Andrew would have had a bit of a hard time I would imagine - - -

MS GOBBO: Yes, yes.

MR DAVEY: - - - within that system just because they'd say, "Like father, like son."

MR BEZZINA: He would have had to have been looked at in that light.

MS GOBBO: Yes.

MR BEZZINA: People wouldn't have trusted - - -

MS GOBBO: Yes, as such. Everybody is in custody like that.

MR BEZZINA: Yeah, yeah, yeah. But yeah, it's interesting but, you know, or - certainly Andrew was spoken to as a suspect, and as opposed to a person of interest, suspect or - - -

MS GOBBO: Yep.

MR BEZZINA: Yeah, there's issues there. As you said, there's rumours you're hearing about things at the crime scene and the like. So anyway - - -

MS GOBBO: I was trying to - I was trying to stay right out of listening to the rumours and speaking to people - - -

MR BEZZINA: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: - - - because it just causes huge amounts of problem.

MR DAVEY: Well, will you get back into contact with us about Tony?

MS GOBBO: Yeah, I will.

MR DAVEY: All right.

MS GOBBO: I'll speak to him on - unless (indistinct) I can't ring him again tomorrow.

MR DAVEY: We won't do it this week.

MR BEZZINA: No, no, no, next week.

MR BEZZINA: Next week would be good, whenever suits and just - but really it's only to pave the way, because then they go into defence mode and they'll be in contact with you and say, "What's going on?" and, "If you want to talk to me talk to me solicitor," well, we tell them, "We don't go through solicitors, we go through - - -"

MR DAVEY: It's not going to be a matter of a formal interview where they're

cautioned and given their rights, anything like that. It's going to be the same kind of thing - - -

MS GOBBO: I don't think that they would have difficulties, because people that plea have been spoken to by Purana when people have been murdered so - - -

MR DAVEY: Look, yeah, I mean, it's really going to be just a matter of the same kind of thing, you know, "What have you heard? What can you tell us?"

MS GOBBO: Yep.

MR DAVEY: So we'll hear from you.

MS GOBBO: Okay. Was that just continually (indistinct) or someone there recording?

MR DAVEY: No, we just continually leave it on.

MR BEZZINA: Thanks for that - - -

MS GOBBO: (indistinct)

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