

What the - the shooting and - - -

NICOLA GOBBO:

Yeah but it was over the ..... and you know the -  
the truth really is not coming out on the TV or  
..... (INDISTINCT) I've had some remarkable moments  
over the time though. One of them was [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] when I was - when I was proofreading his  
statement to police which you, better than most,  
appreciate was the turning point in - - -

DETECTIVE SENIOR SERGEANT O'CONNELL:

Yeah.

NICOLA GOBBO:

Lots of things. I went to see him on one occasion  
and ..... he said, "Look, I've been talking to  
Stuart Bateson and you know, I really want you to  
act for me and I - I trust you ..... (INDISTINCT)  
..... sleeping with ..... I mean you can do better  
than that but you - he said Stuart thinks it's a bit  
of a conflict because you've spoken with Carl, you  
shouldn't be ..... to me. I went off my dial.  
Sleeping with Carl. And we were in - that was in  
..... and you know the place has been - it's been  
listened to by Purana.

DETECTIVE SENIOR SERGEANT O'CONNELL:

Yeah, yeah.

NICOLA GOBBO:

(INDISTINCT) ..... have said some choice comments  
about Stuart and some other detectives, knowing that  
it was being listened. But how dare someone say I'm

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sleeping with him. There would be no - no - no -  
there couldn't be proof of that, Shane, because it  
didn't happen. So why do people say those things?

DETECTIVE SENIOR SERGEANT O'CONNELL:

I don't know.

NICOLA GOBBO:

It's just an assumption based on what people are  
saying?

DETECTIVE SENIOR SERGEANT O'CONNELL:

Yeah and it could be rumour, gossip, innuendo. Not  
nec-, well, definitely not from your side of things  
but - - -

NICOLA GOBBO:

No.

DETECTIVE SENIOR SERGEANT O'CONNELL:

But someone like him who's trying to - - -

NICOLA GOBBO:

..... (INDISTINCT)

DETECTIVE SENIOR SERGEANT O'CONNELL:

Yeah, someone like him who's trying to get his  
reputation up there and step up in the world and - -  
-

NICOLA GOBBO:

Yeah.

DETECTIVE SENIOR SERGEANT O'CONNELL:

You know ..... (INDISTINCT)

NICOLA GOBBO:

..... (INDISTINCT)

DETECTIVE SENIOR SERGEANT O'CONNELL:

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He's probably putting it out there.

NICOLA GOBBO:

And he does it now.

DETECTIVE SENIOR SERGEANT O'CONNELL:

Yeah.

NICOLA GOBBO:

So - - -

DETECTIVE SENIOR SERGEANT O'CONNELL:

You know he'd be - - -

NICOLA GOBBO:

Tony did it - Tony - - -

DETECTIVE SENIOR SERGEANT O'CONNELL:

He's probably putting it out there.

NICOLA GOBBO:

And he does it now.

DETECTIVE SENIOR SERGEANT O'CONNELL:

Yeah.

NICOLA GOBBO:

So - - -

DETECTIVE SENIOR SERGEANT O'CONNELL:

If they don't - if they don't say it and I - I know what you've said before that when you go there you make sure you keep ..... (INDISTINCT)

NICOLA GOBBO:

Yeah.

DETECTIVE SENIOR SERGEANT O'CONNELL:

It might be as blatant as them saying to people but

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NICOLA GOBBO:

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The impression, yeah.

DETECTIVE SENIOR SERGEANT O'CONNELL:

It's the impression that they give and people go away from those meetings "thinking" - - -

NICOLA GOBBO:

Yeah.

DETECTIVE SENIOR SERGEANT O'CONNELL:

That that's actually happening and then they start to circulate it.

NICOLA GOBBO:

Yeah.

DETECTIVE SENIOR SERGEANT O'CONNELL:

So - and Mick's not silly enough to think that that's ..... (INDISTINCT)

NICOLA GOBBO:

No, he - - -

DETECTIVE SENIOR SERGEANT O'CONNELL:

He'd play on it.

NICOLA GOBBO:

Of course he does ..... (INDISTINCT)

DETECTIVE SENIOR SERGEANT O'CONNELL:

And he - and he'd probably give it a - he'd shrug it off if anyone put it on him or, you know, his mates ribbed him about it. And he'd probably flippantly deny it.

NICOLA GOBBO:

He does.

DETECTIVE SENIOR SERGEANT O'CONNELL:

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In such a manner that ..... (INDISTINCT) He's probably ..... by it.

NICOLA GOBBO:

Yeah. See John - John Perry - and that's an expression they taught me, that John Perry would have a crack at a rolling doughnut. That's their expression and I like that. I've learned some expressions I like.

DETECTIVE SENIOR SERGEANT O'CONNELL:

Yeah.

NICOLA GOBBO:

That's one of them. It's a gross expression but he can't contain himself, Shane. If he's sitting anywhere, any time and any chick - he can't help himself. He's got to - I mean I give a bloke credit for trying but he just tries with everyone everywhere. And one day I said to him, "John, what's wrong with me?" He said, "What do you mean what's wrong?" He said, "You're gorgeous." I said, "What's wrong with me? You - you - I can see the way you are with chicks. What's wrong with me?" He goes, "Well, until my buddy gives me the green light you're off limits." I said, "What do you mean?" And this is another expression they taught me that, "You're a koala." I said, "Koala. I don't look like a koala do I?" He said, "No, you're a koala." "Meaning what?" ..... (INDISTINCT) go near you you get ..... I said, "Is that for general discussion?" "Yeah." So it's - they just live a different - - -

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DETECTIVE SENIOR SERGEANT O'CONNELL:

Yeah.

NICOLA GOBBO:

They're in a different world, which is probably a good thing for my mental state to be away from them all. See that there are normal people in the world.

DETECTIVE SENIOR SERGEANT O'CONNELL:

Yeah, yeah. Well I tend to think so. It might be that fate thing coming in - into play. That all things happen for a reason.

NICOLA GOBBO:

Well, Shane, I've thought about that like with Paul Dale. Like ..... (INDISTINCT) just played me for a fool from day one.

DETECTIVE SENIOR SERGEANT O'CONNELL:

I think he's - I think he's played a lot of people over the journey. He was up to - up to a lot of this shit right under the noses of very respected middle, senior and upper management level members of our organisation so - - -

NICOLA GOBBO:

And are you saying if he managed to manipulate or fool them, then I shouldn't feel so bad?

DETECTIVE SENIOR SERGEANT O'CONNELL:

No, it's - I wouldn't feel good about it if it was me. You know you - you'd feel betrayed and all that sort of stuff but, you know, I wouldn't - if I was you I'd feel angry towards him for that. But I

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wouldn't - that - don't think you're Robinson  
Crusoe, I suppose.

NICOLA GOBBO:

No.

DETECTIVE SENIOR SERGEANT O'CONNELL:

Is the way - the way to look at it. They're -  
you're not the only one he pulled the - pulled the  
wool over. You know, there's a - there's a lot of  
other people so he was pretty good at it.

NICOLA GOBBO:

But it doesn't leave you with a nice feeling though.

DETECTIVE SENIOR SERGEANT O'CONNELL:

It doesn't.

NICOLA GOBBO:

I mean, I didn't actually get anything out of him  
either. I mean, I didn't actually get anything out  
of him in terms of - of ..... It would have been  
good if he'd been someone who pulled a gun .....

DETECTIVE SENIOR SERGEANT O'CONNELL:

Yeah.

NICOLA GOBBO:

..... (INDISTINCT) but he never did. One person who  
has never had contact with him but is .....  
infuriated and furious is [REDACTED] I don't  
blame him.

DETECTIVE SENIOR SERGEANT O'CONNELL:

Why?

NICOLA GOBBO:

Why? Because he's ..... (INDISTINCT) .....

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DETECTIVE SENIOR SERGEANT O'CONNELL:

Yeah.

NICOLA GOBBO:

But forgot to tell [REDACTED]

DETECTIVE SENIOR SERGEANT O'CONNELL:

Did he have any involvement with [REDACTED] before that though? Did he know him or - - -

NICOLA GOBBO:

No, no. He ..... (INDISTINCT)

DETECTIVE SENIOR SERGEANT O'CONNELL:

Yeah.

NICOLA GOBBO:

You know, but Shane sometimes things leak that have got nothing to do with corruption. I mean I - there was one occasion where I was at a pub and some bloke tried to pick me up and he turned out to be a copper and I did go out with him once, after the first time I met him. And no - no attempt at me trying to find anything out from him. No attempt at me to manipulate him. Like I was trying to - I'd be honest with you if I was doing that but I wasn't. And a young bloke who was bragging about the fact that he had a big operation going and ..... were involved and ..... (INDISTINCT) ..... asked me out ..... (INDISTINCT) Actually one night he said, "I've got 2 hours to kill waiting for jobs to happen. Waiting for this ..... to occur and I've just got to kill time. Come and have a cup of coffee? Fair enough. And he kept, you know, this

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is the location and this is the bloke we're buying from. He's a - he's a major Purana target. And I said, "Who?" and he told me and I said, "That's it. Don't say one other word. He's my client. You can't tell me stuff like this." So he was telling me - - -

DETECTIVE SENIOR SERGEANT O'CONNELL:

Yeah, it's stupid.

NICOLA GOBBO:

And it - but it wasn't - and he was just stupid and reckless.

DETECTIVE SENIOR SERGEANT O'CONNELL:

Yeah.

NICOLA GOBBO:

..... (INDISTINCT) but it wasn't corruption.

DETECTIVE SENIOR SERGEANT O'CONNELL:

No, no.

NICOLA GOBBO:

Anyway the transaction occurred. I didn't ring anybody. I thought this is a bit of ..... ring the police ..... (INDISTINCT)

DETECTIVE SENIOR SERGEANT O'CONNELL:

Yeah.

NICOLA GOBBO:

Or don't go to that pub you're going to. I could have worked out a way to say it but things like that occur without - - -

DETECTIVE SENIOR SERGEANT O'CONNELL:

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Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah. There's any number of ways and means, all of which either - it - you know, it's not only corrupt behaviour that leads to that sort of information getting out. It's more ..... stupidity or recklessness or negligence or just common sense stuff. You know, talking to a colleague in a corridor about shit that shit that should be talked about in a ..... silence.

NICOLA GOBBO:

Yeah.

DETECTIVE SENIOR SERGEANT O'CONNELL:

You know, that - too much of that goes on and, you know, you try and - you try and restrict it, limit it, ban it. You know, but people are asking questions that they shouldn't ask and they should know better than to ask. And I've copped it for the last 18 months. Just simple things, "How's - how's it going? How's it going with your job?" You feel like going, "Mate, you should know better than to ask questions that you know I'm not going to fuckin' answer."

NICOLA GOBBO:

You're not going to answer, yeah.

DETECTIVE SENIOR SERGEANT O'CONNELL:

And don't draw a conclusion, one way or the other, out of the response I give because it's - it's not there. So now - but now - for now well and that's it.

NICOLA GOBBO:

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..... (INDISTINCT)

DETECTIVE SENIOR SERGEANT O'CONNELL:

..... (INDISTINCT)

NICOLA GOBBO:

When I started talking to <sup>Sandy White</sup> like I tried at the very beginning to restrict things that - you know, like I'd say - answered any questions about - 'cos obviously the initial ..... were - took fucking hours and days because, "Tell me everything you know about Tony Mokbel?" Well how many days do you reckon that took?

DETECTIVE SENIOR SERGEANT O'CONNELL:

Strap yourself in.

NICOLA GOBBO:

Yeah. .... a lot of coffee .... but I tried to limit it to, like, ethically I tried to limit it to stuff that I could talk about and not privileged stuff. And then over time it just because - I know I was breaching ..... I'd done the wrong thing because I just decided that it was too hard to try and tell you half the story.

DETECTIVE SENIOR SERGEANT O'CONNELL:

Yeah.

NICOLA GOBBO:

I may as well just forget the fact that there's privilege and all about anything, and just say all of it, because it got too hard. And that's - that sort of worries me. You know, like if stuff comes