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Petra Taskforce

Weekly Update: 01 December 2008

Op. LORIS

Investigation relating to double murder of Terence and Christine HODSON.

Update (as per Interpose) –

- **IR 44 – Active investigative avenues.**
 - Investigators located a copy of IR44 and other police documents, which were part of a THASM file relating to Wayne STRAWHORN with GALBALLY and O'BRIEN Solicitors.
 - Document seized from Galbally and O'Brien to be forensically examined. Document lodged with VPFSC for examination.
 - Nil value re prints / DNA
 - Ongoing.

- **ACC hearings -**

- [REDACTED]

- **DALE – 26 November 2008**
 - Admitted use of safe phones
 - Admitted to relationships with GOBBO and female Vicpol members
 - Denied corrupt relationship with WILLIAMS

- **“WATERGARDENS PHONE CALL” - WILLIAMS to DALE**

- CCR's obtained on all public phones at Watergardens S/C identify call to PII [REDACTED]
 - PII [REDACTED] identified as phone used by Paul DALE
 - CCR's obtained on PII [REDACTED] identify 2 phone numbers of specific interest –

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- PII [REDACTED] (Alex KOSKAREV) and
 - [REDACTED] (Kolya VALERSKY)
- All contact between above phones occurs for two week period only pre-HODSON murders (16 May 2004)
- Analysis of intelligence holdings on these three phones indicate that the KOSKAREV and VALERSKY phones may have been used at the time by Nicola GOBBO and were supplied to her by Azzem AHMED.
- **GOBBO interviewed at 1000 hours Monday 17 November –**
 - Confirmed relationship between DALE and WILLIAMS
 - Confirmed that she assisted in setting up meeting between WILLIAMS and DALE.
 - Maintains that she is not aware of either persons involvement in the HODSON murders.
 - Will consider providing a statement to Petra investigators.
 - **D/Sgt. SOLOMON spoke to GOBBO on Friday 28.11.2008**
 - **GOBBO to ring DSC DAVEY on Monday 1.12.2008 to make further appt.**
- Enquiries being conducted re SPIDANO, also called by Dale phone.
 - Profile of SPIDANO being done
 - Enquiries being conducted with PURANA
 - Established that SPIDANO currently overseas
 - SPIDANO now in custody “on remand” in Sydney.
 - [REDACTED] proposed – nil date as yet.
- **ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE –**
 - Surveillance Devices
 - PII [REDACTED]) – LD de activated and not renewed.
 - PII [REDACTED] currently activated and being monitored. **Renewed for further 3 months.**
 - PII [REDACTED] – currently activated and being monitored PII [REDACTED]. Expires 21.12.2008
 - **General conversations continuing re intention to make a deal with investigators**
 - **Conversation with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] indicates that he intends to assist police....”tell him I’m going to go full bore on everyone”**
 - **Further conversation re [REDACTED]**
 - **Further conversation re [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]**
 - **Further conversation re [REDACTED]**
 - **Further conversation re [REDACTED]**
 - [REDACTED] engaging in whispered conversation with [REDACTED] about all PETRA matters, including HODSON murders
 - Enquiries on going re audio enhancement
 - **Further Listening Device product identified for enhancement**
 - Arunta Phones
Prison calls re MOKBEL, WILLIAMS, COLLINS, MIECHEL being accessed and monitored via Corrections, Victoria.
 - Telephone Intercepts

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- TI on DALE
 - Information via TI that DALE attended Perth on 22/11/08. Picked up by [REDACTED]
 - Taken to house 3 hrs south of Perth where he has met Denis Lenihan and unknown other.
 - WA detective was supposed to attend house but changed his mind.
 - [REDACTED] then declined to install LD due to no [REDACTED] to occupants of the house.

- TI for HAGGAR
 - [REDACTED] commenced – [REDACTED] in further [REDACTED] [REDACTED] with HAGGAR. Nil further escalation of [REDACTED]
 - Conversation between COLLINS and HAGGAR, in relation to HAGGAR assisting COLLINS to set up a false alibi re the HODSON murders. Believed that this amounts to Conspiracy to Pervert the Course of Justice.

Avenues of Enquiry –

- Concentrated approach to criminal associates of COLLINS
 - Investigators have spoken to
 - Kylie HAGGAR
 - Nil further contact with HAGGAR
 - Tony MOKBEL
 - Refused to speak with PETRA investigators
 - Nil further advice from MOKBEL or solicitors about wanting to meet with PETRA.
 - Rod COLLINS
 - Nil further contact with COLLINS
 - Carl WILLIAMS
 - As per page 2.

Op. BERIME

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

Update (as per Interpose) –

- WITNESS REVIEW / BRIEF PREPARATION
 - Significant commitment to re-canvassing existing witnesses.

- Further witness – [REDACTED] – located and interviewed by investigators.
 - PETRA Investigators attending [REDACTED] Monday 17 November – and obtained statement – further evidence of admissions by COLLINS to ABBEY murders.

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- **Significant work required in relation to witness indemnification / classification – conference with OPP HORGAN and PRAPPAS on 03/12/08 re witness list.**

Op. HETMAN

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

- Further statement obtained from witness BUCKLEY neighbouring worker at time of Armed Robbery. ID from photoboard of COLLINS and IRVING.
- **Brief preparation ongoing**

Mention date – 23 Jan 09

Brief Service – 12 Dec 08

Op. MINCER

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

- Investigation file obtained and all Information Reports are currently being reviewed.
- **Proposed to conduct meeting with previous lead investigator – James O’HALLORAN**
- Identified witnesses to be re-canvassed.
- Witness – [REDACTED] – has provided information that COLLINS admitted involvement, with COX, in the murder. Statement obtained from [REDACTED]
 - Nominates COLLINS and COX – COLLINS as the “shooter”
 - COLLINS admits to murder [REDACTED]
 - Describes background / lead up to the murder and the associations of those involved.
 - Also provides evidence of admissions made by COLLINS to the ABBEY murders.
- IR identified as being submitted (by then) S/D MULLETT of ARS on 17/01/1983, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. Request approval to speak to MULLETT regarding this information and IR submission.
 - **Contact made with MULLETT, Nil Value. No recollection of IR.**
- **Strategy re COX will most likely not be reached until New Year.**
- **Original Exhibits located at Collingwood store**
 - **Currently being assessed for further analysis.**

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Op. DANDER

Investigation relating to conspiracy to murder –

- **Incident 1** - LEA Document located in execution of search warrant on Rodney COLLINS.
- **Dragan RANDJELOVIC** -
 - Ongoing
- **Incident 2** - Further Copy of LEA Document (Copy 2) handed to Epping Police Station by [REDACTED], intended recipient Dale JEFFREY.
- **Incident 3** - Further copy of LEA Document (Copy 3) in possession of Sonny OTENE.
- **Incident 4** - Further copy of LEA Document (Copy 4) in possession of John HIGGS.
- **Incident 5** - Further copy of document (Copy 5) in possession of [REDACTED] from [REDACTED]
- **Avenues of Investigation –**
 - Covert Operation re [REDACTED]
 - UC strategy to be revisited. UC returned to [REDACTED] for 7 day period commencing [REDACTED]/08 with the intention of having UC in contact with [REDACTED] during [REDACTED]
 - UC has since [REDACTED]
 - “Neil” – Ex Armed Robbery Squad member / Lawyer, nominated by DOUGLAS
 - Neil Arthur HUTTON identified as possible
 - Nil further
 - Telephone Intercepts obtained re PONIEWAZ and GANGLEHOFF
 - Currently being monitored – limited value
 - [REDACTED] identified and located at [REDACTED] premises.
 - Ongoing
 - Proposed Investigation targeting POI – Alan GANGLEHOFF
 - OPI / ESD surveillance on same
 - LD for home installed on 22/11/08 – currently being monitored.
 - Re visit to source of Crime Stoppers call on [REDACTED]/08 – [REDACTED]
 - POI – Dayle JEFFREY – re visited on 21/11/08 – little further value other than to reiterate GANGLEHOFF’s name.

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Operation KRISES

Investigation targeting – Darren HAFNER

- **POI identified – Darren HAFNER**
 - Identified in original ESD complaint file re [REDACTED]
 - Known to [REDACTED] and have common associates [REDACTED]
 - Criminal links established to OTENE / HIGGS / HICKEY via [REDACTED] (WAPol / AFP operation)
 - Criminal links established to RANDJELOVIC / MARGUGLIO
 - TI obtained for HAFNER.
- [REDACTED]
 - [REDACTED] spoken to on 27/11/08, stated,
 - **Stated he has seen three document overall. Everyone has seen them.**
 - **Denied retaining any copies.**
 - **Shown first copy by [REDACTED]**
 - **Shown second copy by [REDACTED]**
 - **Went to [REDACTED] primary school with [REDACTED]**
 - **No contact since [REDACTED]**
 - **Stated that he was warned by one of the [REDACTED] that he was being worked on and that the information came from [REDACTED]**
 - **This was about 9 months ago.**
 - **States that he has no other relationships [REDACTED] or able to obtain information.**

Op. PLYERS

Investigation into the unlawful disclosure of document to Mohammed OUEIDA

- Target – Mohammed OUEIDA identified on 10.10.2008 as being in possession of police document.
- Investigators believe that OUEIDA may have possession of a further SSU profile titled, “Job: S144/2007- AGAMAS – 31/03/2008 08:22:15.” Which is an SSU generated profile on Mohammed Sherif Lobau OUEIDA
- From [REDACTED] – OUEIDA has ascertained that a criminal associate, Omar ABOU-EID has [REDACTED] who works for Victoria Police at [REDACTED]
 - **D/Insp. ARISTIDOU located file at ESD – disseminated to PETRA for investigation. Nil further.**
- OPI Hearings conducted as a result of [REDACTED] arrests -
 - Steven ANDRIANAKIS – Solicitor for OUEIDA and AWAD
 - Nadine AWAD
 - Mohammed OUEIDA

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- Bassam TAIBA was arrested at Honiara, Solomon Islands airport on 28 October 2008 re Arrest Warrant for Murder. Extradition to be sought to Melbourne.
 - **PETRA travel to Solomon's deferred at this time**
- Investigation conducted by PETRA TIO – SC Natalie McGRATH – identified possible “Bubs”
 - **Dean Patrick PIESCIK ([REDACTED]), of [REDACTED] Pascoe Vale**
 - Current interest to Clan. Lab. Squad re Op. SHRIMP
 - Girlfriend identified as – Nuria LOPEZ ([REDACTED]) [REDACTED] Brunswick East
 - ACC TI identified AWAD speaking to Danny EL-TAWIL ([REDACTED]) with reference to a “Bubsy”
- Meetings conducted with [REDACTED] on 15 November. Following this meeting, met with [REDACTED] at city location.
 - [REDACTED] offered to assist investigators.
 - Offer was for [REDACTED] to meet with [REDACTED] in company with [REDACTED]
- Investigators travelled to Sydney and met with Sam MASRI on 15 November. MASRI,
 - MASRI confirmed that he was shown police document by OUEIDA and retained a copy. Nil value.

Investigators met with [REDACTED] on 17 November.

Investigators again met with [REDACTED] on 25 November.

- [REDACTED] attended Carlton area where they were [REDACTED]
- Attended at the [REDACTED] Shop [REDACTED] Street, Brunswick. Met [REDACTED] in vicinity of shop.
- Attended shop and met with [REDACTED]. Meeting went for 35 minutes where they requested further [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] indicated that he is able to source further [REDACTED] and that it should take a “couple of days.”
- Surveillance on [REDACTED] and continued monitoring of his phone has not revealed anything of significance.

Contact with [REDACTED] by investigators on 30 November.

- [REDACTED] attended [REDACTED] Shop on [REDACTED] and inquired in relation to the status of their request for further [REDACTED]
- Spoke to [REDACTED] who stated that he had been talking to [REDACTED] who said “all is good and we will get there.”
- No specific time frames were given.

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Advice on 01/12/08 is that OUEIDA will now not be arrested and extradited on 04/12/08 by NSW Police.

INQUIRIES

- Significant phone analysis being undertaken.
- Substantial number of calls from PIESCIK to Graham WATTS
- Significant calls between WATTS and [REDACTED]
- Call from WATTS to PIESCIK on arrival back from Thailand on 08/10/08 (date [REDACTED]).
- There seems to be a pattern, that every time WATTS calls PIESCIK, he calls [REDACTED] either immediately prior or immediately after.
- PIESCIK and WATTS contact WATTS on 13/09/08 and 14/09/08, [REDACTED] PIESCIK then attends Broadford on 15/09/08 (WATTS in Thailand).
- On 16/09/08 AWAD tells ANDRIANAKIS that she can source information about her case.
- [REDACTED] resides in [REDACTED] close to WATTS, ESD intel revealed allegations of inappropriate relationship between WATTS and [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] difference.
- Insufficient for TI on [REDACTED]

PROPOSAL

- Maintain surveillance coverage on PIESCIK.
- TI monitoring to continue on WATTS, PIESCIK and [REDACTED]
- Efforts being made to install LD in PIESCIK home address.

OVERT PHASE

- Search warrants on John and Sam HIGGS
- Peter PONIEWAZ
- Scott HAMILTON
- GANGLEHOFF – defer
- DOUGLAS - defer
- Serve notices on above, Neil HUTTON, HAFNER for hearings commencing 03/12/08.
- SSU members – liaising with OPI

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Electronic Surveillance

The PETRA Task Force currently has the following electronic surveillance commitments –

Operation	Warrant type	Warrant no.	Address / Number	Target	Concludes	Monitoring Agency
LORIS	TI	D70309-01	[REDACTED]	Paul DALE	26.1.2009	Vicpol - PETRA
LORIS	TI	D70317-01	[REDACTED]	Kylie HAGGAR	21.12.2008	Vicpol – PETRA
LORIS	TI	D70318-01	[REDACTED]	Kylie HAGGAR	21.12.2008	Vicpol - PETRA
LORIS	TI	D70319-01	[REDACTED]	Kylie HAGGAR	21.12.2008	Vicpol - PETRA
LORIS	LD	SD0052-01	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	19.11.2008	Vicpol – PETRA
LORIS	LD	SD0053-01	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	1.12.2008	Vicpol – PETRA
LORIS	LD	SD0056-01	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	21.12.2008	Vicpol - PETRA
DANDER	CCTV	Consent	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Ongoing...	OPI
KRISES	TI			Darren HAFNER		Vicpol - PETRA
DANDER	TI (NPW)			Peter PONIEWAZ		OPI
DANDER	TI (NPW)			Alan GANGLEHOFF		OPI
PLYERS	TI		[REDACTED]	Nadine AWAD		Vicpol - PETRA
PLYERS	TI		[REDACTED]	Nadine AWAD		Vicpol - PETRA
PLYERS	TI			Dean PIESCIK		OPI
PLYERS	TI			Graham WATTS		OPI
PLYERS	TI			Graham WATTS		OPI
PLYERS	TI			[REDACTED]		OPI