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## STATEMENT

Name: Mr Bickley

### STATES:

My full name is Mr Bickley and I live at an address known to the police.

I make this statement in the belief that any information contained herein will not be used against me in any criminal proceedings. I am making it of my own free will and under no duress. [REDACTED]

On the 26<sup>th</sup> of February, 2007, I received a number of phone calls from a male I know as Rob. Rob was contacting me on the phone number I have for him in my phone, it is the same number I have spoken with Rob on a number of times. Rob and I discussed him selling me more Cocaine. I explained to him that I would have to get back to him as I would need to speak with Charlie. Charlie was the guy who was with me when I bought 2 ounces of Cocaine from Rob on the 16<sup>th</sup> of February, 2007.

On the 6<sup>th</sup> of March, 2007, I attempted to contact Rob on the phone number that I have always used to speak with him. I was unable to speak with him directly and left a message on his message service to call me.

On the 8<sup>th</sup> of March, 2007, I spoke with Rob on the phone number that I have in my phone for him. We arranged to meet at about 9:30 a.m. the following day around Chapel Street, South Yarra.

On the 9<sup>th</sup> of March, 2007, I again spoke with Rob on the phone, using the phone number for him in my phone. Rob and I arranged to meet around 12:00 p.m. in the

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South Melbourne area. Rob and I had arranged to meet to discuss our relationship and the continued purchasing of Cocaine from Rob.

PII [REDACTED]

I then went to PII [REDACTED] Street, South Yarra.

At around 12:50 a.m. I contacted Rob on his phone and we arranged to meet outside [REDACTED] Street, South Yarra.

At around 1:00 p.m. I meet with Rob outside [REDACTED] Street, South Yarra. Rob was wearing a pale blue, v/neck, shirt, blue denim jeans and white coloured runners with a gold stripe; he was carrying a black lap top type bag. Rob told me that he had been flat out busy and generally spoke about himself and him having to go to court soon. Rob told me he was looking at doing 5 years or 9 months depending on how things go. He told me he had been caught with a hand gun and that he was on bail. After a short time I asked Rob for a sample of Cocaine but Rob told me he didn't have any with him. I asked about how Robs' supply of Cocaine was? He told me that there was plenty there. Rob stated that he will sort me out with the 2 ounces of Cocaine and after that he would introduce me to his supplier. We agreed to arrange a future meeting for me to purchase the 2 ounces of Cocaine from Rob. Both Rob and I then left, walking in opposite directions.

PII [REDACTED]

On the 13<sup>th</sup> of March, 2007, I again contacted Rob on his phone number and arranged to meet with him on the 14<sup>th</sup> of March to purchase 2 ounces of Cocaine.

On the 14<sup>th</sup> of March, 2007, I made a number of attempts to contact Rob on his phone to confirm the pre-arranged meeting, but was unable to get in contact with him. I eventually was able to meet with Rob through a mutual friend of ours. When I meet

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with Rob, he told me that the police had my phone off and that he knew this because his [REDACTED] worked for the [REDACTED]. Rob told me that because of this he would no longer sell Cocaine to me. I then left this meeting with Rob.

On the 15<sup>th</sup> of March, 2007, I contacted Rob and suggested to him that if I was to use a new phone would that ease his concerns. Rob indicated that this may do the trick and I told him I would get a new phone and be in contact.

I tried to contact Rob on his phone using a new phone I had obtained, but was unable to get into contact with him.

On the 16<sup>th</sup> of April, 2007, I requested to borrow a mate's phone so that I could be contacted by Rob. My mate then let Rob know that I had his phone at my request, I did this so as Rob would know the new phone number to contact me on. The new phone number that I then used to speak with Rob was [REDACTED].

On the 17<sup>th</sup> of April, 2007, I then received a call from Rob out of the blue, I'm uncertain as to whether or not I received the call on my regular phone number or the phone lent to me by my friend. During this call Rob asked me if I would be interested in buying 3 ounces of Cocaine from him? I told him that I would be interested, but would need a little time to get things together. I spoke with Rob again later that day and arranged to meet with him at 3:00 p.m. on the 18<sup>th</sup> of April 2007. We arranged to meet outside [REDACTED] Street, South Yarra at this meeting Rob would supply me with a sample of Cocaine and we discussed the sale of the 3 ounces of cocaine, Rob had offered me. Later that day I again spoke with Rob and he requested that I pay for the sample of Cocaine, I told Rob that I would not pay for the sample and we agreed to meet as planned. During this day I received and sent a number of SMS messages discussing with Rob meeting times and the price of the Cocaine to be bought.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> of April, 2007, I spoke with Rob on his phone to confirm our meeting for 3:00 p.m. During this conversation we agreed to meet a bit later, at 4:00 p.m. At around 4:00 p.m. I again spoke with Rob on his phone and he told me the meeting was

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off and that if I wanted to meet with him I would need to go to his address in Whittlesea. Rob and I continued to argue over the fact that he wanted \$350.00 for the sample of Cocaine and the fact that I refused to pay for it. During this day I received and sent a number of SMS messages discussing with Rob meeting times and the price of the Cocaine to be bought.

Rob and I have had no contact since this date and the sale of the 3 ounces of Cocaine to me from Rob didn't take place. This was due to the fact that I refused to pay for the sample of Cocaine, Rob was to supply to me.

I received a number of SMS messages on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of April, 2007, from and to Rob utilising Rob's phone numbers of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. I have re-read these messages on the phone used to communicate with Rob in the presence of Detective Senior Constable HAYES. The following is an exact copy of the messages received and sent by me to Rob on this day and the following day and relate to the selling of Cocaine to me by Rob.

The phone I got from my friend to contact and communicate with Rob was flat when I first got it, I charged the phone and when I turned it on I had received a number of messages from Rob:

Received SMS message 1 dated 17-Apr-07:

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"Im going to the hardware how many tins of paint do u want rob."

From: [REDACTED]

I then received the following SMS message 2 dated 17-Apr-07:

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how many mate?

From: [REDACTED]

I then received the following SMS message 3 dated 17-Apr-07:

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Acknowledgment made and signature witnessed by me  
at 3:54 p.m on 18/07/2007 at Brunswick



Craig Anthony HAYES  
Det.Sen.Constable 31082

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