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Petra TaskforceWeekly Update: 3 March 2008Op. LORIS*Investigation relating to double murder of Terence and Christine HODSON.***Update (as per Interpose) –**• **LCN DNA -**

- 5 items from op. LORIS and Op. BERIME identified as suitable for LCN DNA analysis.
- DSC SIMPSON has submitted a report recommending LCN DNA analysis for these items.
- DSC GRAY has prepared a costing report for this analysis.
- Reports to D/Supt with recommendation from O/C PETRA to undertake LCN DNA analysis of non exhibits.

○ **Awaiting approval.**• **IR 44 – Active investigative avenues.**

- GALBALLY and O'BRIEN Solicitors to examine all material provided to them under subpoena from Vicpol to identify if a copy was included and if so, in what format.
- GALBALLY and O'BRIEN have advised they are searching files – but have not yet located IR44.
- **Report submitted to Coroners Office requesting Coroners Authority. Awaiting Reply.**

• **FIREARMS - Gun Dealer – [REDACTED] in Queensland. Investigations of illegal firearm sales are continuing with the assistance of QPS and further POI – [REDACTED]**

- Applications for examination lodged with ACC.
- Nil hearing dates as yet.

• **BALLISTICS – An e-mail request has been sent to [REDACTED] / Ballistics [REDACTED] request assistance. A response has been received from [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to date. As per previous [REDACTED] it is likely that the exhibits will have to [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] for analysis and comparison.**

- **Approval granted for [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] (re [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]**
- **Ballistics Examination completed in [REDACTED] – Nil value.**
- **[REDACTED] (including [REDACTED]) – examination to be conducted on 13 March.**
- **[REDACTED] examination to be conducted on 26 March**
- **[REDACTED] – examination to be conducted on 27 March.**

• **SEARCH WARRANT (465) – Executed at the premises of Jennifer DUGHETTI (Daughter of McCULLOCH). A storage facility was identified in the course of the search. It was searched and a folder marked "MIECHEL IR" containing IR44 was located. This document has been lodged at VPFS for fingerprint, DNA and document examination.**

- Document Examination completed – nil value

- Fingerprint Examination completed – nil value.
- **DNA analysis completed** [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Liaison established w/ personnel re same.

- Investigators attended Durrinhill Prison and spoke with George WILLIAMS.
 - Admitted he provided IR44 to Jeremy KELLY via fax.
 - Couldn't remember where he obtained it from – although admitted he probably got it from Dave McCULLOCH.
 - Generally vague and unco-operative.
 - Provided nothing further re the HODSON murders.
- Investigators have again spoken with Mandy HODSON, specifically about the inconsistencies with A HODSON's version of events.
 - Mandy has stated that she also has issues with Andrew's account
 - Mandy has also said that Nicola KOMIAZYK (their sister) has similar concerns.
 - Mandy has stated that her cousin, Emma LUCAS (resides in Perth) has spoken with Nicola – stated she thinks Andrew knows more about the murders. (Andrew spoke with Emma and her mother Linda w/ Perth doing interviews with Four Corners)
 - **Enquiries pending with Emma and Linda LUCAS.**
- Approach to be made to [REDACTED] Andrew HODSON.
 - **Approach pending.**
- Request pending for authorisation to obtain details from SPU and ESD of ALL telephone intercepts u by Vicpol at the time of the HODSON murders.
 - **SPU records only identified TI of COLLINS**
- **Telephone Intercept material received from AFP relating to Op. BROCADE (Target – Tony MOKBEL). Calls and SMS currently being analysed.**

- [REDACTED]
- **Andrew HODSON rang office on Thursday 28 February –**
 - Stated that he had received information that MOKBEL [REDACTED] had [REDACTED] in r to HODSON murders and [REDACTED] the 'shooter'.
 - Stated that MOKBEL knew who murdered his parents and that MOKBEL paid for the murder he was not able to substantiate how he knew this.
 - **HODSON was agitated and nervous – investigators believe that HODSON was deliberately se information relating to MOKBEL.**
 - **Further enquiries pending with HODSON.**

Op. BERIME

Investigation relating to double murder of Ramon and Dorothy ABBEY.

Update (as per Interpose) –

- TI re COLLINS (D70277-00) continues to be monitored. TI warrant extended.

- **General drug talk**

██████████ re Roma POTTER continues to be monitored.

- Further persons of interest are being approached / identified for approaches.
- Further investigation continuing to corroborate statements obtained.
- Original Information Reports – Full review of reports being conducted in light of current information acquired. Many new avenues of inquiry now being established.
 - Review of IR's completed.
 - Numerous IR's make reference to information provided by unregistered human sources. Enquiries being conducted to identify these sources, via ex-members, Official Diaries etc...
- Original Statements – Full review now being conducted in light of additional information.
 - Review completed and relevant statements for proposed brief of evidence identified. Further enquiries being made with proposed witnesses.
- Brief preparation has commenced in relation to charges of murder against COLLINS, utilising existing holdings and recently obtained statements.
 - High priority being given to preparation of brief of evidence for consideration of charges against COLLINS.
 - **Brief type document completed and submitted for checking.**

██████████ preliminary discussions held with solicitor, ██████████
 ██████████ Dean POTTER ██████████

- Report being prepared for establishment of ACC determination relating to Op. BERIME
- POI – ██████████ identified. Information provided that COLLINS made admissions of involvement in ABBEY murders to ██████████
 - Investigators spoke to ██████████. Refused to confirm conversation with COLLINS. Reluctant to co-operate.
 - Further approaches to be made to ██████████
 - **Telephone enquiries conducted with ██████████ – not returning calls – investigators to attend place of residence to speak with ██████████**
- Enquiries conducted with D/Sgt. Peter TRICHIAS re potential evidence from ██████████ witness. Old IR suggests this witness was ██████████ when COLLINS made admissions of involvement in ABBEY murders.
 - Enquiries pending with D/Sgt. TRICHIAS.
 - **Ongoing.**
- ██████████ has been identified from old IR. IR contains accurate information previously provided by source around time of ABBEY murders.
 - Enquiries conducted with ██████████ have identified that source is currently registered, however, ██████████
 - ██████████ have agreed to arrange for investigators to ██████████
 - Awaiting contact from ██████████ Handler.

- Further e-mail forwarded to [REDACTED] nil reply as yet.
- **Further enquiries being conducted with POI – Dean POTTER**
 - Roma POTTER has contacted [REDACTED]
 - [REDACTED] has contacted D/Sgt. SOLOMON with offer to assist in approaching Dean POTTER. [REDACTED] confident he can POTTER to assist.
 - At this stage [REDACTED] only speaking with Roma POTTER.
 - D/S/Sgt. Howard HICKEY, QLD. Homicide Squad has spoken with Dean POTTER recently and b[REDACTED] that he is [REDACTED]
 - POTTER has contacted investigators by SMS message – appears he will attempt to evade police.
 - [REDACTED] on mobile obtained to locate him.
 - Investigators to approach POTTER when he is located
 - Nil further contact with [REDACTED]
 - **POTTER is evading police – has left Queensland – Bank Records indicate he is in Sydney (un[REDACTED] address)**
 - **POTTER has dropped his known mobile phone.**
 - **Girlfriend identified as – Melanie GIFKIN (Caloundra, Qld.) Phone checks being conducted c[REDACTED] same to locate new POTTER phone, including a [REDACTED] on her mobile.**
- Investigators to attend QLD to speak to POI's – Anna PATE and Faye GREENSLADE – identified fr[REDACTED] previous McCONVILLE brief of evidence.
 - PATE – associate of Cynthia McCONVILLE.
 - GREENSLADE – living at a house where firearms and property were believed to be hidden after A[REDACTED] murders.
 - **Investigators to Qld on 4 March (also making enquiries with GIFKIN re Dean POTTER)**

Personnel

- Detective Inspector RYAN seconded to PURANA Task Force.
- DSC Kyle SIMPSON matched to position at PETRA via IEOI – start date 3 March.
- DSC Cherie ARNELL, Criminal Proceeds Squad has submitted IEOI, but not yet matched to a vacant[REDACTED] within the task force.
- DSC Glen WEAVER matched to a position with Homicide Squad, via IEOI – start date 3 March.
- D/Sgt. Craig FITZGERALD on personal leave – return date approx. Friday 7 March.

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