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1 When was that?--- - - - and I suggested - there was an argument  
2 that broke out between me and Carl - Carl comes - my  
3 solicitors come and saw me and said, "Listen, the  
4 prosecutors want you to plead guilty", they'll drop my  
5 murder blue. I think they said they'll ask for 14 and no  
6 statements, right and I said that to Carl. I said,  
7 "Listen I've just been told by my solicitors", and Carl  
8 goes, "Plead guilty (indistinct) onto you, you'll only  
9 get about 14 of 18 years", and that's when I turned on  
10 him.

11 You thought you'd throw it all on to him?---No, just make a  
12 statement.

13 You thought you'd throw it all onto him?---Well tell the police  
14 what they - - -

15 What they - - -?---I (indistinct), yes.

16 You thought without that sort of deal and if you were found  
17 guilty of the murder of Jason Moran you were looking at  
18 about 30 or 40 years inside didn't you?---No.

19 You never had that thought?---No.

20 You've never thought that?---No.

21 What was the worst you thought you might do if you were found  
22 guilty after pleading not guilty?---Twenty five.

23 That was about the maximum was it?---Yes.

24 At some point did Detective Inspector O'Brien and Stuart  
25 Bateson come to see you?---Yes that's right.

26 Was that as a result of something that had been arranged by  
27 your barrister Nicola Gobbo?---That's right.

28 Was that arranged on the basis that you would then start to  
29 cooperate with the police to try and cement the deal that  
30 you wanted?---That's right.

31 Was that that you were going to speak to the police and to

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1 provide them information about the nature and extent of  
2 your criminal activities in return for a discount for  
3 cooperation and dropping the charge in relation to  
4 Pasquale Barbaro?---Well at the start when they said at  
5 the start we made an agreement between your solicitor  
6 and the barrister that I give them the information, they  
7 come back to me and my sentence they'll be looking for.

8 The process was set in train between your representatives,  
9 including your counsel Nicola Gobbo and members of the  
10 Purana Task Force, in particular Detective Inspector  
11 O'Brien and Stuart Bateson, that if you provided  
12 information about the full nature and extent of your  
13 criminal activities, not just the murders, but drug  
14 trafficking and pleaded guilty to the murder of Jason  
15 Moran you would get a substantial discount on penalty if  
16 the court gave it to you, you were entitled to and they  
17 wouldn't proceed in relation to the murder charge  
18 concerning Pasquale Barbaro?

19 (Objection by Mr Kidd.)

20 (Discussion ensued.)

21 You commenced a process of negotiations with Purana, didn't  
22 you?---Yes.

23 That arose as a result of your barrister, Nicola Gobbo,  
24 convincing you to go down that path?---Yes, and it took  
25 her about two weeks.

26 It involved in terms of that deal, Purana wanting from  
27 you - - -?---(Indistinct) say something please, I'd like  
28 to say something.

29 You can answer my questions, Mr Thomas , you can answer my  
30 questions.

31 HIS HONOUR: You'll get a chance maybe later, Mr Thomas , or

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1           during the course of the cross-examination?---Yeah.

2   MR SHIRREFS:   Purana wanted from you for you to provide to them

3           chapter and verse of your criminal dealings. Is that

4           correct?---Yes, at first - at first I couldn't I got up

5           and left the room.

6   I'm just asking you what Purana wanted from you just so we

7           understand?---They wanted - - -

8   They wanted - - -?--- - - - the whole lot.

9   They wanted the whole lot?---Everything.

10   They wanted everything?---That's right. Everything.

11   And that was what was required to be able to cement the deal.

12           Correct?---But the first meeting we had was - the only

13           time I met with Jim O'Brien was once. He come out with

14           Stuart Bateson.

15   Is that your honest answer?---He asked me certain questions.

16   Is that your - - -?---I answered and then he slammed the table,

17           he wanted the whole lot.

18   So you say you only met Jim O'Brien on one occasion?---I think

19           on one occasion.

20   As you sit here today, that's the best your recollection is, is

21           it?---I can remember that day because I had an argument

22           and walked out.

23   Yes, you slammed the table?---I slammed the table and I walked

24           out and Jim O'Brien slammed the table too.

25   He said to you, did he not, that he wanted everything from

26           you?---(Indistinct response.)

27   He gave you the names of the people that he wanted you to give

28           up?---That's right.

29   Which included Jacques El-Hage?---That's right.

30   He included **Mr Cooper**                   ?---No, he - we already knew about

31           **Mr Cooper**                   He was involved by then.



1 No, he hadn't?---Well, I knew for a fact that he was rolling  
2 anyway because he got arrested.

3 So what do you say is the sequence in your mind? He'd already  
4 been arrested and rolled over?---Well, after about two  
5 weeks I was getting nagged by my barrister, the - that I  
6 was told there was no way out of it, make a statement and  
7 do a deal.

8 That's Nicola Gobbo?---Yes, that's right.

9 Did you know she was also the barrister for **Mr Cooper**

10 Were you told that?---I found that out - I found that out  
11 later.

12 After you made the statement?---After I started talking to the  
13 police, and once I started - when they took me out to  
14 make the statements, I already knew by then.

15 I can go back a little bit in time, you see, before **Mr Cooper**

16 **Mr Cooper** was arrested. He wasn't arrested until 22 April  
17 of 2006. I want to deal with the time that you first saw  
18 Detective O'Brien, and I suggest that was on 22 February  
19 2006, **Mr Thomas** ---That's right, Your Honour. That's  
20 right. The dates I'm not sure of.

21 Do you say that there was a stand off between you and Detective  
22 O'Brien where you both slammed the table and you walked  
23 out?---Well, I refused to go on with the - once he said  
24 he wanted Jacques El-Hage, I refused to answer any  
25 questions and got up and left.

26 You say that's what happened, do you?---Yes - no, about - I  
27 think ten weeks later or eight weeks later, that's when  
28 we started to - when I was starting to roll over.

29 When you first saw Detective O'Brien, he gave you the names of  
30 the people he wanted from you. Correct?---No. The only  
31 person I - the only person - he might have mentioned a