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DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Time is now 2.50 pm. Detective Inspector John O'Connor meeting with Nicola Gobbo, Witness F, at a café in South Melbourne. Date is Wednesday the 23rd of - 23rd of May 2012.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Nic, it's John. What about the - the old - oh, is it? Well, I'm standing out - what about [REDACTED] next to [REDACTED] - well, there's no-one here. I'm only gunna - I've gunna get something off you, that's all so - do you want me to order you - order you a coffee or not? Sorry? Oh, you're already there, are ya? Yeah. So, yeah, all right, I'll see you up here. Skinny flat white really hot, all right. You know where it is, just next to the NAB? Yep, see ya, bye.

WAITRESS: How are you going?

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Can I get a normal - normal flat white and a - and a skinny flat white hot, please?

WAITRESS: Have here?

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Have here, please.

WAITRESS: Flat white and a skinny flat white. Anything else?

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: No, that'll do, thank you.

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WAITRESS: Seven dollars.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Thank you.

WAITRESS: Thanks, babe.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Ta. That normal - normal flat one, not too hot, please. The hot one - the skinny one hot and the other one not too hot.

WAITRESS: No worries.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Cheers, thank you.

WAITRESS: We've got the extra hot.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Extra hot there, please, ta, thank you.

WAITRESS: No worries.

WITNESS F: How are ya?

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Good. When did they change business?

WITNESS F:

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: 'Cause they had a series of places, didn't they?

WITNESS F: About six months ago. Yes, they did, but still - I
still think it was the trade - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Mm.

WITNESS F: Even though it's not called - I forgot that was a
name change.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Mm.

WITNESS F:

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: That was really good - the news
- that doctor [REDACTED]

WITNESS F: Oh, yeah, sort of.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: It's good to be around a
positive person though.

WITNESS F: Yeah, look, he's - he's amazingly - amazingly
compassionate. I've gotta go and have - it's called -
it's called [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Jeepers.

WITNESS F: If you look at the website - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah.

WITNESS F: It actually shows you the way they do their brain surgery. He said it - your traditional, you know, shaving the skull, that way.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah, peeling you back - peeling your scalp back.

WITNESS F: Yeah. They do a tiny incision above the eyebrow.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah.

WITNESS F: He'll - everything's up that way so the scar that's left is the most - like, it's like a wrinkle line, not that I get too many wrinkles, but that's what's left, so I'm - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: So what's it called - the neuro - - -

WITNESS F: It's called the [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: And that's - - -

WITNESS F: Or if you just google the guy I'm seeing is - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Who are you seeing?

WITNESS F: [REDACTED]

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah.

WITNESS F: But if you google either him or just google
[REDACTED] it's the same practice.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: [REDACTED] yeah.

WITNESS F: But - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: 'Cause you sounded a lot more
positive on the phone the other day when you spoke about
it so - - -

WITNESS F: Look, what's good about it is that I know - I
understand that [REDACTED] [REDACTED] is an illness that's
permanent and it's incurable - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Mm, at the moment.

WITNESS F: Yeah.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Incurable, yeah.

WITNESS F: So unless there's some major event.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Mm.

WITNESS F: And that it's badly affected by stress and
unfortunately I've got things in my life that I can't
control.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Mm.

WITNESS F: And I'm not good with things I can't control, but -
but the last - maybe the last four or five months I've
had - I regard myself as having less stress - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Good.

WITNESS F: - - - than I had in the period leading up to
November last year.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Mm.

WITNESS F: I think that's when I got more of the holes in my
leg.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Mm.

WITNESS F: Which is caused by stress. So what I can't - I
couldn't work out was why my [REDACTED] is a hundred times
worse than it was.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Mm.

WITNESS F: Because less stress it should be much lower. And
all the techniques that I've learnt from my
psychologist - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Mm.

WITNESS F: - - - to - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Minimise or block it, yeah.

WITNESS F: - - - reduce the [REDACTED] without just popping pills.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah.

WITNESS F: None of them are working any more so - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Do you need to go back to - go back to the psychologist or see someone else?

WITNESS F: Oh, I'm not - oh, no, I'm still seeing her.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Mm.

WITNESS F: Because I've got post-traumatic stress disorder.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yep.

WITNESS F: Anyway, but - but to cut a long story short, there is - there's always been in the back of my mind a possibility of employing surgery as an option.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Mm.

WITNESS F: So that's partly why I went to [REDACTED], but having had that first of all a long, long consultation and examination and then he referred me for three MRIs and too cat scans and some other bits and pieces. He know thinks that in addition to neuralgia, which he says, I like to use the word unique because [REDACTED] used

to use that word about me, in a nice way, actually I don't know whether it was nice or not, but this neurosurgeon said, "Your - I'm gunna write a paper about you because your presentation is unique in that [REDACTED] is normally only on one side. To have it bilaterally is - - -"

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Mm.

WITNESS F: "- - - a fascinating thing."

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Especially for them.

WITNESS F: Yes.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: 'Cause they go to these conferences - - -

WITNESS F: Exactly.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: And all that and they go, "Look what I've - - -"

WITNESS F: Yeah.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: "Look at this person I've discovered," yeah.

WITNESS F: And, yeah, when I - when I left him before, well, him and [REDACTED] before they ordered the test, the last thing they both said to me was, "There might be something

going on somewhere, which is why we have to do all these tests - - -"

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Mm.

WITNESS F: "- - - that could mean you're presenting as this but that's not really what you've got." So he said to me either one of two things, you'll be - there'll be something else, like something pressing on a nerve or an aneurism or whatever. Or you'll be an unusual and unique case and we'll write about you. So I turn out to be in the latter category - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah.

WITNESS F: So what - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: But you've got some people so - - -

WITNESS F: Yeah.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: - - - there's hope, hope, hopefully they'll find - - -

WITNESS F: Yeah, so - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: - - - something to minimise it or to - - -

WITNESS F: Yes, the next step is to have a whole lot of

special, like an MRI but on your jaw and I think I'm
gunna have to have my - an arthroscopy done on both
sides.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah.

WITNESS F: And my - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Are you knocked out for that?

WITNESS F: Yeah.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah.

WITNESS F: And my hyperacusis, which is my hypersensitivity to
noise, is making me deaf on my

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Oh, right, O.K., yep.

WITNESS F: He's - what he wants to do is to - having excluded
anything major going on, he wants me to have my - my
spinal surgery, which is because I have a thrown out
disc - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Mm.

WITNESS F: - - - in my neck that I never knew about. Have
that fixed, which he thinks he can do in two nights in
hospital up there.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Oh, so you'll have surgery in

[REDACTED]

WITNESS F: Yep.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Oh.

WITNESS F: I wouldn't, oh, I don't think I'd go anywhere else
.....

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: No, well, you got the - got the
[REDACTED] on you, Nicola, that's
where I think I'd be.

WITNESS F: I don't have - I've never had any fear of
operations.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Mm.

WITNESS F: All my - and I've had 11 general anaesthetics in
about 18 months

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah, I remember you telling me
about it, that's a lot, yeah.

WITNESS F: And I never worried about them. I know a lot of
people get stressed about anaesthetics, I don't.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Mm.

WITNESS F: Anyway, the plan is to have, well, a test done on
my jaw, then have the arthroscopy done both sides.

Hopefully won't have to have my jaw broken, but if I do that's no big deal. Then the neck done, and if the pain is no better after all of that, then [REDACTED] will do the brain surgery, which is it would have - I'm sure you've seen those documentaries on Parkinsons where you're - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

WITNESS F: - - - paralysed but awake because - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah, awake and they - and they hit the right thing and then, yep.

WITNESS F: Yep. But if there's a - leaving aside all the risks associated with that, is that one of the problems with this surgery is they're still - they're still learning all the time - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: They learn - every time they operate, they learn.

WITNESS F: Yeah, 'cause he said, in the same way that when you have your stroke you couldn't - I couldn't speak after that, but a few days later I could, and I'm only left with a mild weakness on my left side.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Mm.

WITNESS F: Which you can't really notice unless you know to look. But he said to me that in much the same way that

that blood clot hit the part of your brain controlling speech and then you couldn't talk, but a few days later the brain created a new pathway.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: The new pathway, neuroplasticity, and all that type of stuff, yep, yep.

WITNESS F: Well, he said the problem with the surgery that I would perform is that it doesn't necessarily last because if your brain overrides it, it will create a new pathway - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: That's right.

WITNESS F: So - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: So the stories of kids where the people got half their brain missing and they can talk - they do everything, because the - because the brain takes over - - -

WITNESS F: Yeah.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: - - - the functional structure, yep.

WITNESS F: Yeah.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yep.

WITNESS F: So the - he said part of what he can do is

effectively turn off the nerve receptors.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Mm.

WITNESS F: But the problem with that is that you then don't necessarily know if, like, you've burnt your hand or something 'cause you don't feel pain any more. So he said it's a huge, enormous - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: I've got a nephew who hasn't got from an accident - hasn't got any, whatchamacallit, nerves in his hand - - -

WITNESS F: Oh, yeah.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: - - - and he - and that's a big thing, burning. And he cut his hand recently and he goes, "It's no big deal." And I looked at it and I said, "Shit, that's a big, uh, that's a big cut."

WITNESS F: But he - he wouldn't feel it, would he?

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: He goes, "I can't feel it," and I went - - -

WITNESS F: That's what Michael said to me the other, you know, he said, "We - I really want you to do all this other stuff first, because at the end of the day, once you've - - -"

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah, 'cause you never know, one

of those things might fix it so I hope it works for you.

WITNESS F: Look, I don't mind. I've - I've been in [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] since 2000 and - end of 2006.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Mm.

WITNESS F: I'm - I'm able to process a [REDACTED] but I
can't cope with this much. It's - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Mm.

WITNESS F: The best way to describe it to you is if you
imagine your [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Oh, so that's real [REDACTED]
of - - -

WITNESS F: Yes.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Mm.

WITNESS F: Yep. And it's - my [REDACTED] specialist always uses the
analogy, he said for - if you're talking to a female,
it's worse than [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], 'cause their - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Mm, something men struggle with.

WITNESS F: And he said for a male you can - usually men have

got a [REDACTED] [REDACTED] - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Cut shaving.

WITNESS F: Oh, come on, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] pretty bad.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah, I haven't had root canal,
I've had - I've had wisdom teeth pulled out and - and the
[REDACTED] after that's been - but nothing compared to - - -

WITNESS F: Yeah, well, that's why - but if - you know that -
if you've had that, you know that, it's that kind of
[REDACTED].

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Mm.

WITNESS F: That inescapable - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: No-one touch me just - yep.

WITNESS F: I'm - I've lived like that for the last - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Mm. I think it's fantastic your
silence was broken, if he can - if he can give you a
solution to your - to your problems it would be
fantastic.

WITNESS F: It's given me, it's lifted my depression a little
bit.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Good.

WITNESS F: Because it's given me hope.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Well, that's - it's a good
thing - - -

WITNESS F: Yeah.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: - - - so it was a worthwhile
trip.

WITNESS F: It is.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Now, I've - I've got other
appointments to go to - - -

WITNESS F: I won't hold you up but - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: No, where - where does that have
to go to?

WITNESS F: Kieran Walsh.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Kieran Walsh, yep.

WITNESS F: You know, I didn't seal it because I'll let you
know if you wanna read it, you're welcome to.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Doesn't matter, I'll just
deliver it as you give it to me so - - -

WITNESS F: I wanna say to you I think there's a potential problem and I haven't any difficulty giving it to you, but isn't the whole point of - of them delivering their letter direct to me, and me direct to them, and I tried to explain this yesterday to that - his assistant, is so that if at any point in time anybody - this ends up anywhere or anyone says - say we - say it ended up being in some affidavit somewhere of where these letters got delivered or how, I thought there was never supposed to be any record of them or am I

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: I'm only, well, I'm only doing what I'm told to do - - -

WITNESS F: Yeah.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: - - - by deputy commissioner, so and in our organisation that - - -

WITNESS F: I suppose - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: - - - although some - some people don't understand it, the - the - you know, within the organisation, there's a - the hierarchy and the DC has told me to come and see you - - -

WITNESS F: Yes.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: So it's - so it's mine.

WITNESS F: Yeah.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: And, yeah, so I'll - I'll just go and deliver it and that'll be that.

WITNESS F: Yeah.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Undoubtedly I can - they'll write back to you soon.

WITNESS F: Yeah, well, don't look, it doesn't really say much other than to respond to the inaccuracies of his letter to me, which you delivered to me.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah, which is - I just deliver 'em. I just - - -

WITNESS F: Yeah.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: I'm literally the mail boy with - - -

WITNESS F: Yeah.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: So - - -

WITNESS F: Um - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: A highly paid mail boy.

WITNESS F: I think you're more than - your position and responsibility is far more than mail person.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Mm.

WITNESS F: John, I wanted to raise one thing with you and that is directly to let you know - which is what your - the liaison thing was - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah, yeah, yeah, yep.

WITNESS F: Faruk Orman.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Far - oh, yeah, Mr Orman, yeah, on remand or whatever, yep.

WITNESS F: Now - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Do I need to take notes of this?

WITNESS F: No, no, no.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: No.

WITNESS F: I presume you're recording it anyway.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Of course.

WITNESS F: Not that it worries me.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah.

WITNESS F: The - the - the - I have become aware that Steven

Sherriff's QC who is acting - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Steven Sherriff, yeah.

WITNESS F: - - - who is acting for him.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Just let me take notes.

WITNESS F: I didn't bring the email with me.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: That's all right.

WITNESS F: But a friend of mine who is a solicitor has let me
know - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yep.

WITNESS F: - - - that - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Steven Sherriff's, yep.

WITNESS F: Orman's trial has been postponed from July to
October this year.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Trial, what's that - it would be
drug trafficking, wouldn't it?

WITNESS F: No, no, no.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Oh, for murder and - yeah.

Trial adjourned, yeah, from - - -

WITNESS F: Two cases - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: From - - -

WITNESS F: Two cases of murder.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yep.

WITNESS F: And Sherriff is hell-bent on - the reason for the
adjournment is because of - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Adjourned from when - from now
to - - -

WITNESS F: I believe it's from July to October.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: From July - the Kapolitis's
murder? The person that - yes.

WITNESS F: Yeah murder.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: How - whatever, yeah, yep.

WITNESS F: Yep.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: July to November, yep.

WITNESS F: October.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: October, yep.

WITNESS F: And that he - the reason for the adjournment is for
them to - issue a range of subpoenas - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yep.

WITNESS F: - - - in relation to me.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Subpoenas, yeah, for you, yep.

WITNESS F: Um - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: I don't know anything about any
of this so - - -

WITNESS F: No, it's - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: - - - it's all right.

WITNESS F: - - - in relation to my involvement or what he
suspects is my involvement - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yep.

WITNESS F: - - - with the major criminal

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah, oh - oh, yeah, I'll -
yeah.

WITNESS F: anyway I just wanted to let you know
that.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yep.

WITNESS F: Someone needs to be aware he seems to
have from material that he's previously obtained - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: But the informant, whoever the -
whoever the informant is in the matter would surely know
this, wouldn't - - -

WITNESS F: I'm not sure because you know how a lot of people
at Purana have been moved up and onwards - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah, oh, well, yeah.

WITNESS F: They're not - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: I don't have much to do with
Purana so - - -

WITNESS F: No, but all I'm saying is, like, you're right,
those that - that have changed or that - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah.

WITNESS F: - - - some time ago, yes, they definitely knew, and
they knew specifically.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yep.

WITNESS F: They knew that the reason why Carl turned was

because of me, but in order for him to have the
information to get up to turn that came from me first.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: All right.

WITNESS F: And they are - he - somehow he has found out - - -

U/K FEMALE: Sorry - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Go on.

U/K FEMALE: Thank you.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Sorry.

WITNESS F: - - - that the police have paid or agreed to pay
..... a hundred thousand reward to - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: This is - this is Steven?

WITNESS F: I am led to believe that some of the questions that
will be asked will be if, you know, instead of a subpoena
being - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Have you been subpoenaed? You
haven't - you - you believe that - that you will?

WITNESS F: Yeah. And that the police will receive subpoenas
at - rather than having the open-ended kind of
categories, you know, such as, information provided by a
..... source related to A, B, C, D, you'll find that

the subpoena actually names me in relation to certain things.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah, oh, well, well we'll - - -

WITNESS F: I'm not - I just can't - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah, I won't - I'm not - I won't - I - I - I won't - can't deal with hypotheticals.

WITNESS F: I know.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: We'll wait and see but - - -

WITNESS F: I'm just - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: - - - thanks for the - no, thanks - - -

WITNESS F: it's a significant - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Thanks for the - - -

WITNESS F: - - - concern to me.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Right, yeah, all right. Well, thanks for the heads-up.

WITNESS F: Now, I haven't rung the [REDACTED] number that you gave me - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: No, police assistance - - -

WITNESS F: Yeah

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: It's the - the assistance line,
yeah.

WITNESS F: But I'm going to. And are any

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah, which was, I don't know, a
couple of weeks ago, yep.

WITNESS F: I said that I was going to do the same in relation
to the Melbourne fraud.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yep.

WITNESS F: And you said just let - to leave that with you
because you were gunna determine whether I had to speak
to - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: No, you were - no, you were
gunna - you were gunna speak to - you were going - you -
you thought there was something to with the airport or
something?

WITNESS F: Yeah.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah.

WITNESS F: And I have no found out where the two payments went

through.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah.

WITNESS F: And they said to make a police report.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: All right, O.K.

WITNESS F: So what - it's not - I don't - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: No, no, you're right.

WITNESS F: I don't wanna put you in a position 'cause I'm not
saying

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: No, I won't be - I - I - I won't
be taking it to court, so it's fine.

WITNESS F: No, no, no, no, no.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: No, but - - -

WITNESS F: I don't need permission to - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: No, of course you don't.

WITNESS F: - - - make a report. It's as a courtesy I would
let you know because - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Mm.

WITNESS F: no doubt

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Can I come back to - - -

WITNESS F: Yeah.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: What's - so what's - - -

WITNESS F: Like

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: I understand

understand the NSW - - -

WITNESS F: Yeah.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: - - - we don't do it, the
Victorian one - what's the Victorian one, that's out at
the airport.

WITNESS F: It's an airfare and a late change fare. So one's
Qantas and one is - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah, and so where's it done -
at a central number in Melbourne, is it?

WITNESS F: What do you mean?

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Just with - where - where does -
where does the - or your solicitor, where does the
deception occur? Is it in Melbourne or in - - -

WITNESS F: In Melbourne, Tullamarine.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Tullamarine, so it's done at the airport, yeah. Can I come back to you on that?

WITNESS F: Yeah, yeah - I - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: How much is it for, Nicola?

Five hundred bucks or something, is it, or - - -

WITNESS F: A thousand.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Roughly a thousand?

WITNESS F: Yeah.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: And when, roughly, a date?

WITNESS F: December the 8th and 9th last year.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: 8/12/11, 9/12/11, using your credit card.

WITNESS F: Without having the card.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Without having the - yeah. And you obviously weren't at the airport at that time.

WITNESS F: I was [REDACTED] so

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Oh, it's the same - it's the

same weekend.

WITNESS F: Exactly right.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: O.K.

WITNESS F: He catches a plane, has a - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: This is Rob?

WITNESS F: Has a weekend at - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Up Star City or somewhere?

WITNESS F: No, at Sofitel, great expense.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yep.

WITNESS F: And then misses a flight - misses the flight home.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Oh, yeah, O.K.

WITNESS F: So change - that's the change - that's
where that - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: O.K.

WITNESS F: - - - comes from.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: All right.

WITNESS F: I just want to let you know the person because I imagine if I walked into a police station and said I wanted to make a report, you will find about it afterwards, so I may as well tell you first.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: No, no, that's good. Can you just wait - can I come - - -

WITNESS F: Yeah.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: - - - back to you? There's no - there's no, you know what's deception's like, there's no rush.

WITNESS F: And - and the credit card company said to me that they'll do - they'll need a police report and because it's more than three months old - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah, yeah, yeah, you - you - - -

WITNESS F:

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: - - - you've got the rights of every other citizen, Nicola, so - - -

WITNESS F: No, but I just - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: No, I appreciate the courtesy in telling me.

WITNESS F: Why - why I think - think about this
myself.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Mm.

WITNESS F: Because the reality is if things - if the
situation was different and Rob and I were still on
speaking terms, then I might - I'd be able to either talk
to him or about it or make a decision to do nothing about
it - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Mm.

WITNESS F: Cop it sweet. But he owes me a significant amount
of money and he has accused me of being a police
informant and cut me off, from weeks ago.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yep.

WITNESS F: So if - my attitude now is whether he is in custody
or not, I he's gunna say whatever he's gunna say about
me, I can't change that.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: No.

WITNESS F: So why should I be out of pocket to boot?

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Mm. And he is currently in
custody.

WITNESS F: Yes, but it's only 'cause the jury's out.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: So the jury's still out in that one?

WITNESS F: Day 13, John.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Jeepers. There's a few defendants in that job, though.

WITNESS F: There are, yeah.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Day - is it day 13?

WITNESS F: Yep. I don't - I don't understand how a jury could be contemplating not guilty after 13 days. I - my thought always was quick to acquit, long to convict because my theory at least is that they would be going through these lengths to satisfy themselves that - that this person is guilty, not the other way around.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Mm.

WITNESS F: But the judge gave a direction the other day and apparently one of the jury members and said something like, yes, we're making progress but there are a few members of the jury that are concerned about for early July. In other words, they might deliberating.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Judge would never let it go that long - - -

WITNESS F: No.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: - - - no way known.

WITNESS F: No.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Not that - look, I'm not -
you've done a lot more trials than me, Nicola, but
there's no way and I've had - I've had juries out for
quite some time but not - not to that extent.

WITNESS F: But even with - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: 13 days that's - - -

WITNESS F: Yeah.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: 13 days, that is a long time.

WITNESS F: I know. Even with four accused.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Mm.

WITNESS F: And the case - the case - oddly enough, before the
trial, the case against, out of the four, the case
against Karam was the strongest, after the trial was the
weakest.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Mm.

WITNESS F: But he - he was - he is jumping up and down
desperate to so he instructed his barrister to
make a bail application last Friday. You can imagine how
that went down.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Mm. But, you know, it's a - I'm
going to have to because I've got another appointment,
but, yeah, 13 days, I can't - and if they're talking
about, you know, it's not as though they're getting five
hundred bucks a day - - -

WITNESS F: No.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: - - - on the jury, are they?

WITNESS F: No.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: So - - -

WITNESS F: But they - I always saw these, I've got to remind -
I need to remind myself, but a there was a
possibility

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Oh, they do. I don't know if
it's a perfect system, but it's probably the - it's the
system we've got and - - -

WITNESS F:

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: It is.

WITNESS F: I - I know - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yep.

WITNESS F: - - - that there's people I know shouldn't have been.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Oh, of course. I've had ones who go up in - who are - have been not - not guilty, and you think - and they - and you just gotta go - it shifts you at the time, but you just go, yep, no worries, well - - -

WITNESS F: Yeah.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Live to fight another day. I'm glad you - you got some hope with your health.

WITNESS F: Yeah, well, fingers crossed.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: All right.

WITNESS F: By the way, I know you didn't mean anything by it yesterday, but when you say be very careful, as opposed to just be careful, that's when - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: No, God, Nic - - -

WITNESS F: - - - I thought, what on earth do you mean by that?

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: No, no - - -

WITNESS F: Occasionally I am - I'm entitled to be paranoid.

Only this morning I was reminded of that - being on that list of five people that are - the supposed hit list.

Now, it may be meaningless, it may be nothing, but those things as my - as the neurosurgeon reminded me, even if I consciously try and do a very good job of - of not thinking about certain things, and putting it away and after, subconsciously I'll be still thinking about it.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Course you are.

WITNESS F: I can't - I don't know how - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Mm.

WITNESS F: - - - I can ever change that.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah, 'cause you gotta get on with life, Nicola, don't ya?

WITNESS F: I do, in the meantime.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: We've only got one chance of life so you've gotta get on with it.

WITNESS F: Oh, God, don't - listen, one of the things that I've learnt in the last couple of years is how much time I wasted on things I thought were important - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Mm.

WITNESS F: - - - but weren't.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yep.

WITNESS F: But, look it's better to have - to not be 40 and to have worked out those things and for it to be

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah, because, you know, you've gotta - you've gotta get on and enjoy life.

WITNESS F: And without your health you're not much.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: That's exactly right, your health's the most important you have. You can be the richest person in the world, and you've sick, it means nothing.

WITNESS F:

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Good luck and I'll - I'll be back to you soon, all right. I'll - - -

WITNESS F: Can you just let me know what - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah, yeah, yeah, I'll - - -

WITNESS F: If there's some - if there's some process that you think or somebody determines is appropriate in terms of

not just walking into any old police station.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah.

WITNESS F: Then I'll do that.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah.

WITNESS F: But my understanding from that incident in Clarendon Street when just the other day you came back on from being on duty - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yep.

WITNESS F: - - - and that policeman knocked on the front window. He said to me, after he'd run my plates, what he said to me was, we saw - we drove past the car a couple of times, because the windows were tinted we couldn't see whether you were O.K. or not because I was - I was doing a crossword or had my head down and so he said once we ran your plates we - we - he said, I knew then who you were and I thought I was

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: That's good, you got a welfare check.

WITNESS F: Yeah, big time. But he - poor, poor young fellow, he was so polite, he - little book was shaking and he was going now, who - he goes, someone's gunna ring me later, who will be ringing me because - because there's something in the system blah blah blah. And I said,

well, it'll probably be such-and-such, I don't know, I don't know if they know. But anyway I understand that I'm somehow flagged, electronically, or however, doesn't matter to me, that's why I'm letting you know if I have any contact with police.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: That's right.

WITNESS F: 'Cause you'll hear about it.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: You got the number, you ring it and I'll get back to ya.

WITNESS F: Yeah, oh, well, I try not to.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: All right, um - - -

WITNESS F: I'm sure you've got other people to deal with.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Take care.

WITNESS F: Be very careful.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: I'll - I will be very careful.

WITNESS F: No, I thought you meant that to me.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Take care, see you, Nicola.

WITNESS F: Thank you.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Bye-bye.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Time is now 3.25. Stop
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