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Proposed evidentiary debrief of Carl Williams

Detective Senior Sergeant O'Connell and I have been engaged in ongoing discussions and negotiations with Carl Williams in relation to the Hodson investigation. We have had several conversations with Williams with the primary purpose of obtaining Williams' cooperation and ultimately a statement detailing his knowledge of the murders.

On 04 December 2008, we both met with barrister, Shane Tyrell at his chambers in Little Bourke Street Melbourne. During the subsequent conversation Tyrell detailed the following;

- (i) Williams is now prepared to fully assist investigators with "8 – 10 murders."
- (ii) Williams is prepared to start "from the beginning and give up everything."
- (iii) Williams is prepared to give evidence.
- (iv) Williams will assist investigators in relation to;
 - The Hodson murders, specifically Dale and the "shooter."
 - The Marshall murder.
 - The Kinniburgh murder.
 - The Pierce murder, specifically Gatto and Benvenuto.
 - The murder of Quadara(s).
 - The murder of Mallia.
 - The murder of Radev.
 - The murder of Mladenich.
 - An undisclosed number of attempted murders.
- (v) Williams is requesting protection for his father George Williams and reiterates his request that he either is bought down to Barwon and/or that he is present during the debriefing process. Investigators are of the view that an appropriate outcome will be able to be negotiated with Williams' legal team and the Office of Corrections in

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- relation to this. Williams has been consistent throughout our conversations with him, in relation to the welfare and protection of his father.
- (vi) Williams trusts myself and O'Connell and believes that we will not "back flip him."

ISSUES

The Petra Taskforce would propose to conduct a debrief with Williams in relation to his offer of assistance; this obviously raises a number of issues namely,

- The level of security and secrecy required for this to occur.
- Appropriate site for the de briefing.
- Liaison and briefing of the Office of Corrections and OPP.
- Specific methodology to be employed in conducting the debrief.
- Costs involved.
- Previous investigations of mentioned murders and ongoing prosecutions by the Purana Taskforce.

PROPOSAL

It is proposed that the following occur,

- A de brief of Williams commence at the earliest opportunity.
- That the debrief be conducted by members of the Operation LORIS investigation crew at the Petra Taskforce.
- That the de briefing occurs at [REDACTED]
- That the [REDACTED] be tasked to assist the selection of this [REDACTED] and provide [REDACTED] for the duration of this operation.
- That Williams be removed from Barwon Prison under the provisions of Section 57A of the *Corrections Act 1986 – Custodial Community Permits*.
- [REDACTED]
- That a full risk assessment be made in relation to the Williams family members, particularly Roberta and Daughter Dakota.
- The Detective Inspector Purana Taskforce be informed in relation to the proposed debrief of Purana murders and his input obtained in relation to the most appropriate manner for this to occur.

It is further proposed that the persons aware of this de brief be limited to the minimal required. Petra has already taken steps to ensure that only the LORIS crew are aware of what is proposed

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as we are concerned that any wider knowledge of Williams' cooperation may impact on his level of cooperation.

Preliminary discussions (no names) have already taken place with Inspector [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED] and they are able to assist with the planning of this type of scenario.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that "in principal' approval' be given to the above mentioned proposal so that further detailed preparations can commence, initially in relation to the timing, location and security.

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