

BRIARS TASK FORCE UPDATE

Update: Monday 22 March 2010
 To: Board of Management
 From: Detective Senior Sergeant ABREHART

[REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] part heard. Adjourned for independent medical assessment. Hearing to be recommenced on [REDACTED] March, 2010. Negotiating with Office of Corrections to have [REDACTED] moved to accommodation more suitable for him. Potential for him to be moved to small unit at [REDACTED]. At this point his health is an issue impacting upon that.

** Negotiate broader long stay.*

[REDACTED]
 No change.

[REDACTED]
 Intelligence holdings reveal WATERS informing LALOR that "He has got [REDACTED] and that [REDACTED] did not want [REDACTED] to set anyone up and that he was conned to say what he said. WATERS stated that he was going to see [REDACTED] this week.

[REDACTED] has denied any contact with WATERS but it is probable that WATERS could visit [REDACTED] under these circumstances, given his recent visit to the offices of the OPI.

WATERS

It is apparent that WATERS is becoming more unstable and succumbing to the pressure. Intelligence suggests that his behavior is becoming increasingly erratic and is understood to have contacted Witness F during the Dale committal. This investigation is still very much front of mind. Need to keep pressure up.

Intend to ask ESD to target WATERS through some physical surveillance. Ongoing

SHEA

Trial QLD 25th May 2010 - Two counts [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]

On going drug investigation with Crime & Misconduct Commission and Drug Task Force. SHEA hampered by custody of children at present time.

ATO is conducting an assessment on his immediate family.

On 10 March, 2010 Briars investigators, [REDACTED] executed search warrants on SHEA'S sisters, Leanne SHEA & Sharon KNIGHT premises in relation to proceeds of crime offences. KNIGHT was found in possession of \$18,000 cash which she claimed her father gave to her. Leanne SHEA was in Sydney at the time the warrant was executed.

[REDACTED]

Intention as a result of this is to [REDACTED]

Investigators also intend to [REDACTED] in relation to the same matters.

[REDACTED] was not prepared to assist at this point.

[REDACTED]

Warrant executed on [REDACTED]^{PII} home address where small amount of cash and drugs were located. [REDACTED]^{PII} also supplied a statement implicating SHEA in the murder of CHARTRES-ABBOTT. Essentially SHEA has previously admitted his involvement to [REDACTED]^{PII}. **(This additional evidence would be enough to charge SHEA when PERRY is arrested and extradited).** [REDACTED]^{PII} also gave information in the statement implicating PERRY's involvement in the murder.

[REDACTED]^{PII} is a reluctant witness and is only willing to assist because of the charges that are likely to be facing him from this investigation. He will need to be managed carefully to get him to court. Intention to also take a full statement from his re his trafficking activities with SHEA.

SHEA'S runners, [REDACTED] will also need to be arrested and interviewed at some future point – it is hoped that they can also be [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

PERRY

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

MEDIA STRATEGY

It is apparent that the arrest of PERRY will generate significant publicity in Thailand and there is little hope of Australian authorities keeping that arrest under wraps. Given that is the case, we intend to push for as much publicity at the time of the arrest to bring some additional pressure to bear upon other suspects [REDACTED]

Inspector WADDELL to draft a media release for Media Directors office to consider.

MATHER

ATO conducting an assessment on same.

Intention to take estranged son in law, [REDACTED]

Intelligence suggests that MATHER is having difficulties in submitting his tax returns as requested by ATO. Has not lodged one for a number of years and has sacked couple of tax agents he had engaged to compile same.

ADDITIONAL

OPP have been asked for a fresh opinion as to viability of additional prosecutions should Perry be arrested and extradited. OPP have also been asked to contemplate approach with RYAN in the event Perry's prosecution. (Still pending)

COMPLETION

Det. Insp. WADDELL has returned to Education until there are further developments with Thailand enquiries. WADDELL keeping a watching brief on taskforce and assisting where he can.

MISC

In consultation with Supt RUST re storage solution for investigation file

REMAINING

Two investigators to complete drug investigation on SHEA – ABREHART, CUXSON and supported by Intelligence practitioner MILLS/CLARKE.

Need to negotiate extension for CUXSON and CLARKE with Crime Department/Region 3. Agreement for both persons runs out end of March. Crime currently are backfilling CUXSON'S position at Heidelberg.

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