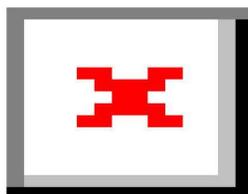


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# **OPERATION POSSE**

## **Operational Assessment into the MOKBEL Criminal Cartel**

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**OPERATIONAL ASSESSMENT INTO MOKBEL CRIMINAL CARTEL  
INCLUDING THE ACTIVITIES OF MOKBEL, ANTONIOS SAJIH @ TONY**

The following document is an operational assessment on the MOKBEL criminal cartel prepared by the Analytical Cell at Operation PURANA. The document contains information obtained from numerous sources, both open and closed. Where information is from a confidential source it will be noted as such. Where possible, any information will be corroborated from an additional source.

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**Purpose**

The purpose of this document is to compile into one central location intelligence holdings on MOKBEL, his brothers and their associates. Also contained at the end of the document will be recommendations and strategies for dealing with the MOKBEL cartel.

The MOKBEL clan has a long and colourful history in dealings with law enforcement in Australia, on a federal and state level. Their involvement in the importation and trafficking of narcotics and the manufacture and trafficking of amphetamines is well documented. As a result of the accumulation of wealth resulting from their illegal activities, they have diversified into property and other activities, but still maintain an active interest in the supply of narcotic substances. They have taken to proceeds of crime and converted them into legitimate businesses. These businesses are none the less tainted due to the origin of the finances used to establish them.

It is proposed that the MOKBEL crime cartel be actively targeted with the view of either dismantling their operations or making it impossible for them to operate.

It has been shown that going head to head with criminal identities such as the MOKBELs is a waste of time. Due to their past involvements, all of the main characters are extremely surveillance conscious. They are guarded in their telephone conversations, and rarely give valuable information on open lines. They will, in fact, use multiple telephones to maintain contact with other members of the criminal cartel. They are also well versed in legislation and how it affects their activities. But like any organisation, there is an Achilles heel, and that is their associates and business partners. It will be through targeting these persons and groups that the operation will achieve success.

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FAMILY STRUCTURE & ASSOCIATES

Historical Associates

Relevance	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
	BARKER, Mark Anthony	[REDACTED]
Relevance	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
	BAYEH, Tony	[REDACTED]
Relevance	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Relevance	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
	HAFNER, Darren John	[REDACTED]
Relevance	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
	HOWDEN, Paul Edward	[REDACTED]
	HOWDEN, Paul Edward	[REDACTED]
Relevance	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
	KARAM, Rabie	[REDACTED]
Relevance	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
	KHOURY, Simon George	[REDACTED]
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MCGUIRE, Danielle  
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MOKBEL, Renate Lisa  
MORAN, Joseph

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PARISI, Joseph  
PASTRAS, Michael

Mr Cooper

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SARKIS, Fred

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Mr Thomas

TZAMBAZIS, Paris

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WILLS, Glenn Bradley  
ZAKARIA, George



**Historical Vehicles**

79 Holden s/wag blue (Carmel MOKBEL) [REDACTED]  
Brunswick 3056<sup>97</sup>

71 Jaguar sedan blue (MOKBEL) [REDACTED] Pascoe  
Vale South<sup>98</sup>

70 Hillman sedan blue (Tony MOKBEL) [REDACTED]  
Pascoe Vale South 3058<sup>99</sup>

73 Holden sed. White (MACKBEL. Tony [REDACTED]  
Pascoe Vale South) (would appear alias of MOKBEL)<sup>100</sup>

1993 Honda Accord Blue Sed - Wife Carmela's Car In Aug-  
1999<sup>101</sup>

1986 Mitsubishi Fk White Van – Tony MOKBEL shown as  
registered owner since Aug-1996<sup>102</sup>

1998 Ferrari F355sp Roadster Red – Tony MOKBEL shown as  
registered owner since Sep-1999<sup>103</sup>

**Aliases Used<sup>104</sup>**

MOKBEL, Antonios

MAKCBEL, Tony<sup>105</sup>

MATRACKA, Tony<sup>106</sup>

MOCKBELL, Tony

MOKBEL, Anthony

MOKBEL, Anthony Sijah

<sup>95</sup> LEAP [REDACTED] – MOKBEL, Horthy

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<sup>98</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>99</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>100</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>101</sup> MDID IR JDIR0018. 012

<sup>102</sup> MDID IR JDIR0018. 012

<sup>103</sup> MDID IR JDIR0018. 012

<sup>104</sup> Aliases obtained [REDACTED] unless otherwise indicated

<sup>105</sup> Name used when registering [REDACTED] 1973 Holden Sedan white

<sup>106</sup> Telephone service at [REDACTED] Pascoe Vale South in this name

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MOKBEL, Antoinos Rajih  
MOKBEL, Antonio  
MOKBEL, Antonios Saijh  
MOKBEL, Antonious  
MOKBEL, Antonis  
MOKBEL, Antoniso Sajh  
MOKBEL, Antonius  
MOKBEL, Antonus  
MOKBEL, Tony Sijah  
MOKBELL, Antonios  
The Octopus  
The Lord Mayor<sup>107</sup>

MOKBEL, Horty

MOUSTAFA, Ahmad<sup>108</sup>  
MOCKBELL, Hadi  
MOKBEL, Hadi  
MOKBEL, Hardi  
MOKBEL, Moustafa Ahmad  
MOKBEL, Orty  
MOKBELL, Hadi  
MORBEL, Horty<sup>109</sup>

MOKBEL, Milad

MOKBEL, Malid  
MOKBELL, Milad

MOKBEL, Kabalan

MOKBELL, Kabalan  
MOUKBEL, Kabalan  
MOUKBEL, Kaealan<sup>110</sup>  
MOUKBEL, Kabala<sup>111</sup>  
MOCKBELL, Kabalan<sup>112</sup>  
MOKBEL, Kabaran<sup>113</sup>

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<sup>107</sup> Nickname used by WILLIAMS, Carl during Telephone Intercepts

<sup>108</sup> Prime name recorded on LEAP

<sup>109</sup> PII

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**Prior Convictions**<sup>114</sup>

MOKBEL, Antonios

Yass Court 11-APR-89 convicted & fined \$1000.00 re: unlicensed pistol<sup>115</sup>

<b>Court</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Charge</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>Result</b>
Melbourne Magistrates	29/08/02	Make Threat To Kill		Struckout. WITHDRAWN
Melbourne County	15/11/99	Perjury (Common Law)	2	Acquitted.
Melbourne Supreme	09/10/98	Appeal Re 06/05/98 Traffick Cannabis		Appeal allowed, order of the Magistrates Court set aside. Acquitted. As MOKBELL, Antonios Sajh
Melbourne	06/05/98	Traffick Cannabis		3 years and 6 months. Non-parole period of 15 months. As MOKBEL, Antonios Sajh
Prahran Magistrates	30/04/98	Assault Police / P Use Insulting Word		Both charges adjourned to a date to be fixed. As MOKBEL, Tony
Prahran Magistrates	01/04/98	Hinder Police		Without conviction adjourned for 12 months. To pay \$1,000 court fund. As MOKBEL, Tony
Melbourne Magistrates	21/05/92	Handle/Receive/Ret Burglary Theft		Fined \$1,500. Both charges withdrawn. As MOKBEL, Antonios
Melbourne County	06/04/92	Att. To Pervert The Course Of Justice		12 months. 6 months of sentence suspended for 12 months under section 21 of penalties and Sentences Act. as MOKBEL, Antonios
Brunswick Magistrates	09/12/87	Use Threatening Words Use Indecent Language		Fined \$750. Fined \$250. As MOKBEL, Antonio
Moonee Pond Magistrates	30/09/86	Assault Occasioning Unlawful Assault		Fined \$1,500. Withdrawn. As MOKBEL, Tony Sijah
Prahran Magistrates	17/05/86	Unlawful Assault Assault By Kicking Assault In Company		Fined \$250 default 5 days. Both charges withdrawn.
Broadmeadow Magistrates	18/02/86	Assault Occasioning		Failed to appear warrant issued. as MOKBEL, Tony

<sup>114</sup> Prior convictions are for Victoria only. Federal and interstate convictions are not included at this stage.

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Moonee Pond Magistrates	26/11/85	Use Threatening Words		Fined \$600. All licences cancelled and disqualified for 1 month. as MOKBEL, Antonis
Brunswick Magistrates	12/08/85	Use Indecent Language Resist Police Or P		Fined \$150. Withdrawn.
Melbourne Magistrates	06/08/85	Assault Occasioning Use Indecent Language Unlawful Assault		Fined \$800. Fined \$100. Withdrawn. To pay \$140 costs. as MOKBEL, Antonios Rajih
Yea Magistrates	26/04/85	Resist Police Or P Use Indecent Language		Fined \$150. Default 3 days. Fined \$75. Default 2 days. as MOKBEL, Antonious
Prahran Magistrates	24/04/85	Use Threatening Words Resist Police Or P		Fined \$50. Default 1 day on each charge. as MOKBEL, Antonios Sajih
Brunswick Magistrates	05/10/84	Obtain Property By		Adjourned to 4.10.85 on \$200 good behaviour bond. as MOKBEL, Antonios
Melbourne	08/08/83	Unlawful Assault		Fined \$750. Default 15 days as MOKBELL, Anthony
Melbourne Childrens	21/06/82	Unlawfully On Prem Burglary Theft		Adjourned for 52 weeks on \$20 Good behaviour bond. Both charges withdrawn.

MOKBEL, Horthy

Court	Date	Charge	Count	Result
Melbourne County	09/08/02	Breach Of Suspended Breach Re 08/06/01		Convicted And Fined \$300
		Obtain Financial Advantage	2	Breach Of Suspended Sentence. No Order Made As MOKBEL, HORTY
Frankston Magistrates	07/08/02	Drive Whilst Autho		1 MONTH imprisonment Concurrent Sentence is wholly suspended under S.27 of the Sentencing Act 1991. for 12 MONTHS
		Drive At Speed Ove		With conviction, fined \$300.00 with \$54.00 statutory costs
Melbourne Magistrates	19/06/02	Conspire Traffick		Struckout. WITHDRAWN as MOKBEL, HORTY.
		Bring Money To Vic		
Moonee Ponds Magistrates	27/02/02	Drive Whilst Autho		1 MONTH imprisonment. Concurrent.

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				Sentence is wholly suspended under S.27 of the Sentencing Act 1991 for 12 MONTHS
		Use Unregistered M		With conviction, fined \$500.00
		Drive Whilst Autho		Struckout.
		Use Unregistered M		WITHDRAWN
Melbourne County	08/06/01	Obtain Financial Advantage		12 months. Sentence suspended for 12 months under section 27 of sentencing act
		Obtain Financial Advantage		4 months concurrent. Sentence suspended for 12 months under section 27 of sentencing act. To pay \$103,000.00 compensation. as MOKBEL, HORTY
Melbourne County	29/05/00	Defraud The Commonwealth		Acquitted. as MOKBEL, HORTY
Brunswick Magistrates	11/02/85	Wilfully Tresspass		Fined \$150 default 3 days
		Resist Police Or P		Fined \$100 default 2 days.
		Use Threatening Words		Both charges withdrawn as MOKBEL, Horthy
Behave In Offensive Manner				
Mornington Magistrates	10/02/83	Discharge Missile		Fined \$100 default 2 days
		Wilfully Damage Pr		Fined \$50 default 1 day. as MOKBEL, Orty
Carlton Magistrates	24/08/82	Assault Occasioning		Fined \$200 default 6 days
		Assault Occasioning		Fined \$200 default 4 days
		Unlawful Assault	2	Both charges withdrawn. To pay \$131 costs. as MOKBEL, Horthy
Melbourne Childrens	06/05/80	Fraud'ly Alter/Use		Without conviction fined \$50 default 5 days.
		Unlicensed Driving		Adjourned for 52 weeks
		Theft Of A Motor V		Without conviction fined \$30 default 3 days

MOKBEL, Milad

Court	Date	Charge	Count	Result
Melbourne Magistrates	20/11/03	Possess Money - Being Proceeds Of Crime		Struckout. WITHDRAWN
		Possess Money - Be		Struckout. WITHDRAWN
Melbourne Magistrates	15/07/02	Traffick Dod(Not		Struckout.
		Possess Drug Of D		WITHDRAWN
		Conspire Traffick		
Preston Magistrates	06/05/93	Rehearing Re 14/12/88		Convicted And

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		Driving Whilst Lic		Fined \$400
Melbourne Magistrates	22/10/91	Unlawful Assault		2 Months. Sentence Suspended For 12 Months Under Section 21 Of Penalties And Sentences Act. Fined \$750
Preston Magistrates	14/12/88	Driving Whilst Lic		1 Month
Melbourne Magistrates	19/03/87	Recklessly Cause I		Fined \$1000
		Unlawful Assault		Withdrawn

MOKBEL, Kabalan

Court	Date	Charge	Count	Result
Benalla Magistrates	20/11/96	Behave In Riotous		Both Charges Without Conviction Fined Aggregate \$550
		Use Insulting Word		
		Intentionally Or R		All Charges Withdrawn
		Unlawful Assault		
		Assault With Weapon		
		Assault In Company		
		Riot (Common Law)		
Ringwood Magistrates	02/08/91	Burglary		Fined \$1000. Items Forfeited as MOKBEL, Kabalan
Brunswick Magistrates	18/10/82	Handle/Receive/Ret	4	Fined \$250 Default 5 Days On Each Charge
		Handle/Receive/Ret		Fined \$200 Default 4 Days
		Alter/Deface Vehic		Fined \$50 Default 1 Day
		Theft		Dismissed.
		Unlawful Possession	7	All Charges Withdrawn
Moonee Ponds Magistrates	11/07/80	Theft Of A Motor V		Probation For 18 Months
		Theft From Motor V		Withdrawn To Pay \$5.60 Costs. All Licences Suspended For 3 Months

Family Connections

Parents

Few details have been recorded concerning the parents of the MOKBEL brothers. There is no mention of a father in any of the antecedents or other sources. The mother is referred to in a single report as being MOKBEL, Lora. LEAP details a female by the name of MOKBEL, Lord with no further details along with a female MOKBEL, Vita, again with no further details.

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MOKBEL, Antonios

MOKBEL, Carmel, [REDACTED] alias MOKBEL, Carmela<sup>116</sup>. Estranged/Ex-wife of Tony MOKBEL. Remains co-director/shareholder in Clickitys Pty Ltd and Sajih Pty Ltd with Tony MOKBEL. She is the Director/Secretary and sole shareholder of Finchfield Holdings Pty and Always a Winner Pty Ltd. She is a co-director, secretary and shareholder of The Half Glass Hotel Pty Ltd in company with TAOUK, George. She was formerly a director of 3 H N & Company Pty Ltd with Tony MOKBEL and Paul HOWDEN.

MOKBEL, Sajih Anthony, [REDACTED] He is the son of Tony and Carmel MOKBEL. Resides with his mother.

MOKBEL, Susan. She is the daughter of Tony and Carmel MOKBEL. Resides with her mother

McGUIRE, Danielle Leigh, [REDACTED] Current de-facto wife of Tony MOKBEL. She resides with him in an apartment at [REDACTED] Southbank.

McGUIRE, Brittany. Daughter of Danielle McGUIRE and Mark BUSBRIDGE, [REDACTED]<sup>117</sup>. She resides with her mother at [REDACTED] Southbank.

MOKBEL, Horty

MOKBEL, Roula, [REDACTED] alias KARANIKOS, Zaharoula; KARANIKOS, Roula; MOKBEL, Rula. Wife of Horty MOKBEL

MOKBEL, Milad

MOKBEL, Renate Lisa, [REDACTED] alias KETTYLE, Renate; MALABEL, Renate Kettle C. Wife of Milad MOKBEL

MOKBEL, Kabalan

No persons currently associated with subject.

SAAD, Gawy [REDACTED]

Reported to be the sister of the MOKBEL brothers. She has an RTA address of [REDACTED] Rosanna.

<sup>117</sup> BUSBRIDGE is recorded on MNI<sup>PII</sup> [REDACTED] with prior convictions for amphetamine and ecstasy related offences. Leap records show association with HUTCHINSON, Daniel Owen, [REDACTED] MNI [REDACTED] with convictions for trafficking amphetamines, an associate of WILLIAMS, Carl; and BAADE, Ann Maree, [REDACTED] a known amphetamine user and dealer

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Travel

Tony MOKBEL was the holder of an Australian passport No:

[REDACTED]<sup>118</sup>

Horty MOKBEL was the holder of an Australian Passport No:

[REDACTED]<sup>119</sup>

Kabalan MOKBEL was the holder of an Australian Passport No:

[REDACTED]<sup>120</sup>

Section 5

Contemporary Information

Associates



WILLS, Glenn Bradley, [REDACTED]

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<sup>118</sup> Tony MOKBEL combined MDID profile

<sup>119</sup> Tony MOKBEL combined MDID profile

<sup>120</sup> Tony MOKBEL combined MDID profile

<sup>121</sup> VicRoads Records

<sup>122</sup> ASIC company records

<sup>123</sup> ASIC company records – ACN 075 556 517

<sup>124</sup> [REDACTED]

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WILLS is associated with the Heat Nightclub, Crown Casino. Contemporaneous press articles in early 2005 suggested that the lease on the area occupied by the night club would not be renewed.<sup>125</sup>

On Saturday 24-Jul-2004 <sup>Mr Thomas</sup> was assaulted at his home situated [REDACTED] Brighton, by Glen WILLS, in company with at least three other persons. WILLS pistol whipped <sup>Mr Thomas</sup> with him receiving a broken nose and black eye. WILLS assaulted <sup>Mr Thomas</sup> because he believes that <sup>Mr Thomas</sup> knew that Mario CONDELLO was planning to murder Carl WILLIAMS and did not warn Carl WILLIAMS.

As a result of information received, Operation GURRY was commenced targeting the activities of WILLS. It is known that during Operation GURRY there were a number of meetings between WILLS and MOKBEL at the R-Bar, Beach Road, Port Melbourne. It is believed that the intervention of MOKBEL saved <sup>Mr Thomas</sup> from being killed or seriously injured. It was reported that Milad MOKBEL had accused <sup>Mr Thomas</sup> of being a police informer.<sup>126</sup>

WILLS was part owner of Mirror Finish Panels Pty Ltd at [REDACTED] North Melbourne with <sup>Mr Thomas</sup> although ASIC records record GUGLIELMINO, Pasqualino [REDACTED] as being the other interested party.<sup>127</sup>

WILLS facilitated tickets to events such as the Australian Grand Prix for other members of the cartel. He also allowed social events to be held at Heat Nightclub.<sup>128</sup>

One of the objectives of Operation GURRY was the disruption of trafficking illicit drugs through Heat Nightclub. The trafficking of these substances was done with the knowledge and consent of WILLS.

WILLIAMS, George, [REDACTED]

During the Operation PURANA investigations, there were numerous telephone contacts between George WILLIAMS and Tony MOKBEL monitored on various Telephone Intercept warrants. The degree of familiarity between the two was demonstrated by them referring to each other as "habibi", the Arabic word for friend. In the conversations that were monitored between the two, there was seldom anything more than general chit-chat. Considering the knowledge of police procedures that both of the parties had, this is not surprising.

Information from tracking devices fitted to the vehicle of George WILLIAMS showed that he would often attend in the vicinity of Canberra

<sup>125</sup> "Casino nightclub too hot to handle", The Herald-Sun by Michael Warner, 05-Mar-2005; "Crown Casino turns on the Heat" The Herald-Sun by Craig Binnie, 07-May-2005

<sup>126</sup> Operation PURANA investigation "Operation GURRY"

<sup>127</sup> ASIC company records for ACN 006 642 664

<sup>128</sup> WILLIAMS telephone intercept product

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Street, Brunswick or the Brunswick Market. These meetings would be often preceded by an innocuous telephone call.

It is suspected that George WILLIAMS is answerable to MOKBEL in the manufacture and distribution of amphetamines.

WILLIAMS, Carl Anthony, [REDACTED]

There has been a long standing relationship between Carl WILLIAMS and MOKBEL over a number of years, dating to at least the early 1990's when WILLIAMS travelled to Sydney with MOKBEL and was suspected of involvement in the burglary of a chemical warehouse there. At that time, WILLIAMS was closely associated with members of the MORAN family, and was reputed to be an amphetamine cook.

During the monitoring of Telephone Intercept warrants during Operation PURANA, there was regular contact between WILLIAMS and MOKBEL. WILLIAMS would refer to MOKBEL as "The Lord Mayor". WILLIAMS was particularly annoyed when he was excluded from a number of venues in and around Melbourne, and vented his spleen to MOKBEL over the issue.

It is known that a christening party was held for the daughter of WILLIAMS at the Crown Casino. Included on the guest list was MOKBEL. It was reported that the event was paid for by MOKBEL.

It has been suspected that MOKBEL holds funds for both George and Carl WILLIAMS. Neither of the WILLIAMS's displays any great signs of wealth however, both enjoy a life style above their incomes. It would be safe to conclude that MOKBEL acts as banker and supplies cash as and when required. It is speculated that he also receives monies from illegal activities in order to launder them in his varied dealings.

It is suspected that MOKBEL receives a percentage of all narcotic transactions made by Carl and George WILLIAMS, holding a position within the organisation superior to both of them.

Mr Thomas [REDACTED]

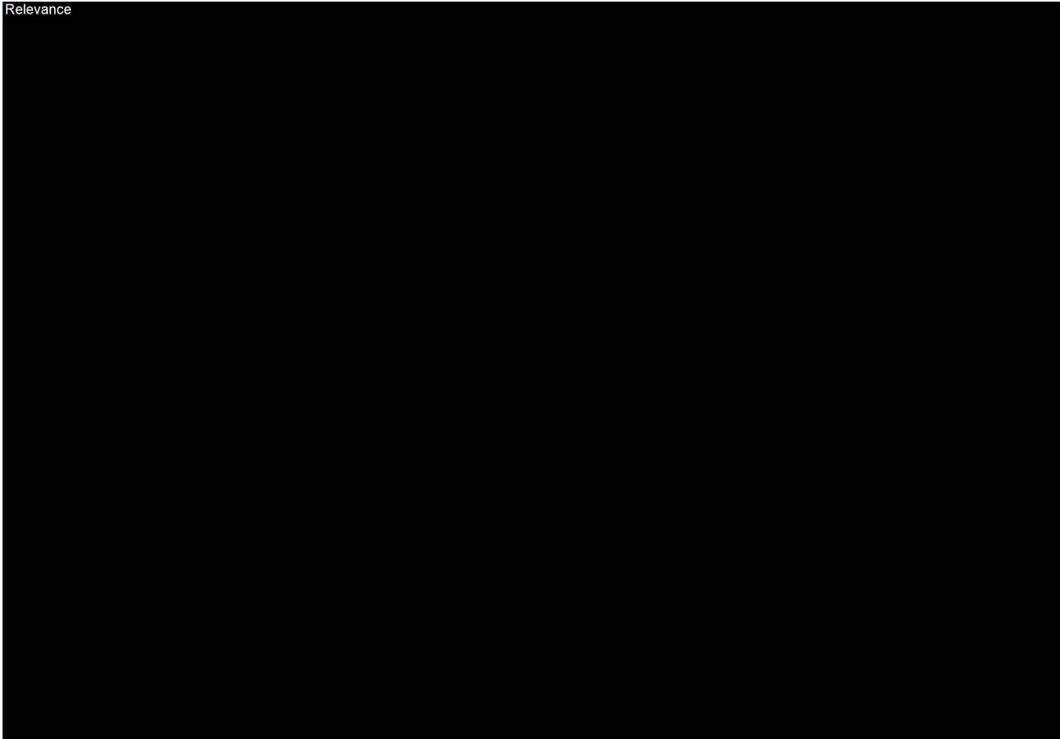
Mr Thomas is a long term associate of the MOKBEL's, having had contact with all of the brothers at some time or other. He was involved in a number of illegal activities which also included WILLIAMS, Carl, including the murder of Jason MORAN for which he will be standing trial in 2005.

The relationship between Mr Thomas and some members of the criminal cartel soured in July 2005 when it was rumoured that he had become a police informer. This particularly enraged Milad MOKBEL who appears to have contracted WILLS to assault and threaten Mr Thomas. It was only the intervention of Tony MOKBEL that prevented matters from getting totally out of hand.

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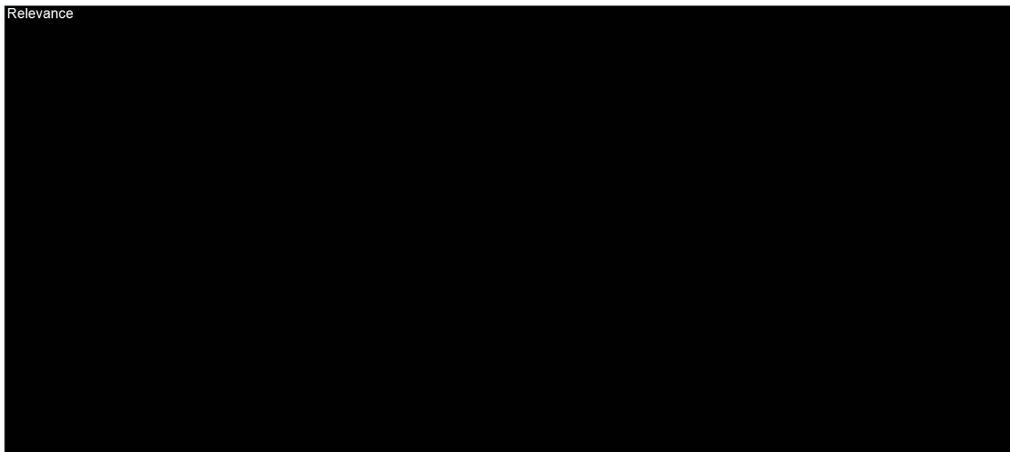
Mr Thomas has been involved in a number of enterprises, either illegal in their nature or flying very close to the wind.

Relevance

OUEIDA Mohammed Sherif

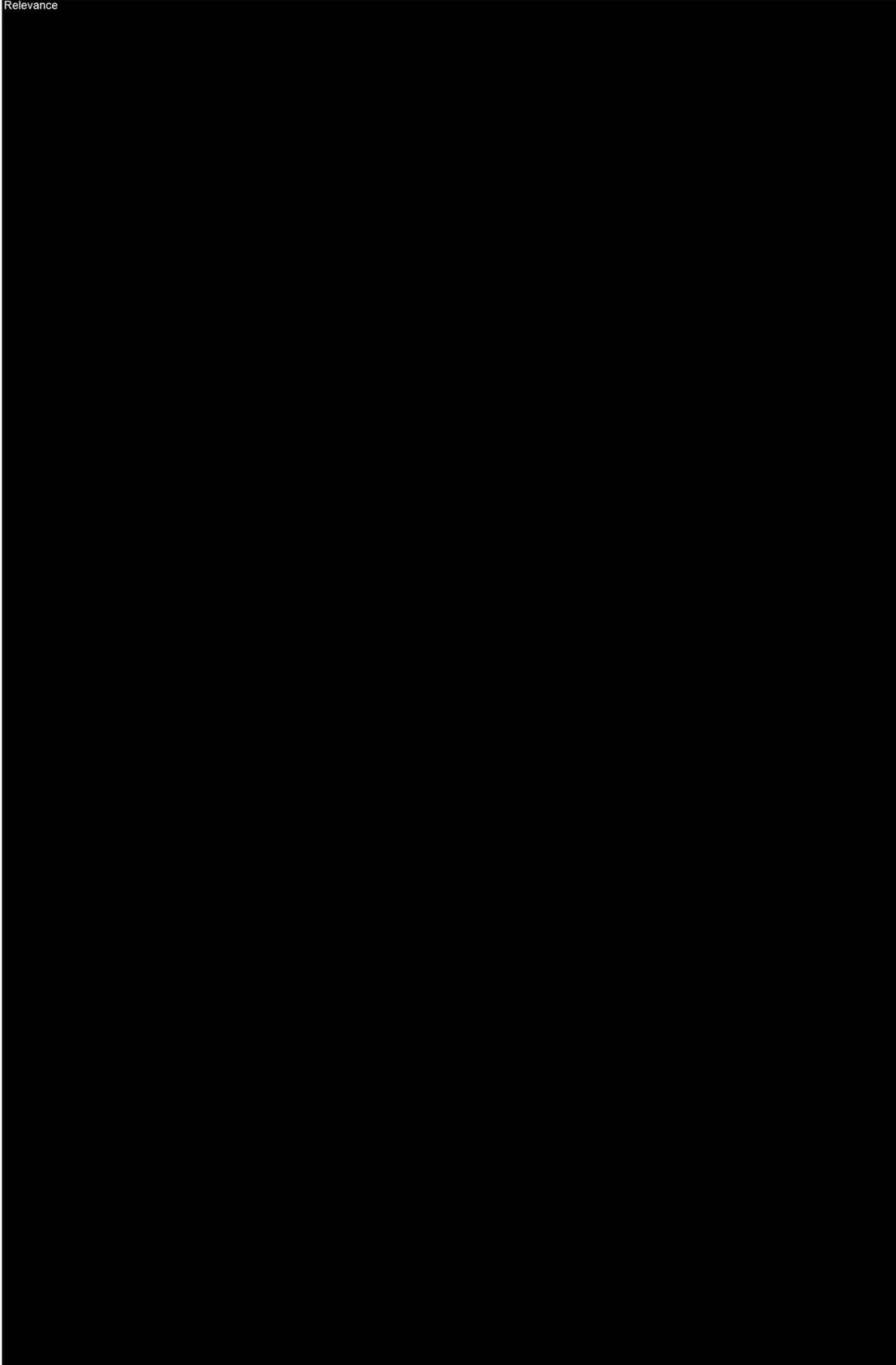
OUEIDA has risen to prominence recently as other associates of MOKBEL have fallen away. OUEIDA is currently the subject of an investigation by the Major Drug Investigation Division regarding the trafficking of amphetamines to Western Australia. This investigation has striking similarities to Operation HALTED.

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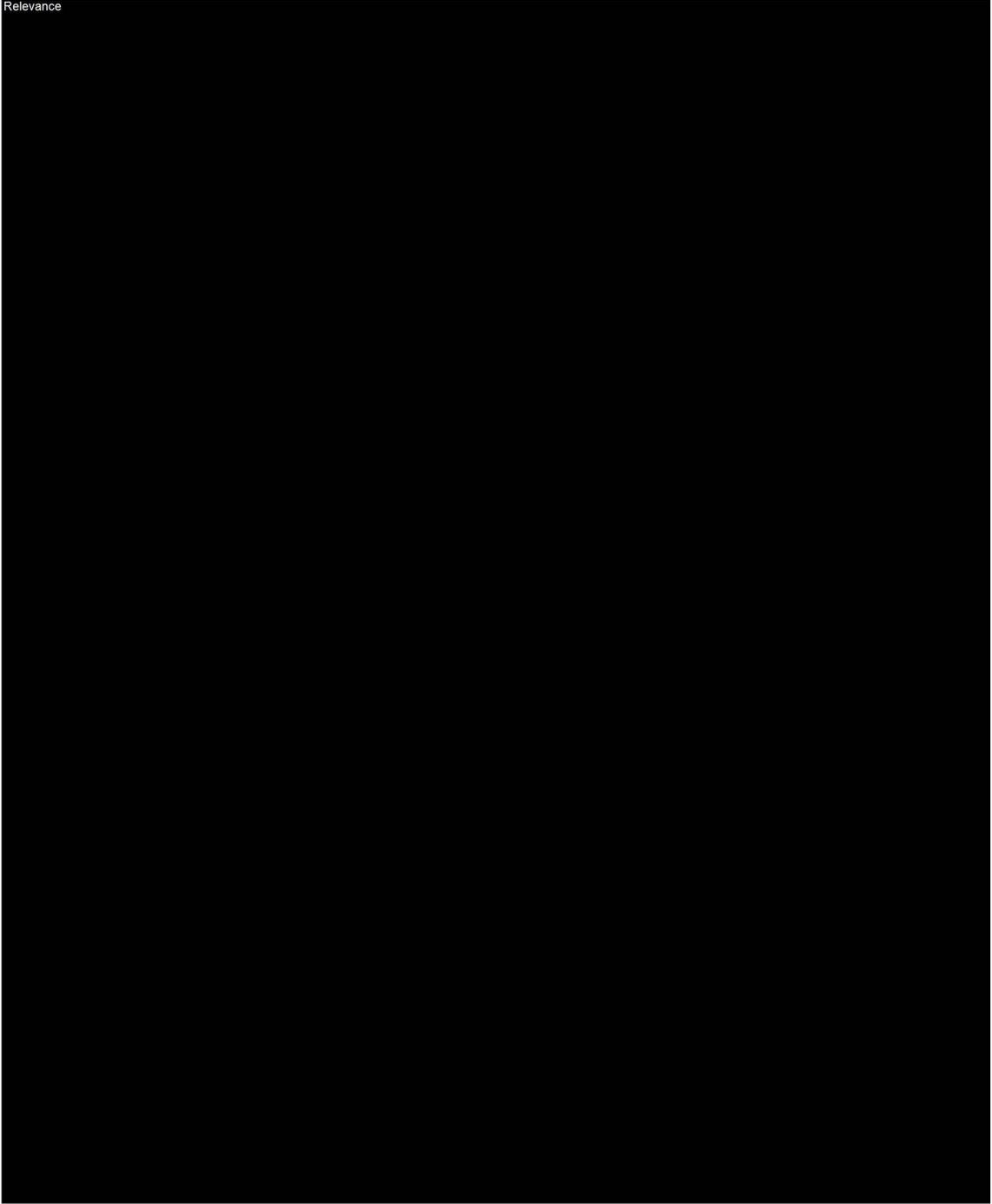
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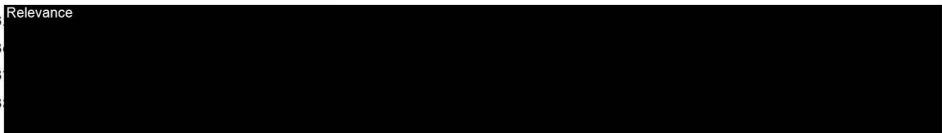
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KHODR, Michael<sup>138</sup>

KHODR is a commission betting agent.

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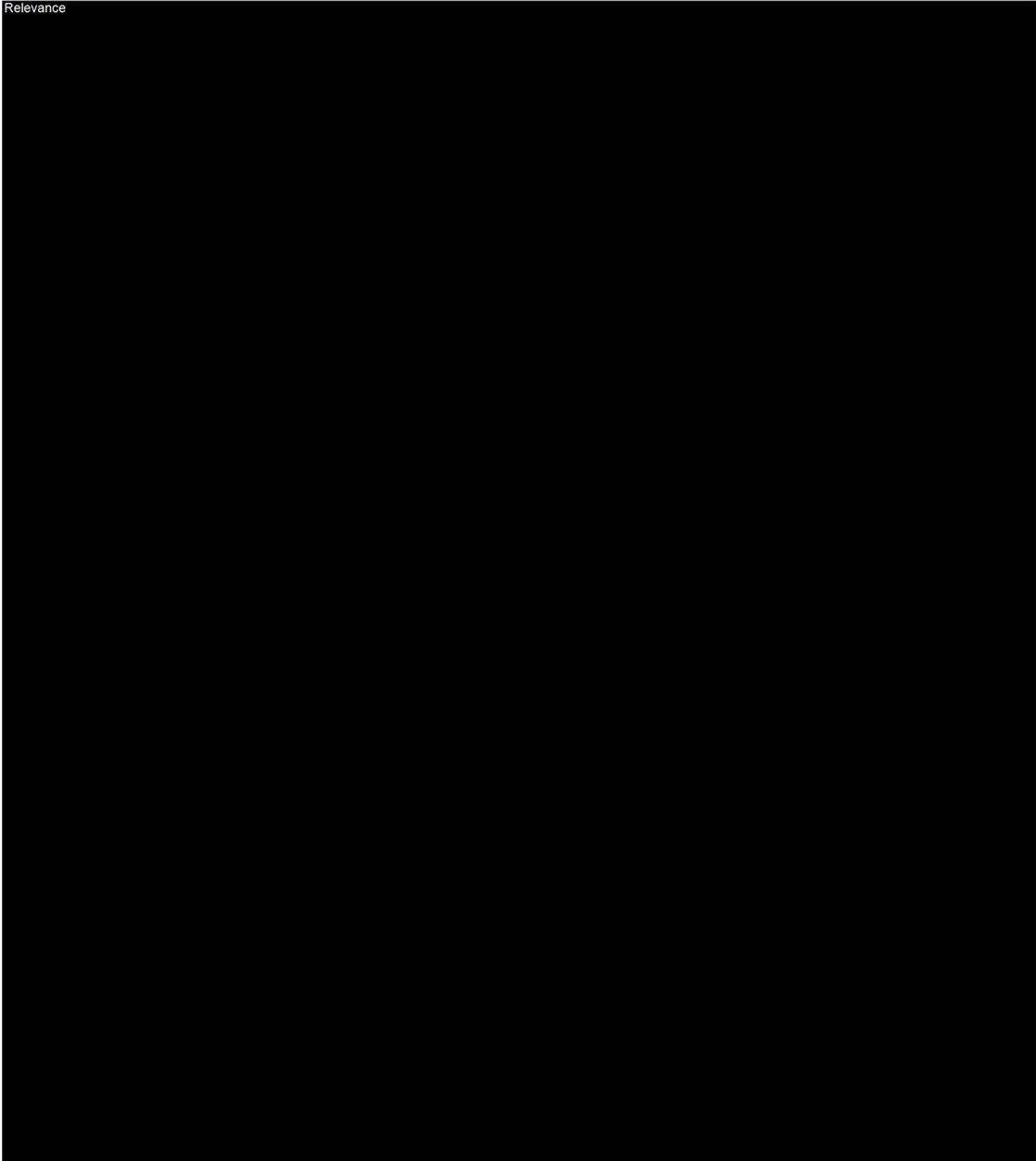
KHODR is believed to be known as PONCH by the AFP.

KHODR was fined \$15,000 by NSW racing for the incident at Warwick Farm on the 4<sup>th</sup> of October, 2004 where he is believed to have placed bets for MOKBEL to the value of \$441,850.

Subject of anonymous information received at Operation Purana alleging involvement in drug trafficking and associating with Ricky and Paul SEQUENZIA at Moonee Valley Races. (Ir. 350 General)

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SEQUENZIA Paul, [REDACTED]

A known amphetamine cook, SEQUENZIA has been associated with Tony MOKBEL for a number of years. It was believed that SEQUENZIA also cooked for MORAN, Jason. There is a family relationship between SEQUENZIA and the MORANs, that being his sister was married to MORAN, Mark. SEQUENZIA is also shown as an associate of WILLIAMS, Carl. It is reported that SEQUENZIA is alleged to have been taught how to manufacture amphetamines by Paul HOWDEN.<sup>143</sup> Following the death of MORAN, Lewis, a number of charges against SEQUENZIA were not proceeded with.

It was reported that SEQUENZIA was regularly laundering money through the Moonee Valley Tabaret.<sup>144</sup> Part of an AFP operation managed to capture images of SEQUENZIA on film with a number of runners who were actively placing bets.

KHOURY, John, [REDACTED]

KHOURY is an associate of Tony MOKBEL. KHOURY has a number of interests in licensed premises which have included Barflys in Bourke Street, Melbourne and of late the Great Northern Hotel in Rathdowne Street, Carlton. Information from Liquor Licensing Victoria suggested that KHOURY would be the front man for a number of purchases of licences premises using the funds of MOKBEL. These included the Metro Nightclub in the city and the London Café Bar Restaurant in Port Melbourne.

It is suspected that KHOURY is the front man for a number of ventures where MOKBEL is the silent partner in licensed venues.

KHOURY is also an associate of GATTO, Dominic @ Mick and CONDELLO, Mario.

KHOURY featured in varying degrees in the Tactical Investigations Groups operations CLAM and FELIX.

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<sup>143</sup> MDID profile on SEQUENZIA

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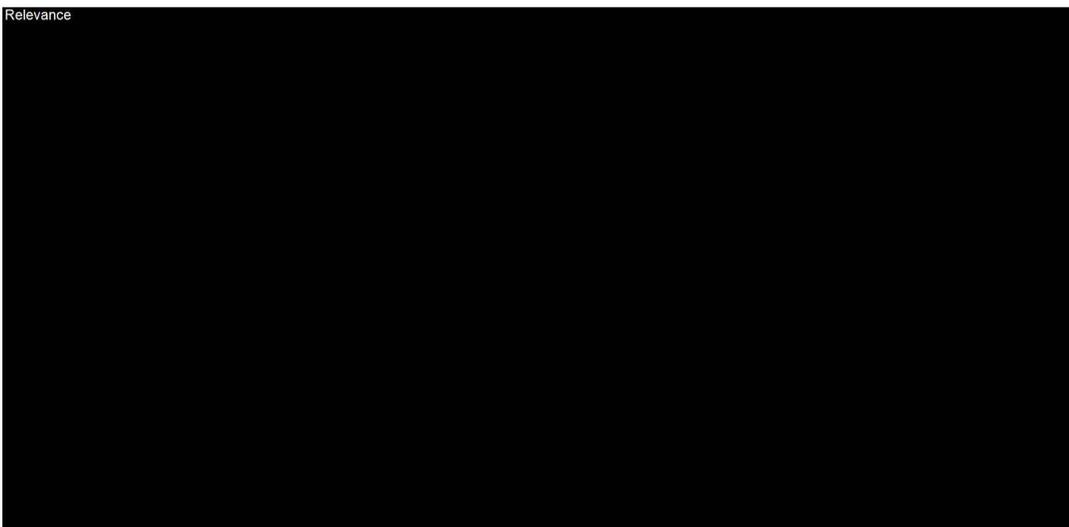
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The partner of KHOURY is PARKER, Jacqueline Leanne, [REDACTED]

LANTERI @ BARKER, Mark Anthony, 16-Apr-1973

LANTERI was arrested along with others including Tony MOKBEL as a result of <sup>Op1</sup> [REDACTED]. It was reported during <sup>Op1</sup> [REDACTED] that LANTERI was a runner for Tony MOKBEL. LANTERI is an associate of PARISI, Joseph and was known to have had dealings with the sons of SMIT, Jacobus. All of the offences for which he was charged during <sup>Op1</sup> [REDACTED] were withdrawn apart from the charge of possessing the proceeds of crime which was adjourned to a date to be fixed.

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PARISI, Joseph, 29-Nov-1954

PARISI was a co-offender of LANTERI in <sup>Op1</sup> [REDACTED]. He was charged with major drug offences, which were later withdrawn.

PARISI was profiled during <sup>Op1</sup> [REDACTED]

KHOURY @ SAYFE, Simon George, [REDACTED]

KHOURY, Simon, is a director and secretary of a number of businesses involved in the construction industry. He is also involved in a business known as Pure Group Nominees, which according to AUSTRAC records is concerned with licensed premises.

It is probable that KHOURY is a front for Tony MOKBEL's interests in licensed premises. KHOURY is reported to be the licensee of the Hugo Lounge, level 1- 402 Chapel Street, South Yarra, and has associations with the Lotus Bar and Restaurant, 172 Toorak Rd South Yarra with other Lebanese.

<sup>145</sup> MDID profile on Tony MOKBEL

<sup>146</sup> Operation ELVER

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Information from the MDID suggested that the Hugo Bar was being funded by Tony MOKBEL and Carl WILLIAMS<sup>147</sup> (this may be one of the reasons they were so upset about being banned from Stonnington).

KHOURY is not related to KHOURY, John, who made threats against him over being sold a stolen BMW that was part of racket being run out of Sydney in late 1997 or early 1998.

KHOURY is an associate of HABCHI, Larry [REDACTED] and FAKHRI, John [REDACTED] who were targets of Drug Squad Operation UNNAMED in 1993.

SARKIS, Fadi [REDACTED]

SARKIS, Fadi was involved in scheme defrauding Victorian Government out of approximately \$17,000,000 sales tax involving cigarettes. He was also charged with offer bribe to investigating officials and attempt to pervert course of justice.

Fadi SARKIS's wife, [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] Brunswick West, was part owner the horse Planet D'or, trained at MOKBELs property. The other part owner of the horse was MOKBEL, Carmel.

a number of rooms were booked at the Crown Tower, Crown Casino in the name of SARKIS. The rooms were used by WILLIAMS, Carl and Roberta on these of occasions.<sup>148</sup>

SARKIS was charged with possessing cocaine and possessing the proceeds of crime as a result of Operation ELSIN with a committal hearing set for 18-Jul-2005.

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McGUIRE, Danielle Leigh, [REDACTED]

Danielle McGUIRE is the current de-facto wife of Tony MOKBEL. She has had an on-going relationship with him over a number of years. Danielle McGUIRE has a brother, Brendan Shayne McGUIRE, [REDACTED] who featured in Organised Crime Squad "Operation HALTED". It was alleged that Brendan McGUIRE obtained a pill press for use in the manufacture of ecstasy tablets.

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HOWDEN, Paul Edward [REDACTED]

HOWDEN was a co-director in 3 H.N. & Company Pty Ltd, even after his death. HOWDEN was a convicted amphetamine cook who was associated with <sup>Mr Thomas</sup> MOKBEL, Milad; MOKBEL, Kabalan; KHOURY, Simon George and AGIS, Anthony. He was seriously burned in an explosion in an amphetamine laboratory in 1997. When interviewed, he took the blame for laboratory, even though others were believed to be involved.<sup>153</sup>

### Legal Representatives

HELIOTIS, Con –

HELIOTIS represented MOKBEL in the Federal matters concerning the importation of cocaine into Australia valued at

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HELIOTIS represented MOKBEL at the <sup>PII</sup> [REDACTED]

GOBBO, Nicola –

GOBBO had indicated that she would be appearing with MOKBEL at the <sup>PII</sup> [REDACTED] however, due to other factors found she was not able to attend and passed the brief onto HELIOTIS.

GOBBO appeared with HELIOTIS the committal proceedings regarding charges brought by the Drug Squad as a result of Operation KAYAK.

GOBBO admitted to investigators that she was facing financial difficulties due to some of her more high profile clients not paying their bills.

GARDE-WILSON, Zarah

GARDE-WILSON is the solicitor that is in vogue providing advice for many figures of the Melbourne underworld. GARDE-WILSON worked for the law firm of Pryles and Deferos before leaving to start her own practice. Amongst her clients, she counts Carl and Roberta WILLIAMS, Terrence CHIMERRI and others aligned to the MOKBEL-WILLIAMS cartel. She has appeared for MOKBEL in a number of matters, one being a bail variation hearing on 11-Mar-05 where permission was granted for MOKBEL to travel to Queensland for a holiday.

It was reported that after Roberta WILLIAMS was released from prison, an apartment in Port Melbourne was leased and paid for by MOKBEL for GARDE-WILSON. While Roberta WILLIAMS was in prison for her drug related charges, GARDE-WILSON resided at [REDACTED] Essendon.

FORREST, Terry –

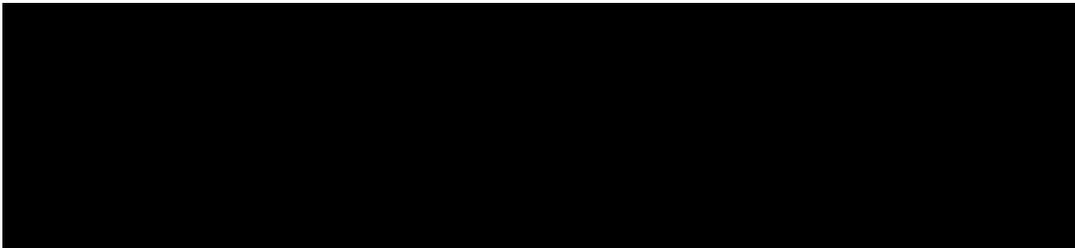
FORREST represented MOKBEL in <sup>PII</sup> [REDACTED] following the withdrawal of HELIOTIS over conflict of interest arguments.

**Accountants**

For a number of years the MOKBELs and their associates have utilised the services of the accounting firm of Babo Morganti and Partners, situated at Level 1, 12 Cramer Street, Preston. It would appear that Michael HYMER

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(15-Sep-1960) of that office is responsible for most dealings with MOKBEL. This company was subjected to search under warrant during Drug Squad Operation KYAK.<sup>154</sup> Many of the businesses run by the MOKBEL family and their associates use this firm as the registered office of their companies.



**MOKBEL Family Business Interests**

Antonios MOKBEL

Tony MOKBEL is the owner of the Brunswick Market, 661 Sydney Rd., Brunswick

It is reported that MOKBEL is the owner/silent partner in a number of licensed premises in Melbourne, with intermediaries being registered as the owners/licensees. Much of this is based on his association with KHOURY, John who was the owner of Barflys in Bourke Street, Melbourne, and more recently the licensee of the Great Northern Hotel, 644 Rathdowne St., Carlton.

Searches of the Australian Securities and Investment Commission database revealed that MOKBEL is currently the director of a number of companies. For all of the records, [REDACTED] Pascoe Vale South is used as the contact address for MOKBEL. He has previously been director of a number of companies but relinquished control to other persons. One person of note that appears to have many dealings regarding businesses previously owned by MOKBEL is SMIT, Jacobus. Details of MOKBELS involvements are as follows:

3 H.N. & Company Pty Ltd

MOKBEL was a director and secretary of this company in conjunction with HOWDEN, Paul Edward [REDACTED] and MOKBEL, Carmel [REDACTED] between 19-Nov-1997 and 12-Jul-2004 when it ceased trading. MOKBEL, Carmel was listed as director and secretary between 21-Jun-1996 and 19-Nov-997 and was shown as being a shareholder. HOWDEN was listed as being a director for the same time. He had relinquished control as director but maintained a shareholding in the company with MOKBEL, Carmel. There were a total of twelve shares split between both of them. The principal activity of the business was listed as being trustee for the horse asset unit

<sup>154</sup> LEAP [REDACTED]

<sup>155</sup> ASIC company records

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trust. For most of the time the registration the principal place of business as shows as [REDACTED] Pascoe Vale South <sup>156</sup>

Collins Street Shopping Pty Ltd

MOKBEL was the sole director and secretary of this company between 20-Jul-2000 and 25-Jan-2001 when SMIT, Jacobus [REDACTED] assumed control as sole director and secretary. When SMIT assumed control, 1,400 shares were registered in his name although there is no indication of shareholdings by MOKBEL. The business was de-registered on 17-Apr-2004. No activity was listed for this business and the principal place of business was recorded as 655 Sydney Road Brunswick for the duration of the registration.<sup>157</sup>

Christos Fragrances Pty Ltd

MOKBEL was recorded as being the sole director and secretary of this company between 20-Jun-2000 and 25-Jan-2001 when SMIT assumed control as sole director and secretary. MOKBEL was shown as being the holder of 1,500 shares in the business between 08-Dec-2000 and 24-Jan-2002 when they were transferred to SMIT. The business was de-registered on 17-Apr-2004. No activity was listed for this business, although the principal place of business remained at 605 Sydney Road, Brunswick for the duration of the registration.<sup>158</sup>

Chapel Street Shopping Pty Ltd

MOKBEL was recorded as being the sole director and secretary of this business between 11-Jul-2000 and 25-Jan-2001 where he again passed control over to SMIT. When SMIT assumed the role as sole director and secretary, 1,400 shares were registered in his name, although there were no shares previously held by MOKBEL. The principal activity of the business was not recorded. From 11-Jul-2000 until 15-Aug-2004 the principal place of business was shown as 605 Sydney Road, Brunswick. This business was de-registered on 15-Aug-2004, apparently under the instructions of the Victorian Workcover Authority who appear to have appointed liquidators.<sup>159</sup>

Chadstone Store Pty Ltd

MOKBEL was recorded as being the sole director and secretary of this business between 11-Jul-2000 and 25-Jan-2001 when SMIT became sole director and secretary. On 27-Jan-04, SMIT was recorded as holding 1,400 shares in the business which accounted for 100% of the shares. No shares

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<sup>156</sup> ASIC company records for ACN 074 473 135

<sup>157</sup> ASIC company records for ACN 093 839 046

<sup>158</sup> ASIC company records for ACN 093 393 170

<sup>159</sup> ASIC company records for ACN 093 725 663

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cartel, the involvement of Tony MOKBEL as a high level is almost certain. Information coming to hand shows contact between targets of the operation and persons with more than a passing association with MOKBEL.<sup>250</sup>

The Major Drug Investigation Division recently commenced Operation SAGES which centred around the activities of OUEIDA, Bassam and the trafficking of amphetamine between Victoria and Western Australia. During surveillance it was seen that OUEIDA was in contact with Kabalan MOKBEL, Antonios MOKBEL, Mark LANTERI and other members of the cartel. It was reported that the amphetamine was provided by a male known as "the old man", who is now believed to be George WILLIAMS.

### Section 7

#### Proposed Operation

In order to effectively close down the operations of MOKBEL, his family and associates, Operation POSSE was commenced in late 2004 under the banner of Operation PURANA. This was used as a flag of convenience, and it is proposed that a distinct task force be established utilising the expertise and experience of gained from both Operation PURANA and Operation LORCHA. While the basic premise of the task force is within the proposed structure of the Crime Departments strategy for investigation of organised crime, it should stand apart from any overt task forces established to combat them. Much of the investigation will need to be conducted in a covert manner in order to protect the integrity of the operation.

This will not be an easy or quick task. Unless the Victoria Police has the commitment to engage in a prolonged pro-active investigation with the full support of the government with adequate funding and manpower, then it should not be considered.

The only way an operation against targets of this magnitude can be effective is by adopting a multi-disciplinary, multi-jurisdictional approach. While resources of the Victoria Police will be central to the operation, the continued assistance of other bodies will be essential.

Due to the trans-national nature of some of the activities of the MOKBEL cartel the assistance of the Australian Federal Police, Australian Customs Service and the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service will be required. The coercive powers of the Australian Crime Commission in both the obtaining of documents and other evidence as well as the examination of witnesses is essential. The assistance of the Australian Taxation Office will be required in conducting full examinations of both business and private incomes. The monitoring of financial transactions requires the assistance of AUSTRAC, while the varied business interests will necessitate the involvement of the Australian Securities and Investment Commission. The

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<sup>250</sup> Operation PURANA investigation Operation KOLOS

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movement of persons into and out of Australia who are connected with the cartel will require the assistance of both the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.

It is expected that co-operation between Operation POSSE and the Australian Crime Commission Taskforce GORDIAN will yield results in the tracking of financial dealings and money laundering by members of the cartel. Taskforce GORDIAN will be useful by enabling investigations to take place without undue exposure to Operation POSSE.

The assistance of police forces in other states of Australia, as well as bodies such as the New South Wales Crime Commission, the Western Australian Crime and Corruption Commission and similar bodies will also be essential as state borders mean little to this group of criminals.

State government instrumentalities such as the Liquor Licensing Victoria, Sheriff's Office, Private Agents Registry, Community Services Department and Casino Control Authority will also need to be involved in varying degrees in ascertaining the antecedents of targets and other persons of interest. Enforcement of breaches of regulations should be pursued whenever they come under notice.

Utilising specialised agencies such as the [REDACTED] to assess venues like the [REDACTED] for [REDACTED] and having the premises [REDACTED] is also another approach.

The jurisdiction of [REDACTED] should be canvassed as well. For example, it is known that Renate MOKBEL operates a butcher shop in Brunswick so [REDACTED] should be undertaken. Any breach of federal, state or local government law needs to be rigorously enforced.

Private industry, including financial institutions and gaming establishments will need to be involved where the laundering of money from illegal activities is involved.

While a number of Memoranda of Understanding already exist with some of these bodies, additional memoranda should be considered to cover the specific eventualities of the operation.

Points of Contact need to be established within each of the agencies involved in the operation so that effective lines of communication can be established and maintained. The PoC's should act as a conduit for all enquiries passing between agencies, thus avoiding duplication of effort and misunderstandings.

Contacts have already been established with trusted persons within

[REDACTED] The objective is to gather information concerning the activities of Tony MOKBEL in order to have him [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The flow on effect of this will be to prevent him from

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Operation Structure

It is proposed that Operation POSSE be conducted along the lines of a Task Force with personnel possessing certain skills being co-opted to work within the task force for periods of time. Rather than establishing full investigation teams initially, it is suggested that positions are filled in stages as the workload increases. Due to the intelligence led nature of the operation it is proposed that all positions within the Intelligence Cell be filled in the initial stages of the investigation. The flow charts are attached as Appendix "A"

It is suggested that the Operation be headed by a Commissioned Officer, essential when requiring authorisations for certain services.

Multiple investigation teams lead by a Detective Senior Sergeant with no more than three crews consisting of Detective Sergeant and three investigators are also suggested. One of the investigators can be FIC qualified.

Qualified investigators consisting of a financial investigator/auditor and asset specialist will be required. Such specialised personnel would sit slightly outside the team structure in a support cell but would be required to assist with general investigations when required. They would still be answerable to a nominated Detective Senior Sergeant.

It is further suggested that a legal officer be attached to the task force to respond to matters that require professional advice. This person will also be the liaison point between the task force and Office of Public Prosecutions and would be able to provide briefings to legal counsel as and when required. Similarly, this person would form part of the support cell.

The [REDACTED] will form part of the operation, and as such an investigator will be required to [REDACTED] as well as maintaining a close relationship with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

As this operation will be intelligence driven, a strong Intelligence Cell is essential. It is suggested that this cell be led by an Analyst Sergeant at the least five with competent and experienced intelligence practitioners. They will need access to a series of internal and external databases as well as specific applications such as [REDACTED] [REDACTED] will have to be available on all computers within the task force area, with additional licences being obtained should that be the case. The storage of data will need to be in a discreet area with limited access to persons outside the task force area, including staff employed by IBM. Hardware such as colour copiers, printers and plotters should also be considered.

A suitably qualified administrative assistant will be required.

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should be evident in the short term. The interruption of the laundering of finances should be apparent by continued [REDACTED]

**Conclusion**

The reputation of the Victoria Police and other law enforcement bodies will rest on the outcomes of the operation. Should the operation fail, then the MOKBELs, as well as other criminal cartels such as Italian Organised Crime identities will continue to run rampant in the belief that they are able to outsmart the police. The operation will not be quick, nor will it be cheap. If the Victoria Police and State Government do not provide full backing for the intended operation then any hope of success will be limited.

Flexibility will be the key to success. Being capable of responding quickly to changing circumstances will be essential. The investigation needs to be able to “think outside the box” to come up with innovative and perhaps novel ways for the investigation to continue.

The operation will be considered a success when members of the Mokbel criminal cartel are totally alienated from all of their associates, both criminal and legitimate. To see them persona non grata in all walks of life is the ultimate aim. By placing them in such a situation they will be impotent. It will be a bonus if they are found committing serious crimes and successfully prosecuted.

This operation needs to be seen as a bench mark for dealing with major criminal groups in the future. The message needs to be sent to similar criminal organisations that no matter what they do, we will investigate their activities and prosecute them to the full extent of the law. We will no longer tolerate their criminality.