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Subject: Witness F security during DALE Committal commencing 7/11/11

- On 7 November 2011 a ten day contested Committal commences at the Melbourne Magistrates Court relating to a number of Commonwealth charges against Paul DALE.
- Witness F is a prosecution witness against DALE and has been subpoenaed to give evidence at the Committal hearing.
- For the reasons articulated in paragraphs 30-34 of the attached 6 October 2011 report, protective security arrangements may need to be implemented at short notice during the course of the Committal hearing, depending on the course that the hearing takes.
- In the event that the DALE Committal proceeds on November 7 and should:
 - a. Witness F be called and cross examined and asked about her historical engagement by Victoria Police, or
 - b. / any of the police witnesses be cross examined and asked about Witness F's historical engagement by Victoria Police, or
 - any documentary material be disclosed that goes to Witness F's historical engagement by Victoria Police, or

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d. for any other reason, Witness F's historical engagement by Victoria Police be revealed,

it is universally acknowledged that Witness F will be placed at risk of serious physical harm.

- 5. Witness F's present residence is well known and not well secured.
- 6. Should any of (b) - (d) eventuate during the course of the Committal, I seek prior approval to put in place immediate arrangements to relocate Witness F to a appropriately secure pending arrangements around longer term security provisions being implemented concerning Witness F. appropriately secure
- 7. Should (a) occur, I request that such arrangements be put in place from the commencement of the Committal hearing, in the real likelihood of such a disclosure being made or argued upon.
- 8. Should such arrangements be approved, it is intended that Driver Taskforce Team 4 investigators would accompany Witness F in as a further security measure, pending arrangements around longer term security provisions concerning Witness F.

Forwarded for consideration. 9.

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