

Mr Cooper

States:-

1. My full name is Mr Cooper I am [REDACTED] years of age.
2. I make this statement in the belief that the information I provide to the Police cannot be used against me in any future court proceedings.
3. This is a further statement in relation to my association with [REDACTED] Preston.
4. I did not start manufacturing at [REDACTED] Preston until after Horst had died at [REDACTED]. Until then I had manufactured 2 cooks at [REDACTED], one was successful and one was a failure, and used [REDACTED] as a storage facility and to fabricate metal frames and apparatus for manufacture.
5. Once Horst had died I had to quickly move all the manufacturing equipment and chemicals from [REDACTED] to [REDACTED]. This is when I commenced manufacturing at [REDACTED].
6. On about five occasions I sent [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to collect dry ice to be used in the manufacturing process. I told them to go to BOC in Preston. I would give them the money to pay cash, so that it wouldn't generate a receipt in their business name. I would always give them a surplus of cash, to make sure they had enough to pay for it. They both knew that the dry ice would be used to make methylamphetamine.
7. [REDACTED] usually went by himself, but twice he took [REDACTED] with him. I would get them to buy 25 to 30 kilos at a time. They would return with the dry ice in large polystyrene containers. On one occasion PII [REDACTED] had the dry ice delivered directly to the factory. He did that because it was a Sunday and I urgently needed to finish a cook. There was an emergency number to ring, so we did it that way as a once off. I didn't think it would look odd, as dry ice can be used in [REDACTED] legitimate [REDACTED] business.
8. When I sent [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to collect dry ice, I instructed them to use the excuse that they were taking the dry ice to go fishing.
9. I sent [REDACTED] to Paint Mobil in High Street, Preston to purchase 20 litre drums of acetone which is another key solvent used in the manufacture of methylamphetamine. I gave [REDACTED] \$200.00 cash to pay for it so again it wouldn't generate a receipt. I did this at least five times as I was always running out of acetone. [REDACTED] also went with [REDACTED] on occasions. They both knew that I was

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using the acetone to manufacture. They also did get acetone from Bunnings on occasions.

10. I would also send both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to collect caustic soda from Bunnings Warehouse. I would get them to purchase 5 kilograms at a time, and they would come in 2.5 kilo containers. Again I would give them cash so a receipt wouldn't be generated.

11. After every manufacturing process, both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] would help me with washing up the chemical glassware so I could get out of the factory quickly. They would wrap the glassware in white butcher's paper and place it back in their respective cardboard boxes, and place them on the shelves.

12. On one cleaning up session I had a major argument with [REDACTED]. He tipped a bucket of caustic solution down the toilet. The solution also contained one litre of pure meth oil. [REDACTED] thought that it was rubbish and he tipped it out so he

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the bucket. The oil could have produced 1.3 kilograms of pure  
h \$130,000.00. It annoyed me because I told him not to tip it out.

Statement taken and signature witnessed by  
Graham [REDACTED] May 2007 at Melbourne.  
Evans-O

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I hereby acknowledge that this statement is true and correct and I make it in the belief  
that a person [REDACTED] false statement in the circumstances is liable to the penalties of  
perjury  
Mr Cooper [REDACTED]

Acknowledgement made and signature witnessed  
[REDACTED] May 2007 at Melbourne  
Graham Evans  
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