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**Petra Taskforce****Weekly Update 14 May 2007****Taskforce Activities in the past week**

Further information has been obtained that now indicates that the offender/s may have entered the premises by climbing the rear fence and entering the rear door.

Hair samples were recovered from the fence, at the time of initial police attendance, and are now to be subject of Mitochondrial DNA testing (Report submitted).

All persons of interest are being checked to ascertain current DNA profile status, due to 3 DNA profiles being identified on clothing of deceased, Terence HODSON.

All Information Reports are being reviewed.

PURANA Task Force intelligence holdings have been reviewed and TI, LD, Tracker material identified for further analysis.

.. to test Date & why e Hitchhiker.

Financial profiles have been commenced on numerous persons of interest.

**Tactical Investigation Operative**

Senior Constable Natalie McGrath, from Tasked Operations 500, commenced work at the taskforce on Tuesday 8 May 2007. She is currently engaged in familiarising herself with the investigation.

**Administrative Support**

Part time administrative support is still pending.

**Carl Williams Plea / Sentence**

Carl Williams was sentenced by Justice Betty KING on Monday 7 May 2007.

He was sentenced to life imprisonment for the three counts of murder (Jason MORAN, Lewis MORAN and Mark MALLIA), with a minimum of 35 years imprisonment (from the date of sentencing). signed his statement on Tuesday 24 April 2007.

He was [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] for the [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Justice KING described WILLIAMS evidence in the plea hearing as "unbelievable, even incredible at times" She later stated, "...not only do I consider you a most unsatisfactory witness, virtually incapable of telling the truth, except for some minor

and largely irrelevant portions of your evidence, I find that the manner in which you gave evidence was arrogant, almost supercilious .....

*. Michael has asked to see Shane Kelly...*

**Investigation Plan**

The Interpose Investigation Plan has been completed and submitted. A hard copy is attached. As a component of the investigation plan, a Risk Assessment matrix has been completed and is also attached.

**Legal Team**

They will be briefed as soon as an appointment is made.

*Brian Davis. NB.  
No any thing for McKean.*

**Planned Activities this week**



S/Sgt. Murray GREGOR, formerly of ESD and informant in relation to Oakleigh burglary investigation, to attend task force and give full briefing re same.

**ESD Requests**

ESD investigation files required to assist in investigation / corroboration of the WILLIAMS statement.

*1. ID. from pt. Gavan Wallace?  
↳ follow up = Wayne Tyler. NB.*

**Petra**

It is reasonably well known (within Crime Department) already the name of the taskforce. Is there a strategy to release it to the media?

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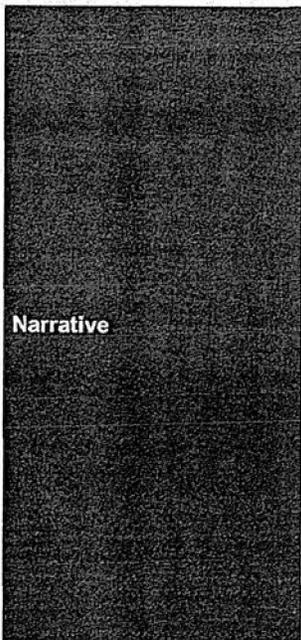
  
Gavan Ryan  
Detective Inspector  
Petra Taskforce  
14 May 2007

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<b>Investigation Name</b>	PETRA
<b>LEAP Incident</b>	
<b>Primary Focus Type</b>	Investigations Relating to Persons
<b>Primary Focus Category</b>	Homicide
<b>Primary Focus Sub-Category</b>	Murder
<b>Additional Focus</b>	1.

<b>Job Type</b>	Investigation - targeted
<b>Categorisation</b>	1 - Crime Department primacy
<b>Prioritisation</b>	High community impact (A)
<b>Effective From</b>	25-APR-2007
<b>Effective To</b>	25-APR-2008
<b>Investigation Plan needed?</b>	Yes No

## Narrative

1.  Narrative

At approximately 6.15 p.m. on Sunday the 16th of May 2004 the bodies of Terence HODSON and his wife Christine HODSON were discovered by their daughter Mandy HODSON lying face down on the floor in a TV room at the rear of their rented premises at  Harp Road, East Kew.

Post mortem examinations revealed both had died from gunshot wounds to the back of the head.

Terrence HODSON had previously been a registered informer for the Victoria Police, Major Drug Investigation Division. His handlers were DSC Dave MIECHEL and D/Sgt. Paul DALE. HODSON and MIECHEL were later arrested and charged in relation to the burglary of a MDID target premises.

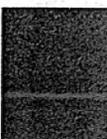
HODSON became a witness for the Victoria Police, Ethical Standards Dept., in relation to the burglary. As a result, DALE was arrested and charged with the burglary.

The investigation into the murder of Terrence HODSON and Christine HODSON has been conducted by the Victoria Police, Homicide Squad.

In April 2007, Carl Anthony WILLIAMS supplied a statement to police, with reference to Paul DALE and the murder of the HODSON's.

On 23 April 2007, the PETRA Task Force commenced operation, to further investigate the murder of Terrence and Christine HODSON, including the allegations made by WILLIAMS.

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Narrative

## Comments

1. **Comment Type** Investigation Manager Comment

**Comment**

Investigation plan prepared. Risk Assessment completed and attached. Forwarded to D/Insp. RYAN, O/C PETRA Task Force for approval.

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2. **Comment Type** Squad Manager Comment

**Comment**

Approved at taskforce level. To be taken before Committee of management on Monday 7 May 2007 for formal approval

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3. **Comment Type**

**Comment**

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**Note:- All fields are mandatory down to Approval and Conditions**

**Submitting Member:** USER 45320, VP23964, Shane, O'CONNELL, Active

**Primary Goal:** To investigate the murder of Terence HODSON and Christine HODSON and identify and successfully prosecute the offender/s for this murder.

**Investigation Objectives:**

- 1. **Investigation Objectives:** Identify suspect(s)   
**Comments:** Identify suspects involved in the murder of Terence and Christine HODSON  
**Result:** 
- 2. **Investigation Objectives:** Charge suspect offender(s)   
**Comments:** Collect sufficient admissible evidence to successfully charge and prosecute the offender/s responsible for the murder  
**Result:** 
- 3. **Investigation Objectives:** Identify networks, groups or associates   
**Comments:** Identify person or persons involved or with knowledge of this murder and implement strategies to ascertain the extent of their involvement or knowledge  
**Result:** 
- 4. **Investigation Objectives:** Prepare coronial inquest brief   
**Comments:** At the conclusion of the investigation an Inquest Brief is to be prepared for the Coroner.  
**Result:** 
- 5. **Investigation Objectives:**   
**Comments:**  
**Result:** 

**Key Performance Indicators:** Increase In Detected Crime   
Reduction In Offences Against The Person   


**Issues Outside Scope:** Investigation will involve determining the extent of involvement, if any, of former members of victoria Police

**Main Investigation Strategies:**

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1.	<b>Strategy:</b>	Human source	<b>Status:</b>	Active
	<b>Authorisation:</b>		<b>Reason:</b>	Determine if registered human sources can be utilised to assist
2.	<b>Strategy:</b>	Electronic surveillance	<b>Status:</b>	Active
	<b>Authorisation:</b>		<b>Reason:</b>	Utilise Surveillance devices to gather intelligence and evidence
3.	<b>Strategy:</b>	Physical surveillance	<b>Status:</b>	Active
	<b>Authorisation:</b>		<b>Reason:</b>	Use of physical surveillance to monitor movements of suspects and persons of
4.	<b>Strategy:</b>	Telecommunications inter	<b>Status:</b>	Active
	<b>Authorisation:</b>		<b>Reason:</b>	Identify current telecommunications utilised by suspects and obtain
5.	<b>Strategy:</b>	Forensic examination	<b>Status:</b>	Active
	<b>Authorisation:</b>		<b>Reason:</b>	Forensic analysis of crime scene, exhibits located within the scene and other
6.	<b>Strategy:</b>		<b>Status:</b>	
	<b>Authorisation:</b>		<b>Reason:</b>	

**Involvement of External Agencies:** Office of Police Integrity and Australian Crime commission to be utilised to assist during investigation

### Additional Resources:

**Physical Resources:** Physical resources to be utilised from within the task force.

**Financial Resources:** Finances to be obtained from within task force budget. Further requests for financial assistance to be made to Task Force, Committe

**Information Technology Resources:** to be utilised from within the task force.

**Human Resources:** PETRA Task Force established on instruction from D/C OVERLAND, as per Terms of Reference. Task force staff - 1 x D/Insp, 1 x

### Risk Assessment:

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1. Risk	<input type="text"/>	Priority
Risk Management Plan	 Investigation Plan - Risk Assessment.doc	
	 	
2. Risk	<input type="text"/>	Priority
Risk Management Plan	 	

### Approval and Conditions:

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### Investigation Completion Report:

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### Post Operational Assessment:

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**OPERATION  
NAME:**

PETRA TASK FORCE

**EVENT NUMBER:**

**PREPARED BY:**

Risk Category	Risk	Likelihood	Consequence	Level of Risk	Action Plan / Mitigation Strategy
PLANNING (6)	Misunderstanding roles / responsibilities	Possible	Minor	MEDIUM	<b>POSSIBLE MITIGATION STRATEGIES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weekly Briefing session for all members</li> <li>Weekly Management Meetings</li> <li>Terms of Reference for task force</li> <li>Terms of Reference for task force</li> <li>Committee of Management</li> </ul>
	Digression for core Function	Possible	Minor	MEDIUM	
INFORMATION MANAGEMENT (1)	Document Security	Possible	Major	EXTREME	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nomination of document manager</li> <li>Secure cabinets for hardcopies of documents</li> <li>Register for dissemination of sensitive documents</li> <li>Internal policy re dissemination of sensitive documents</li> <li>"Clean Desk" policy to apply</li> <li>Establishment of secure Task force premises</li> <li>Restricted access to task force work area</li> </ul>
	Information Access	Unlikely	Major	HIGH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Security Group established within Interpose</li> <li>Establishment of secure "G" drive directories</li> <li>Task force dissemination policy</li> </ul>
INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS (17)	Internal/external stakeholders	Possible	Moderate	HIGH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nomination of Liaison officers with internal and external stakeholders</li> <li>Internal stakeholder as per Terms of Reference - communication via liaison officers.</li> <li>Media plan, as per Terms of Reference</li> <li>External stakeholders, as per Terms of Reference</li> <li>Witnesses (general)</li> </ul>
VICTIM MANAGEMENT (15)	Victim needs	Unlikely	Minor	LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nominated liaison officer</li> <li>Nominated contact timelines</li> <li>Recording of contacts within Interpose</li> <li>Compliance with Victims Charter Act</li> </ul>
	Vulnerable witnesses	Possible	Moderate	HIGH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Access to clinical/welfare services</li> </ul>
OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY	Unplanned potential physical risks	Unlikely	Minor	LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Physical danger (protective clothing equipment needs)</li> <li>Manual handling issues</li> <li>Specific training requirements</li> <li>Prohibition directions</li> </ul>

<p>WELFARE</p> <p>(2)</p>	<p>Workload</p>	<p>Possible</p>	<p>Major</p>	<p>EXTREME</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Active monitoring and management of Fatigue</li> <li>• Leave management</li> <li>• Access to clinical/welfare services</li> <li>• Rest Day management</li> <li>• Ongoing assessment of staffing levels</li> <li>• Reintegration strategy, as per Terms of Reference.</li> </ul>
<p>SECURITY</p> <p>(7)</p>	<p>Members</p>	<p>Possible</p>	<p>Major</p>	<p>EXTREME</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• THASM</li> <li>• Proactive security arrangement for staff, eg. Silent electoral roll, lands titles barring etc.</li> </ul>
	<p>Office Security</p>	<p>Unlikely</p>	<p>Major</p>	<p>HIGH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitored Alarm after hours</li> <li>• Clean Desk Policy</li> <li>• Security Cabinets for sensitive material</li> <li>• Task Force policy re display of sensitive material, eg. Link charts</li> <li>• Restriction of access to office</li> <li>• Meetings conducted "off site"</li> <li>•</li> </ul>