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DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: 5.43 on Wednesday the 8th of September. Detective Inspector John O'Connor about to ring Witness F, Nicola Gobbo on a mobile phone.

WITNESS F: Hello.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Nicola, John O'Connor.

WITNESS F: Hi John, how are you going?

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Good. Can you talk?

WITNESS F: Yep.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: I've spoken to [REDACTED] in relation to the [REDACTED] per - - -

WITNESS F: Yep.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: - - - per your request the other day. They'll leave it on - they're gonna leave it on for another two weeks but - - -

WITNESS F: O.K.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: - - - you'll need to get - I - and - I realise that you're going into hospital [REDACTED]

WITNESS F: Yep.

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DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: You'll need to organise another [REDACTED] for yourself - [REDACTED], et cetera and so that - so instead of [REDACTED] on Friday, you're - you're obviously not gunna be in a position to be running around - - -

WITNESS F: No, I

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: - - - getting - getting a [REDACTED] so in two weeks' time, whatever date that is, so it'll be Friday - I think, the day's - - -

WITNESS F:

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: It will be Friday the 24th of September.

WITNESS F: Yeah, just before the Grand Final, yep.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yep, that'll - that'll be the day that the [REDACTED] are [REDACTED].

WITNESS F: O.K., thank you very, very, very much.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: By - by close of business on that day. But you'll need to organise well, you'll - you'll be able to organise [REDACTED] however you - whatever [REDACTED] you choose to go with.

WITNESS F: Yeah, I had an [REDACTED] - the [REDACTED] that you tried

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[REDACTED] that [REDACTED] - the problem is it's an [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] and where I live it's got [REDACTED] so it's just
pointless having [REDACTED] if you can't even [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] on it.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah, well, [REDACTED] say they
cover [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED] so - - -

WITNESS F: Oh, right, well, John, when your police got this
[REDACTED] last year - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Sorry?

WITNESS F: - - - I'd never had a [REDACTED] where I lived
before and it doesn't matter where you are, the basement
of the building, you've got [REDACTED] and it is important
for me to - I don't know if you have to pay more to have
it, but a safety point of view, I wanna be able to have a
[REDACTED] that I know will have [REDACTED]

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah, well, that's - that's -
it's up to you, Nicola, what you - which [REDACTED] and what
you - what - what [REDACTED] you go with or - - -

WITNESS F: No, that's right, that's - the reprieve is much
appreciated so - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: But - but - but the - but
the - - -

WITNESS F: I can deal with it when I get home, whenever that

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might be.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: But, yeah, but the [REDACTED] - the [REDACTED] the, you know, that - that got - they'll be [REDACTED], so you'll have to get [REDACTED] so - so that's a pain, obviously, a pain to let people know what your [REDACTED] is, but that's just the way it has to be. O.K.?

WITNESS F: Yeah, that's all right, at least I'll have - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: So you'll have it - have it - where - where - and Victoria Police will cover the bill and - for another two weeks until - - -

WITNESS F: Yep.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: - - - the - until 24 of - 24/9 of 10, the day before - - -

WITNESS F: Yep.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: - - - the Grand Final.

WITNESS F: Yep

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: All right?

WITNESS F: 'Cause I've gotta get a new Internet as well.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah, oh well, yeah, it's not my

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- definitely not my field of expertise, Nicola.

WITNESS F: Can you - oh, yeah, I know, but do you know why there - is there, like, a policy reason why I couldn't, like, take over the contract, or is it just - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: No, I've got - - -

WITNESS F: - - - they wanna pay it out.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: No, I've got - - -

WITNESS F: No.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: I've got no, no idea, there, so it's just - I'm only following instructions, Nicola, so - - -

WITNESS F: Yeah, that's fine.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: But I did explain your situation, that you were gonna be in hospital for a - a reasonable period of time and you obviously are not gonna be in a position to organise [REDACTED] so - - -

WITNESS F: So maybe they - maybe the reason - reasoning for it is that it was connected at a [REDACTED] under the [REDACTED], so maybe if, you know, like transferring it to me would - would cause - I could understand maybe that's the reason for it

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DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah, so I - I don't know - I don't know - don't know - don't know - I don't know and don't wanna know, Nicola, so - - -

WITNESS F: So, it's all right, and I - I'll at least - I'm just not sure whether I'll - I don't know how long I'll be [REDACTED] for but at least I'll be able to sort it out - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yep.

WITNESS F: - - - when I get my - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: All right, the next thing. Do you want to engage with [REDACTED]

WITNESS F: Yep.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: In - and if so, I will - obviously, you're gonna be [REDACTED], I can - and I will - I can arrange for that to occur, but I need to know one way or the other. You've been through it all before, no use going through it again. So it's either - either you do or you don't, and I just need to know, that's all.

WITNESS F: Well, do I wanna speak to them?

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah, if you wanna - - -

WITNESS F:

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DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: - - - if you wanna speak, do
you wanna speak to them, yep.

WITNESS F: Yep.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: You do?

WITNESS F: Yep.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: All right. Well, it's obviously
not gunna occur until after you get out of - - -

WITNESS F: That's right.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: After [REDACTED] so if you would
like to contact me after that - - -

WITNESS F: Yeah, I'll let you know when - when - I'll just
leave a message saying when I'm gunna be home and then if
you could arrange whatever you need to arrange that would
be good.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yep, all right. Our last
conversation you alluded to the fact that you had
information in relation to Carl Williams and - - -

WITNESS F: Yep.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: - - - his - his demise. Are
you able - are you able to enlighten me on that?

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WITNESS F: Well, when - a couple of days after he was killed,
I spoke to - with **Graham Evans-O** I spoke to Stewart Bailey -
is it Stewart Bailey, no?

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: I don't - who - who - who's
Stewart - who - who's Stewart Bailey?

WITNESS F: got the right now.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Who's he - a cop?

WITNESS F: Peter - Peter Harrington and

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Oh, yeah, Peter Harrington from
the Homicide Squad, yep.

WITNESS F: that investigation.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yep.

WITNESS F: I spoke to - Bailey I met, a couple of times and
Harrington I spoke to on the phone and then because of my
legal proceedings Stewart contacted me and said that he
would like to speak to me but he wasn't allowed to speak
to me.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yep.

WITNESS F: And then I know that Harrington was making some
inquires with - in relation to why certain people had

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been visiting Carl, as in he - not inquiries, nothing to do with me, I just heard who he'd been making inquiries with.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yep.

WITNESS F: And he was being led down the garden path. So Harrington then made a phone call to my solicitors and left a message saying, "We would like to speak to her," meaning me.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yep.

WITNESS F: And then because of the impasse, nothing happened.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yep.

WITNESS F: So it's really just a case - like I said to you the other day, it's something that - they wanna just speak to me, I don't have any problem speaking to them. If they want to speak to me, I'm happy to. I don't want anything for it, it's not about fanning some relationship opportunity. It's simply about finishing off what got started so - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: All right. So in - in relation - - -

WITNESS F:

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: - - - so in relation to - - -

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WITNESS F: question, anything that's fine, if not,
then we can forget about it.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yep, all right. Well, in - so
do you have any direct or indirect information in
relation to the - the - the murder of Carl Williams?

WITNESS F: Well, listen, I don't know - I got the impression
that they had further questions arising from or following
on from - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: O.K.

WITNESS F: - - - the meeting that I had with them. Because
in fairness to Stewart it was maybe, I don't know, I
can't remember, maybe three or four days after the
murder - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yep.

WITNESS F: - - - and I think I gave him a - you know, look, I
suppose, John, when you, you know, you know who's who and
a whole lot of people and I - I suppose I bamboozled him
with names and people and he said, quite fairly, "Look,
I've gotta go and check - - -"

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah.

WITNESS F: " - - - all this and work out what's what and then

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I'll get back to you." And then, by the time he did, he
wasn't allowed to speak to me any more.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: All right.

WITNESS F: So one thing I - just as an example, one thing was,
Peter Harrington I know was making some inquiries about -
I think he was going through a list of anybody that had
gone to visit the accused, Matty Johnson.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yep.

WITNESS F: And one of the people he contacted was a solicitor
called James Valos.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Sorry, you have to - - -

WITNESS F: He rang James and he rang - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: What's the name of the
solicitor?

WITNESS F: Jim, as I understand it, on the basis of Jim's name
had been recorded in the visit book.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Sorry, who - you've lost me,
Nicola, in relation - you said, a solicitor and I didn't
hear his name.

WITNESS F: James - Jim Valos.

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DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Jim Valos, yep.

WITNESS F: Yep. So Harrington rang him to, I think because Jim's name had been in the visit book for having seen Matty Johnson and wanted to know why he went to visit him.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yep.

WITNESS F: And I mean the answer that I believe Harrington was given was, "Look, I was just asked to go and see him, you know, how people get arrested and they ring five lawyers and - - -"

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yep.

WITNESS F: "And nothing ever came of it and he didn't retain me and that was that." Well, that's just complete rubbish. That's not the reason why he went - that's not the reason why he went to see Johnson. He went to see Matty Johnson to do with the messages on behalf of crooks.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: On behalf of?

WITNESS F: A couple of crooks.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: And who are those crooks?

WITNESS F: Oh, what's his name, Bubbles, which is Mario - sorry, Raymond Sassine, S - double A-S-I-N-E.

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DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: S - double - - -

WITNESS F: S-A-S-S-I-N-E.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yep.

WITNESS F: Nickname Bubbles. He's on bail for a large
commercial

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yep.

WITNESS F: And for - he in turn connected to Rob Karam.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Rob?

WITNESS F: Karam, K-A-R-A-M.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: K-A-R-A-M.

WITNESS F: From - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: AM - M or N?

WITNESS F: M for Mary.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Mary, yep.

WITNESS F: On bail for the 12th biggest ever single seizure of
drugs.

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DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yep. So it's K - - -

WITNESS F: I'm just saying that

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: So it's K-A-R - K-A -

WITNESS F: relevant to - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yep.

WITNESS F: - - - them, or maybe it isn't, but the information that I spoke to Bailey about was in relation to why he'd been killed and what I'd heard. And as is always the case, John, I don't know whether it's accurate, inaccurate, but it's never my - never my prerogative I just tell it how it is and you can, you know, do with it what you will.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: All right. Would anyone else know this information apart from yourself?

WITNESS F: No.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: And you - you where did you get this from?

WITNESS F: Well, part of that came from Valos, part of it came from Rob Karam. And, oh, from a purely selfish point of view, John - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yep.

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WITNESS F: - - - I have - I have a - a mild interest in why Carl was murdered 'cause of obviously the position that he was in, I'm in the position I'm in.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yep, all right.

WITNESS F: As I said, like, look, I just wanna express this, John. This is not some - from my point of view, this is not some kinda game or, you know - I mean, look at it from my point of view. I have been through the wringer with Victoria Police, I don't wanna get involved in any more messes. But this is something that I did speak to them about, it's not a finished thing and they had more questions and then we reached impasse and they got - their contact got cut off. But if they've got a question, I'm happy to answer it.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: O.K. Well, thanks, thanks, for that.

WITNESS F: I don't want you to think for one second that it's some ulterior motive purpose whatever. I don't wanna be a witness in another court case but, you know, I start - I spent a couple of hours with Stewart, I don't know however many months ago it was, and if - if there's anything that can come of it, so be it. If not, that's what will be, will be.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: All right.

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WITNESS F: I really wanted to be able to have contact with someone from your office 'cause of the ongoing issues that might rise in relation to me hearing about the fact that, for example, I'm going to be the subject of a subpoena in an upcoming court case wherein I'm the source of the information and in the past, and I was talking to one of ^{Sandy} ~~White-O~~'s boys, I could at least say, "Look, there's middle - this is what they're subpoenaing and I feature in it, can you please make sure that my name isn't anywhere." And because of the fact that during the start of the Dale committal I was called an informer in an open court room, over the space of seven or eight days, I have got genuine concerns that - that people are gunna issue subpoenas and they're gunna ask things and I just want your office to know about it in advance, when I know about it, so that I can release some of my stress by saying, "Look, it, you know, here it is, can you please do something about it."

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: All right.

WITNESS F: Because full compliments to ^{Sandy} ~~White-O~~ in the past, in what were often very difficult circumstances, it was comforting to know that somebody was making sure that there weren't fuck-ups.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Mm. All right. Good luck with your operation and - - -

WITNESS F: I think the, look, the surgeon thinks he's operating on one area of me but he doesn't yet know it's

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actually four so we'll see

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: All right. Well, good luck.
And I'll hear from you, I'd say, some time - some time
next week.

WITNESS F: Yeah, and if - look, will you - if Homicide wanna
speak to me, fine, if they don't, they don't. But it's
just unfinished business, John, so I'll leave it in your
hands.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: O.K. Good luck - good luck

WITNESS F: Thank you. Hopefully it will be incident-free.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Take care, bye-bye.

WITNESS F: See ya, bye.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Bye.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: The time is now 5.59 pm.

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