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Conversation between Detective A/g Senior Sergeant BATESON,
Detective A/g Inspector O'BRIEN and [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] on [REDACTED] 2006.

BATESON: *"The time is now 10.56 am ... [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]shortly."*

(Nil conversation)

BATESON: *"Looks like he's coming. I've just paused the tape."*

BATESON: *"The time is now 10.58."*

(Irrelevant Background conversation between [REDACTED])

BATESON: "Hi. You heard what happened yesterday?"

[REDACTED] "Yeah, I had a brief out the front."

BATESON: "Yeah."

[REDACTED]: "He's full of shit."

BATESON: "Hey?"

[REDACTED] "You know for a fact he's full of shit. There's nothing I can do."

BATESON: "Nothing you can do?"

[REDACTED] "What do you want me to do?"

BATESON: "Well mate"

[REDACTED] "Mate I want to fucking help. You've got it all fucking wrong. That's the whole fucking thing."

BATESON: "You want to help?"

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“Yeah, I do mate. If you knew the whole fucking story, with ██████████ right, okay, you’d turn around and say to yourself you’re a fucking, you’ll cop it sweet, I will cop it sweet but not the ways you’s understand it. ██████████ fucking ██████████ and I curse the fucking day I didn’t say anything. It fucking kills me, ... my family, with ██████████ cause Andrew is a fucking loose cannon and I tried to tell fucking Dean GRANDE, I tried to fucking tell him that I was in fear of my fucking life. That’s when I dropped off everybody mate. She never set me up. Fucking ridiculous cos he makes out he’s the fucking driver There was fucking three there. MARSHALL, that’s fucking ridiculous that one, I tell ya. Willy Okay, I got told, I don’t care any more; I got told today that um, on my thing that um Carl ordered Willy’s death, right, that is fucking bullshit. So what I’m trying to say, I’ll talk but you’s won’t listen, that’s fucking bullshit. You fucking work it out. Okay, apparently he said Carl shot Willy, um I just told over the phone ... right, um, and Tony wanted to get back at MARSHALL something to do with who ever was in that fucking hand up. Think about it, Willy and MARSHALL never spoke, they were blueing. If you had’ve listened to the phone intercepts, Mark MALLIA and Willy were blueing, Mark MALLIA and MARSHALL were mates. I had nothing to do with, I don’t care if you believe me or not, that’s it, I know, if anyone knows the fucking shit better it’s me. What ██████████ saying is fucking wrong. You let him get away with ██████████ and ██████████ ██████████

BATESON: “Well we’re here mate to give you an opportunity to tell us what you know.”

██████████ “What do I get out of it now?”

BATESON: “Hey?”

██████████ “What do I get out of it now?”

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BATESON: "Well Dean GRANDE and I came out and spoke to you way before mate and gave you the opportunity."

██████████ "Hang on, hang on, hang on, what chance did I have then to survive? I've got family. Come on I've got to think of everyone else."

BATESON: "You're in the same position now mate. You've got to think of"

██████████ "I'm fucked. I'm going to be doing ██████████ years."

BATESON: "Possibly."

██████████ "Look."

BATESON: "The only way you can help yourself is by looking, by assisting, by assisting the Prosecution and by assisting the ah law enforcement authorities and by assisting..."

██████████ "I can't give you Tony. I'm telling you ...he alleges to Tony, paid fifty grand or something between...I honestly can't because I don't even fucking believe it, look, Tony's Tony and Tony will never fucking pay for that. I'm not backing Tony up. If I were scared of anybody it wouldn't be Tony. What I'm trying to say to you, I want to help but fuck what am I going to get from it. If I've got to tell you the whole, but see what I've heard too, I haven't heard the whole thing, I'm just, I'm not fucking you around if you could listen to what I heard today. What ██████████ says, I'm contradicting what ██████████ says and I'll only fuck youse up even more."

BATESON: "Mate, what, you don't have to worry about what other people say. What you have to worry about is telling the truth. And you have to worry about being, when it comes the time for you to get sentenced, if that time comes, then you want to be in a position where you can get ah the assistance from the Judge. Where the Judge can say all right and I can tell you what was said at ██████████ plea on ██████████ sentence, by the Judge."

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[REDACTED]

“I want to see that too.”

BATESON:

“The Judge said, if he had not assisted the prosecuting authorities and the law enforcement community and the course of justice then he would have got life with no minimum. She said that.”

[REDACTED]

“Yeah.”

BATESON:

“And now he ends up with [REDACTED] years. Now for you that might be unbelievable but that’s the kind of discount that you’re able to get if you assist. And we know that you know things [REDACTED]”

[REDACTED]

“Mate, if anyone knows, that’s why ... Look after if you’ve, I’ve got nothing to hide... After with [REDACTED], right, I didn’t mind [REDACTED] was not a bad bloke. He used to fucking big mouth but I knew how to control [REDACTED], just calm him down and that’s it. But when I, what you can believe what you want to believe but on the day I should have twigged, when I was at Brighton, right and the bloke on the other end of the phone said yeah I’ll meet ya, I should have fucking twigged and I didn’t. Because all I was worried about ... fucking that he pays the fucking...keep him happy ...fucking that he fucking pays the rest of the money owing on the car so that I can get PII [REDACTED] off my back. What did I get out of it. Now one other thing, I’ll tell you this, right, I going to get reamed, I can see it.”

BATESON:

[REDACTED] this is what the situation is – and always the situation in these situations. We are not in a position to promise you anything but what I can tell you in my past experience is if you assist and you tell the truth and we can prove that you tell the truth, then you are actually entitled to a discount.”

[REDACTED]

“What discount but – five, ten is it worth it that’s all what I am trying to say to you”

BATESON:

“Well what you need to do, what you need to do”

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[REDACTED] "Tell me what you want. Fuck."

BATESON: "All right, this is what you need to do [REDACTED] you need to spell out what you can tell us and you need to do that in writing and that is a process of what we call induced statements."

[REDACTED] "..."

BATESON: "We want to know it all mate."

[REDACTED] "Okay I'll tell you [REDACTED] now with [REDACTED] is what I hear but I'm pretty good at it, don't worry, right, [REDACTED] Because it's only in that circle there."

BATESON: "Yeah."

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] who else. [REDACTED] I can tell you that. Straight out. [REDACTED] knows who shot him."

BATESON: "Yeah."

[REDACTED] "It was [REDACTED]"

BATESON: "Yep."

[REDACTED] "Right."

BATESON: [REDACTED] "Who else?"

[REDACTED] "That little [REDACTED] whatever his name."

BATESON: "Oh yeah."

[REDACTED] "This is all [REDACTED] isn't it?"

BATESON: "No, I'm just asking you [REDACTED]"

[REDACTED] "Mate, look, I, from day one, I should have just opened my life and get it over and done with."

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BATESON: "Well this is the position you find yourself in now mate."

[REDACTED] "I'm worried about my [REDACTED] They're not worried about me. I'd rather cop it ..."

O'BRIEN: "Nothing that you're saying, just get this through your head, nothing that you're saying here today can be used against you."

[REDACTED] "I know. I'm just telling you. Another thing I wanted to tell you, right, they said to me that I was [REDACTED] some [REDACTED] on the day, right. I told you straight out what car it is, right. He said to me, I said what's going on, I said why am I going on a Saturday when I meant to go yesterday for a blood test, he goes ...mate, I might have fucking overheard something, I might have fucking, out there, I've gone there, right, I've told you what I've seen. Carl's got a navigator, hasn't that got a tracking system on. I didn't go there in a [REDACTED]"

BATESON: "What car did you go in?"

[REDACTED] "Hey?"

BATESON: "What car did you go in?"

[REDACTED] "I told you. [REDACTED] I told you the other day."

BATESON: "Yeah."

[REDACTED] "As soon as I heard that I said mate no way. I'm might have overheard something. But Jesus you can't fucking go and give this shit. Because at the time, I'm convinced Andrew was working both sides of the fence. Right, because, one thing I do respect [REDACTED] for – Andrew was going to shoot me as well – [REDACTED] stopped it. Now if he's got the balls to and I respect him still up to today or else I would have copped it as well. Cos Andrew knew I was finding out things about him."

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BATESON: "Mm."

O'BRIEN: "Well what you've got to decide [REDACTED]"

[REDACTED] "..."

O'BRIEN: "Just hang on a minute. What you've got to decide, as I say to you, nothing you say here today can be used against you"

[REDACTED] "What's your name, I'm sorry?"

O'BRIEN: "O'BRIEN."

[REDACTED] "O'BRIEN. Are you the boss or something?"

O'BRIEN: "Yeah."

[REDACTED] "Yeah."

O'BRIEN: "Right. So the decision you've got to make for yourself, you don't have to decide today, but"

[REDACTED] "I'm gonna decide today."

O'BRIEN: "You work it out for yourself. You've got a bit of time to work it out. You've got to decide whether you want to co-operate or not co-operate. If you, hang on, let me finish, if you want to co-operate it's got to be full co-operation and it's got to be the truth from start to finish. Tell one lie, you're back where you started."

[REDACTED] "No, no, no. I don't fucking, it'll be, start to finish, right, okay, start to finish, there's no, no lie."

O'BRIEN: "Yeah. What you tell us has got to be capable of some form of corroboration."

[REDACTED] "Yeah."

O'BRIEN: "Do you understand what that means?"

[REDACTED] "Yeah, whatever I say"

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O'BRIEN: "Got to be supported by evidence."

[REDACTED] "Got to be supported, yeah."

O'BRIEN: "Or capable of being supported."

[REDACTED] "Capable, yeah."

O'BRIEN: "Right. Now if you try and lessen your part"

[REDACTED]: "No, no, no."

O'BRIEN: "Listen to me just hear what I've got to say."

[REDACTED] "Yeah."

O'BRIEN: "If you decide to co-operate and you try and lessen your part in it"

[REDACTED]: "No."

O'BRIEN: "at any stage, you're back to base one again."

[REDACTED] "I'm not gunna lessen anything."

O'BRIEN: "So, number one you've got to decide do you want to co-operate, number two if you decide to co-operate you must fully co-operate not half measures, no half lies, no bloody discounting yourself, your own involvement in different things, it's got to be truth from start to finish."

[REDACTED] "With the murders, I'll tell you everything."

O'BRIEN: "Yeah, not with the murders [REDACTED] with everything. Start from finish. Start to finish. That's what we want."

[REDACTED] "I understand what you're saying."

O'BRIEN: "Right."

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BATESON: "And you got to do this by yourself [REDACTED]"

[REDACTED] "Can I ask a question? Fucking [REDACTED] was gonna put a and this is what I can't understand, he threatened you in court, right, and you can listen to a bloke like that right."

BATESON: "That's my job [REDACTED]"

[REDACTED] "...This is fucking, I'm filthy, I'm just, I'm angry, right. I'm dirty, I was dirty with [REDACTED] yesterday. My solicitors picked it up. Because, this is bullshit."

BATESON: "Look [REDACTED] I could see you on video and [REDACTED] was trying to get you engaged in stupid stuff and you weren't interested, I could see that."

[REDACTED] "... Right. Okay. I got fucking [REDACTED] Just, if I pull the trigger on. Fuck."

BATESON: "How is [REDACTED] dealing with all this? Does PII [REDACTED] know, does PII [REDACTED] know about what's happening."

[REDACTED] "Can I ask you a question? [REDACTED] doesn't tell me nothing number one. [REDACTED] is too scared to talk to me. Right."

BATESON: "Yeah."

[REDACTED] "Right. PII [REDACTED] too. [REDACTED] PII buries PII [REDACTED] head in the sand, I was telling you, I was trying to talk to PII [REDACTED] and that this morning, PII [REDACTED] PII [REDACTED] have got more understanding than this, [REDACTED] thinks it's just gonna fucking blow over."

BATESON: "It's not gonna blow over [REDACTED] you know that."

[REDACTED] "No, I can see it, I can see it."

BATESON: "So, what you need to do is sit down, and it has to be um with us and you have to spell out everything you know, we can get that in a statement format um this is exactly the same process we've been"

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[REDACTED] "Yous pull me out of here. Do youse pull me out of here?"

BATESON: "Well, probably."

O'BRIEN: "Yeah."

[REDACTED] "Yeah-no I'm not staying here if that happens."

BATESON: "Yeah. Probably. And ah what we do then is we sit down and we record everything you've got to say, um, and then we send it to the OPP. The OPP and your solicitors talk. And then you make the decision whether you go ahead."

[REDACTED] "Do I keep the solicitors?"

BATESON: "Hey?"

[REDACTED] "Do I keep the solicitors?"

BATESON: "Well look I'm not sure, it's up to you."

[REDACTED] "Jim's, I've got heaps of confidence in Jim. Nicola's good but she has to give something, I can't, you know what I mean?"

BATESON: "I personally think that you're better off with independent um legal representation."

[REDACTED] "That's what I mean"

BATESON: "That's what I personally think. Now I can't tell you to change solicitors, um, or anything because as far as I know they're both very good. But what I'm saying is that they're involved with a lot of other people."

[REDACTED] "Can I ask a question?"

BATESON: "Yeah."

[REDACTED] "When I'm seeing coppers can Dean GRANDE be there"

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BATESON: "Dean GRANDE, no he doesn't work with Purana anymore."

[REDACTED] "All right."

BATESON: "He's long gone."

[REDACTED] "Yeah, all right. Because like when he come and saw me a few times, asked me a question, I didn't tell him straight but I looked at him and just sort of said yeah."

BATESON: "Mm."

[REDACTED] "Mick done, Mick did something, Mick done a favour, Mick shooting Andrew or whatever happened, a lot of shit got cleaned up. Andrew was one evil bloke."

BATESON: "Oh look, you know, I believe that, I believe that."

O'BRIEN: "He certainly wouldn't be a candidate for Australian of the Year."

[REDACTED] "It was fucking stupid. It was all over fucking nothing. You want to know how it happened between Jason and Carl got shot."

BATESON: "Absolutely. That's the start. The thing that you have to impress upon the law, which is the Judge, is that you're being totally honest. And if you hold things back she's going to know because she's, she's been there through the start."

[REDACTED] "No, youse keep asking questions and I'm gunna answer them that's it."

BATESON: "Yeah."

O'BRIEN: "But that's not the way it works, we go the case of you co-operating."

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“I’ll co-operate but what I’m saying, if I miss something or you think I’m holding something back, ask me straight out.”

O’BRIEN: “We’ll redirect you to it.”

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“Right. I’m just fucking, I’m agitated ...I’m just angry I haven’t read it yet. You can check with my.”

O’BRIEN: “As I said to you ██████████ what you’ve got to consider is”

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“I’m just thinking about my ██████████”

O’BRIEN: “the position you’re in and when is the next time you’re gunna be able to PII ██████████ PII ██████████ that’s what you’ve got to consider.”

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“PII ██████████ I haven’t PII ██████████ for eighteen months. I need to talk to PII ██████████, how am I going to talk to PII ██████████.”

BATESON: “I don’t know. That’s up to you. You’ve, you’ve, you know it’s not far off decision time. The trial’s going to be starting sooner rather than later.”

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██████████ weeks.”

BATESON: “██████████ weeks. Yeah. Maybe a bit longer, I’m not sure, but um, but in any case, it’s decision time for you.”

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“I know it is.”

BATESON: “You know you’ve always, you’ve always discussed the possibility of helping us and I know that and that’s why we’re here today because we wanted to give you another opportunity um because you’re really in a good position to help yourself but you have to be totally honest and go through the whole thing.”

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“I’ll be saying what I’ve said. I’ll be totally honest. I’m not gunna start bullshitting. If you’re gunna tell you’ve got to tell the whole story or nothing.”

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BATESON: “Absolutely. Absolutely. And what you got to, you’ve got to be in a position ah to receive a maximum discount. To receive the most discount you can then you have to be seen to co-operating fully with law enforcement and prosecution authorities. Now..”

[REDACTED] “Can I ask you this question?”

BATESON: “Yeah.

[REDACTED] “Now let’s be straight. Now that [REDACTED] made, said what he said, right, what much more discount can I get on the [REDACTED] or on the [REDACTED] side.”

BATESON: “Well this is the thing that we have to record everything you’ve got. We’ve got to record it and we’ve got to assess it and we’ve got to um investigate it and we’ve got to put it to the OPP and your solicitors and they’ve got to discuss. All right. And then they will discuss a sentencing recommendation but ultimately it’s the Judge’s decision. Okay? The Judge sits over all of this. We as police can’t tell you anything.”

[REDACTED] “Can I ask, can I just, just [REDACTED] did what [REDACTED] did, right, okay. Can my sentence be [REDACTED]”

BATESON: “I can’t answer you that.”

[REDACTED] “It can’t be.”

BATESON: “I can’t answer that.”

O’BRIEN: “We can’t answer that but you work it out for yourself. I mean you know what fits within the ballpark of the parameters in relation...”

[REDACTED] “They were all fucking, okay, [REDACTED] knew [REDACTED] They all say they weren’t contracts. I wouldn’t then. I’ll say contracts. Right. Because they’re gonna get paid for them at the end of

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the day. Whoever paid them I'll tell you, if I have to tell you, right, but they get, what's gonna happen if I say the truth, it's gonna contradict them, can't you see what I'm trying to say to ya?"

O'BRIEN: "Yeah, we want to know the truth."

██████████ "Yeah I'll tell you the truth, there's no, I can tell you half, I couldn't believe that they shot, ██████████ shot, right, that's ridiculous. The next day at the party, I went off my head. That should have been under surveillance. And you'll see, they even put me in the boot cos I got that blind and that dirty on everyone. It should never have happened. ██████████ who the fuck I never knew ██████████ until the day, I knew of him don't worry about that. But do yourself a favour, find out who had the oil. ██████████ had a bloke, right. ██████████ had a bloke stashing his oil for him, okay, find out who's got the oil because ...you'll be shocked. Because there's another name, it's not Tony, forget backing Tony up cos Tony doesn't have to say anything more, I'll tell you straight, from the oil to phenyl... But whoever had the oil for ██████████ you'd be shocked who's behind it."

O'BRIEN: "Well who is it?"

██████████ "Hey?"

O'BRIEN: "Who is it?"

██████████ "That's I'm not bullshitting, I'm not, there's things this. I'm just trying to say, how the fuck"

O'BRIEN: "Yeah, well who is this person you're talking about?"

██████████ "That's what, I dunno who's the bloke that holds the oil."

BATESON: "Yeah but who's behind it?"

██████████ "Hey?"

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BATESON: "Who's behind it? You're saying there's someone else behind it."

[REDACTED] "Yeah."

BATESON: "Who?"

[REDACTED] "I'll tell you that, don't worry."

O'BRIEN: "Well tell us."

[REDACTED] "Eh?"

O'BRIEN: "Tell us who it is."

[REDACTED] "I can't."

O'BRIEN: "Nothing you say here can be used you [REDACTED] We're not going to go back telling anybody what you've said. So"

[REDACTED] "You'd never tell like COGHLAN"

O'BRIEN: "No."

[REDACTED] "If I think [REDACTED] in danger"

O'BRIEN: "Yeah."

[REDACTED] "Fucked. All right. I don't want my whole fucking [REDACTED] in danger. Andrew wanted [REDACTED] Willy wanted [REDACTED] but it wasn't Willy that wanted [REDACTED], right, it was someone else that wanted [REDACTED]. Andrew, someone else approached Andrew for [REDACTED] So there was two contracts on one person. On [REDACTED] there was two."

O'BRIEN: "Yeah, who was this other person?"

[REDACTED] "Dave HEDGECOCK"

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O'BRIEN: "Yeah. Why?"

[REDACTED] "That I don't know. That I'm telling you now. Because when [REDACTED] right, now this, when I heard, I said you're kidding. They go yeah. The reason being that I said was it about the oil, he goes no. But somewhere along the line, ..., I got a feeling, right, that the oil, he's got something, whether the bloke that holds the oil, he, I can explain the whole lot."

O'BRIEN: "When you say oil, what are you talking about?"

[REDACTED] "You know what it is. P24 what do you call it, PK, P2P."

O'BRIEN: "All right."

[REDACTED] "Ketone. Pure ketone."

O'BRIEN: "Yeah. You're saying [REDACTED] had the ketone, did he?"

[REDACTED] "Yeah, [REDACTED] had the ketone, everyone knows that."

O'BRIEN: "Right. How much? How much of it?"

[REDACTED] "What's that..."

O'BRIEN: "Well how much did he have of it? I just want to know to see if it was worth him getting killed over."

[REDACTED] "What I know of he sold about six or seven hundred litres so he had more than that. Triple that."

O'BRIEN: "Mm. And you say that he was selling P2P."

[REDACTED] "Selling it straight, yeah."

O'BRIEN: "Yeah, and who was he selling it to?"

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“That Willy was one of them. Mark’s another one. That’s it. ██████████ was, what I hear about the bloke, he was a smooth operator.”

BATESON:

“All right ██████████ You’ve got to make some decisions mate. It’s no good”

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“I tell you, you should look into it.”

BATESON:

“It’s no good to us ██████████ It’s no good to us. The only thing that’s good to us, if you ██████████ and give the ██████████ That’s the only thing that’s good for us. There’s no use talking riddles and half”

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“No, there’s no riddles. I’m just saying, I was just want to fucking get this mess out of my hair.”

O’BRIEN:

“You mentioned last time, there was a policeman involved.”

██████████

“What was he doing in court?”

O’BRIEN:

“What’s that?”

██████████

“What was he doing in court? Twice I’ve seen him there.”

O’BRIEN:

“Who’s that?”

██████████

“The copper.”

O’BRIEN:

“Yeah, who is it? Well come on, give us a name.”

██████████

“No. He’ll, that, if I sign then I will, no he’ll get to come out, no.”

O’BRIEN:

“What do you mean he’ll get to come out?”

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“Mate, he’ll clean us up, not a problem in hell. How do I know what youse blokes say doesn’t get out?”

O’BRIEN:

“Well I can assure you it won’t get out.”

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[REDACTED]

“There’s no copper leave it.”

O’BRIEN:

“What’s so hard about saying who it is?”

[REDACTED]

“No.”

O’BRIEN:

“You mentioned last time this copper sold out an undercover operative. Over a thousand tablets. Is that the same bloke?”

[REDACTED]

“No. But they’re all mingled in with each other. It’s just too fucking. If I roll I’ll give you the coppers.”

O’BRIEN:

“How many are we talking about?”

[REDACTED]

“Only hear, this is hearsay, but hearsay saved us from getting pinched, so”

O’BRIEN:

“Mm.”

[REDACTED]

“One, and the second one, if you – One of ‘ems real cunning and what I’m saying I know that he was involved with one of ‘em”

O’BRIEN:

“Yeah.”

[REDACTED]

“But the extent of it, he’d have to be cos he’s ...”

BATESON:

“Do you have direct knowledge, or first hand knowledge of dealing with any police?”

[REDACTED]

“Not me personally.”

BATESON:

“Right.”

[REDACTED]

“Yeah.”

BATESON:

“Do you know of people that do?”

[REDACTED]

“Yes.”

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O'BRIEN: "Well who are we talking about? Are you talking about Carl having dealings, first hand dealings with these people?"

O'BRIEN: [REDACTED] it's as much in your interest, if you're going to co-operate with us, it's as much in your interest to tell us. If we've got a poison apple in our midst we want to know about it because it saves"

[REDACTED] "Just look into there right, and there's no fucking stories about it, if you look into it and I've just got to speak to, somehow or other I've just got to talk to [REDACTED], PII's just fucking in another world."

BATESON: "Well can we help there. Can we get you know something to PII, a message to PII. Can we help you in that regard?"

[REDACTED] "Keep going. Can you set up a meeting between us and PII?"

BATESON: "Well I don't know. I'd have to look into that. Off the top of my head, possibly, not away from here."

[REDACTED] "No no no no, no here, just so I can PII and just tell PII."

BATESON: "What are you going to tell PII though?"

[REDACTED] "I want to fucking roll. I don't want PII to be paranoid, right, PII's gunna walk down the street, PII's [REDACTED] or whatever."

BATESON: "Well we're gunna have to take some steps [REDACTED] PII aren't we?"

[REDACTED] "Yeah, I know that."

BATESON: "PII's gunna need [REDACTED]"

[REDACTED] "And what happens then with me then?"

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BATESON: "Well we're not even close to that point."

[REDACTED] "But whatever you say, can I ask you, don't go back, this is how paranoid I am, youse don't go back and talk to other coppers and it can get out."

O'BRIEN: "No."

BATESON: "Mate, if you were going to roll, your statements are going to be produced, okay, they're going to be produced and quite frankly um if you do decide to talk to us then it's going to be very hard to keep the fact that you're talking to us secret"

[REDACTED] "No, once I start, that's it."

BATESON: "Because you know the process when [REDACTED], how quickly you guys found out that he was talking to us, all right, so that's exactly gunna be the same process."

O'BRIEN: "And as I said to you, in relation to you saying there's a couple of coppers in on it"

BATESON: "One copper I know for a fact."

O'BRIEN: "Yeah, but what I'm saying is"

[REDACTED] "And that's in court."

BATESON: "That's the one in court, are you saying?"

[REDACTED] "Okay, we knew the premises were going down; two weeks before the operation was shut down. I got a message given to me, right, I was the go between picking up something and dropping it off, now, I'm not denying it that I was involved, I was involved, because I was picking it up and dropping it off and getting a cut out of it. If someone needed something and I get it done, I get it done for 'em, I'm not gunna deny that."

O'BRIEN: "So you're a middle man."

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[REDACTED] "Right. But, if someone tells ya, pull up"

O'BRIEN: "Yeah."

[REDACTED] "Right, cos he's gunna go down and they tell ya the one that's going down and they tell ya you can't do nothing about it. It was ridiculous."

BATESON: "Well who did you have that conversation with?"

[REDACTED] "You don't have to be a brain surgeon, you know who it is."

BATESON: "I don't know. I know who the copper is you're referring to, I think. But who did you have that conversation with?"

[REDACTED] "Carl."

BATESON: "Carl. Well see that doesn't make sense to me cos the copper you're referring to would never said to Carl, Carl hates him."

[REDACTED] "Oh you're talking about the Greek."

BATESON: "Yeah, that was the one in court."

[REDACTED] "He's second."

BATESON: "Well, I find that hard to believe that he would ever speak to Carl."

[REDACTED] "No, but what did I say before, amongst them, one I know for a fact is giving info, I'm not making up stories, those two, between them, there's something going on."

BATESON: "Yeah."

[REDACTED] "Okay. Look."

BATESON: "I've got it confused then."

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[REDACTED] “... The other day, what I said to you, it’s made me look bad but if I explain the whole situation about the fucking, like Andrew, what he said, and the way I explained it to ... and that and it would be completely different.”

BATESON: “Well, yeah, anyway, we could sit here and talk around in circles all day.”

[REDACTED] “Well listen, look, what I need to do is sit down and speak to [REDACTED] I need to speak to PII. Just get things through PII head.”

BATESON: “And PII won’t talk in a box visit?”

[REDACTED] “You’re kidding aren’t ya. PII won’t even, I ask PII can you please tell me about your charges. PII won’t even tell me. Speak to Jimmy, he says don’t worry we’ve got bigger problems to worry about than that. That’s PII, I’m not worried about me I’m worried about PII.”

BATESON: “Mm.”

[REDACTED] “PII too scared to talk to me.”

BATESON: “Well how will a contact visit change that?”

[REDACTED] “Because I just ask PII straight out. I got no games. I’m fucking, I’m burnt out, I’m over it all now. I’m burnt out. I cop it sweet but fuck not for all this other bullshit, this is crap.”

O’BRIEN: “Yeah, who’s the copper you say sold out the operation with a thousand pills?”

[REDACTED] “....”

O’BRIEN: “Yeah, who’s that?”

[REDACTED] “Oh I’ll put that in the statement.”

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O'BRIEN: "Yeah."

[REDACTED] "That will be in my evidence, I know that. That I know that."

O'BRIEN: "Yeah but all's I'm after is a name."

[REDACTED] "No. I've given you some names, some things, they're not ... that's exactly what I know, what I've heard. Right. I got nothing to fucking hide"

O'BRIEN: "All right, well, it's up to you, you can either keep your solicitor or it's up to you whether you get another solicitor."

[REDACTED] "..."

BATESON: "You make the assessment yourself [REDACTED]"

[REDACTED] "Jim's good."

BATESON: "Jim is good. Jim's a good solicitor."

[REDACTED] "Jim's fair. Jim's been telling me"

BATESON: "I'll tell you one thing – I truly believe Jim's a good solicitor, I believe he's an honest solicitor."

[REDACTED] "Yeah, he is."

BATESON: "But you are putting him between a rock and a hard place. You are putting him where he's in a potential conflict of interest. That's something for you and him to work out."

[REDACTED] "I can tell Jim, okay I'll tell you what's gonna happen, I'll speak to [REDACTED] and I'll roll. Okay?"

BATESON: "Okay. Well you let us know. We'll start the ball rolling when you let us know. But we won't be coming down again."

[REDACTED] "No."

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BATESON: "This is the offer."

[REDACTED] "Yeah. Nine out of ten, I'm gunna take it because I'm not gunna do PII years for nothing. I'll just say it as it is."

BATESON: "That's all we ask mate. From the start and the truth."

[REDACTED] "I can tell you I'll give you the truth but if it conflicts with [REDACTED] Im not trying to fuck [REDACTED] because if it does, I'm just gunna say it as it is and if it just doesn't interest me well just to fuck him over, I just want to say it and that's it. But I will tell you something. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I can tell you that now, now you can take it anyway you want, say [REDACTED] did, wherever he was and I can bring it all up, cos I started working things out, I went to go and see Willy, then I had Andrew come and see me, he said back off or I'll put a bullet in your head, right, it was easy, it wasn't hard but it was easy for me to work out what was going down, after it happened I knew exactly who fucking everything. The reason why I can't understand why [REDACTED] was there, [REDACTED] had a blew and they never got along, that's besides the point, but I'll tell you the whole story then you'll have to assess it yourselves."

BATESON: "Yeah, that's all we ask mate, that's all we ask."

[REDACTED] "Got to sort out [REDACTED]"

O'BRIEN: "All right. Well do you want us to speak to PII or not?"

[REDACTED] "Can you talk to PII for me?"

BATESON: "I can talk to PII."

[REDACTED] "All you do is ring PII up and say I've told you to come and see PII."

BATESON: "Yeah."

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[REDACTED] "Say look I want to say the truth, just lay it out."

BATESON: "The truth is that you're going to be involving yourself in a whole lot more than what you've been charged with, right?"

[REDACTED] "I'm gunna tell youse mate."

BATESON: "Yeah."

[REDACTED] "Whatever I know, I'll just tell it straight, whatever you know, I just, fuck I'm over it."

BATESON: "All right well I'll go see PII [REDACTED] no worries."

[REDACTED]: "Go and see PII [REDACTED] and I'll ring up Jim to come and see me this week. Jim's all right. I was gunna say Jim, don't get me wrong, but I'm gunna go explain."

BATESON: "Yep."

[REDACTED] "And Jim'll be wrapped. Jim told me to go this way."

BATESON: "Yeah, as I said I reckon Jim"

[REDACTED] "Jim knows the whole story between both cases,
[REDACTED]"

BATESON: "Yeah, I've known Jim for a lot of years and I've always found him very good to deal with."

[REDACTED] "..."

BATESON: "What's that?"

[REDACTED] "Youse did a good job, youse did. It was stupidity. Everyone got carried away they wonder why I was filthy on 'em."

BATESON: "All right. I'll go and see PII [REDACTED]."

[REDACTED] "Yeah. Can you just"

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BATESON: "It won't be today. It'll probably be tomorrow evening."

[REDACTED] "Yeah, just ring up and say look don't stress, [REDACTED] told me to come and see you."

BATESON: "Okay."

[REDACTED] "Get [REDACTED] I think she relaxed when she was in that [REDACTED] last time."

BATESON: "[REDACTED] liked her. Right. No worries."

[REDACTED] "Don't lie to me, you reckon I'm a cunt so what's the difference."

BATESON: "Reckon you are?"

[REDACTED] "Yeah."

O'BRIEN: "Well they're wrong because we don't have any opinions one way or the other. We get paid to do a job and we do that job [REDACTED]"

[REDACTED] "Yeah, it's a low act when there's PII involved."

O'BRIEN: "Of course."

BATESON: "We're just doing our job mate. You asked me how could I sit across the table from [REDACTED] and listen to him. I'm just doing my job."

O'BRIEN: "End of the day, we only want the truth, what happened and that's it. It's not a matter of taking sides with people."

BATESON: "All right mate. We'll knock on the door and we'll go."

[REDACTED] "All right. And once I speak to [REDACTED] I can talk to PII Saturday and Jim, Jim I'll get him out here before

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the weekend ... And Jim'll keep it between us anyway."

O'BRIEN: "All right."

██████████ "Jimmy'll keep that there and I just want to let him know if I'm shifting."

BATESON: "Yeah-no that's all right."

██████████ "Yeah. All right."

BATESON: "All right."

O'BRIEN: "All right. Thanks ██████████"

██████████ "Sorry for all the heartaches. I should have told you from the start."

BATESON: "Should have told us from the start."

██████████ "Hey?"

BATESON: "I told you that from the start."

██████████ "But when you've got ██████████ to worry about it's not easy."

BATESON: "Yeah."

██████████ "When you've got ██████████ you've got to be careful."

BATESON: "Yeah."

██████████ "With the cop, don't stress."

O'BRIEN: "No, I just think it's a risk, it's a risk thing. Just think of it as a risk."

██████████ "It is, that's why I'm worried."

O'BRIEN: "It's a risk to you."

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[REDACTED]

“I’ve always been worried about that haven’t I Mr. BATESON?”

BATESON:

“Well you have, yeah.”

[REDACTED]

“You can’t understand how this, you know.”

O’BRIEN:

“Fair enough.”

BATESON:

“Give them another knock mate.”

BATESON:

“All right well next week sometime we’ll get down.”

O’BRIEN:

“It’s now 11.40 am.”