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States:-

My full name is ^{Mr Cooper} I am ^{P11} years of age

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.

I have previously made a statement in relation to my involvement with manufacturing methylamphetamine at ^{P11} Rye in 2002 and 2003.

I have explained in my earlier statement that I was introduced to Ibrihim Kurnaz by Jacques El-Hage and that I started supplying Kurnaz with methylamphetamine to sell. All the drugs supplied to Kurnaz were made at the Rye lab site.

I have been asked to listen to a number of telephone calls involving Kurnaz and me during this period and provide an explanation for those calls. I would call Kurnaz on my mobile number ^{P11}

I have listened to a telephone call identified as call number 63 under warrant number D01952-00. This call was between Ibrihim Kurnaz and me. I recognise Kurnaz's voice. The call was on Sunday 30 March 2003 at about 3.21 pm and related to me being at my property in Kardella and I was returning to Melbourne that evening. Kurnaz wanted to catch up and we arranged to meet. When he referred to a 'light snack' he was referring to wanting to buy two ounces of product (methylamphetamine). A buffet was code for a pound, whilst a 'light snack or entrée' was code for an ounce.

I have listened to a telephone call identified as call number 72 under warrant number D01952-00. This call was between Ibrihim Kurnaz and me. I recognise Kurnaz's voice. The call was on Sunday 30 March 2003 at about 7.28 pm and related to me, Kurnaz and his friend meeting at 'Molonlave Restaurant' in Toorak Road, Toorak, in the next 30

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minutes or so. Again Kurnaz uses code of 'my mate doesn't like buffet, the next one down' and 'the next one down it's two of us' requesting two ounces of methylamphetamine.

I can recall that later that night I meet Kurnaz at the restaurant in Toorak. I was with [REDACTED] and Kurnaz was with a friend of his named Spiro. I do not know Spiro's last name but I had met Spiro at the Casino on occasion. He was elderly, in his mid 50's early 60's and I think he was retired. I provided Kurnaz with two ounces of product (methylamphetamine) that evening. I gave it to him in the toilets of the restaurant. Kurnaz was given the drugs 'on tick' meaning he would pay me later for it.

I have listened to a telephone call identified as call number 98 under warrant number D01952-00. This call was between Ibrihim Kurnaz and me. I recognise Kurnaz's voice. The call was on Monday 31 March 2003 at about 2.41 pm and related to Kurnaz and myself meeting a third person about me purchasing some Cannabis. On one previous occasion Kurnaz had put me onto a bloke who lives in [REDACTED] Road, Fairfield that sells Cannabis. When I meet with Kurnaz on 30 March I asked him to get me some more Cannabis. This call, on the 31 March, was about meeting the guy who sells Cannabis.

I have listened to a telephone call identified as call number 111 under warrant number D01952-00. This call was between Ibrihim Kurnaz and me. I recognise Kurnaz's voice. The call was on Monday 31 March 2003 at about 5.47 pm and is a continuation of the previous call. I mentioned I was on my way to [REDACTED] (This was to collect methylamphetamine). Kurnaz and I were discussing what time we would meet the guy in [REDACTED] Road so I could purchase Cannabis. Kurnaz stated that I could meet this guy without him because he had other things to do including seeing the person he supplied with two ounces of methylamphetamine. He was seeing this guy to collect money so he could come and pay me.

I have listened to a telephone call identified as call number 116 under warrant number D01952-00. This call was between Ibrihim Kurnaz and me. I recognise Kurnaz's voice.

The call was on Monday 31 March 2003 at about 7.28 pm and is a continuation of the previous calls indicating I was going to be late to meet with the Cannabis dealer in PII Road.

I collected Cannabis from this male later that evening. Kurnaz was not there. This is part of the Cannabis that was seized by police on 11 April 2003.

I have listened to a telephone call identified as call number 137 under warrant number D01952-00. This call was between Ibrihim Kurnaz and me. I recognise Kurnaz's voice. The call was on Monday 31 March 2003 at about 10.00 pm and related to Kurnaz wanting to see me before I went away. This relates me going to the Rye Laboratory because whenever I went I was unable to be contacted. I had planned to go at 4 pm the next day so Kurnaz had to call me before then.

I did not go to the Rye on the following day.

I have listened to a telephone call identified as call number 140 under warrant number D01952-00. This call was between Ibrihim Kurnaz and me. I recognise Kurnaz's voice. The call was on Monday 31 March 2003 at about 10.12 pm and related to Kurnaz wanting to see me to pay me money owed for methylamphetamine I had supplied. Kurnaz implied that he only had part of the money and that he would get the rest tomorrow and then meet me before 4 o'clock to pay me. We also discussed Jacques El-Hage who I was meeting at 11 pm and Kurnaz was going to contact.

I have listened to a telephone call identified as call number 150 under warrant number D01952-00. This call was between Ibrihim Kurnaz and me. I recognise Kurnaz's voice. The call was on Tuesday 1 April 2003 at about 2.24 am and related to me informing Kurnaz that I had been stopped by police for a breath test after meeting with Jacques El-Hage at the Hyatt Hotel. I told him that I didn't have a drivers licence and implied that I had a bag of methylamphetamine in the boot.

I have listened to a telephone call identified as call number 157 under warrant number D01952-00. This call was between Ibrihim Kurnaz and me. I recognise Kurnaz's voice. The call was on Tuesday 1 April 2003 at about 3.23 pm and relates to Kurnaz telling me he is 'ready for me' meaning he has money to pay me for drugs (methylamphetamine) I had supplied him.

I have listened to a telephone call identified as call number 185 under warrant number D01952-00. This call was between Ibrihim Kurnaz and me. I recognise Kurnaz's voice. The call was on Tuesday 1 April 2003 at about 8.01 pm and relates to Kurnaz arranging to meet with me at Pepe and Laura's restaurant in Toorak Road, Toorak in 15 minutes.

I met with Kurnaz, his mate Spiro and his ex girlfriend at this restaurant later that night. I didn't provide Kurnaz with any drugs that night and I cannot recall if he paid me any money owed.

I have listened to a telephone call identified as call number 185 under warrant number D01952-00. This call was between Ibrihim Kurnaz and me. I recognise Kurnaz's voice. The call was on Wednesday 2 April 2003 at about 1.47 am and relates to me informing Kurnaz of my concerns with my relationship with Jacques El-Hage. I had met with El-Hage earlier the previous evening and discussed the need for El-Hage to look after my interest when dealing with the Williams clan.

I have listened to a telephone call identified as call number 301 under warrant number D01952-00. This call was between Ibrihim Kurnaz and me. I recognise Kurnaz's voice. The call was on Friday 4 April 2003 at about 3.39 pm and relates to me and Kurnaz meeting each other at the Gelo Bar, Lygon Street, Carlton. Kurnaz mentions his mate Paul that I had met at a previous dinner. On that occasion I had ^{Mr Cooper} supplied Kurnaz with one or maybe two pounds of methylamphetamine which I assumed he ^{passed on} ~~sent~~ to Paul, ^{Mr Cox} When, on this occasion, Kurnaz mentions his name, I realise straight away that Kurnaz wants me to supply him (Kurnaz) with another pound or two so he can supply Paul. I cut ^{So distribution}

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Kurnaz off straight away, as I don't want him to talk over the telephone, and agree to meet after I collected the gear from home.

We meet later that night at the Gelo bar and I supplied Kurnaz with either a pound or two of methylamphetamine. I can't remember if Paul was present.

I have listened to a telephone call identified as call number 338 under warrant number D01952-00. This call was between Ibrihim Kurnaz and me. I recognise Kurnaz's voice. The call was on Saturday 5 April 2003 at about 4.22 pm and relates to Kurnaz wanting to order three pounds of methylamphetamine. He makes mention of 'yesterdayboth of us went' referring to two pounds I had supplied him the previous day and then mentions 'just the three of us now' referring to wanting a further three pounds. I was in Kardella at this time. He makes mention of the air conditioner at my place. This was a place where I would store ounces of gear for Kurnaz when I was away. We had been using this for about a month. No one else new I stored drugs under this air conditioner this was just for Kurnaz. The air conditioner was no good on this occasion because I would only ever store ounces beneath it. I had to call Kurnaz back on another phone to give him instructions on getting larger amounts.

I rang Kurnaz, using another phone, possible [REDACTED] phone to the 'Small Block restaurant, in Lygon Street, Brunswick. I told him that I would need to contact [REDACTED] [REDACTED] to arrange collection of 3 pounds of methylamphetamine. I did deliver the 3 pounds to Kurnaz later, a day or two after. I delivered the gear to Kurnaz at either , the Mobile Service Station corner of Bell Street and Sussex Street, Coburg or at McDonald's in Clifton Hill, at the of end of Hoddle Street. A can't recall if Kurnaz paid me for any of these drugs but I do know that he owed me for the majority of it. He hadn't paid me by the time of my arrest.

I have listened to a telephone call identified as call number 381 under warrant number D01952-00. This call was between Ibrihim Kurnaz and me. I recognise Kurnaz's voice. The call was on Sunday 6 April 2003 at about 7.14 pm. I asked Kurnaz how was his
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drive home because he had come and visited me earlier in the day at Kardella. We discussed, on the telephone about a matter we had discussed had been taken care of. I cannot recall what this matter was about, it may have been about the three pounds but I am not sure.

I have listened to a telephone call identified as call number 390 under warrant number D01952-00. This call was between Ibrihim Kurnaz and me. I recognise Kurnaz's voice. The call was on Monday 7 April 2003 at about 3.35 pm and relates to Kurnaz wanting me to come and see him as soon as possible. I told him I was going to see Walter (Baron Cigars, Preston Market) to purchase cigars and then I would come and see him. In code, Kurnaz orders two ounces of methylamphetamine for his mate Parlo. His reference to a glasses case indicated to me he wanted methylamphetamine. I had previously supplied Kurnaz with methylamphetamine stored in a glasses case. I had met Parlo on a few occasions at the Gelo bar. My reference to 'two eyes', which Kurnaz confirmed, is a reference to two ounces of methylamphetamine.

I meet with Kurnaz later that day and gave him the two ounces of product but I can't remember where we met. I can't recall if Parlo was present on this occasion, I did deliver drugs to Kurnaz with Parlo present on a number of occasions, but I can't recall specifically on this occasion.

I have listened to a telephone call identified as call number 400 under warrant number D01952-00. This call was between Ibrihim Kurnaz and me. I recognise Kurnaz's voice. The call was on Monday 7 April 2003 at about 7.16 pm and relates to me wanting to get cash from Kurnaz to pay for drugs I had supplied him. I was going to meet Pepe at 'Molonlave Restaurant' in Toorak Road, Toorak, to pay him part of the deposit for the property at Kardella I was buying from him. Kurnaz indicated that he had \$3,000.00 on him that he could pay me. I indicated to him that the \$3,000.00 would make a round figure, meaning it would be added to the \$17,000.00 I had and I could pay Pepe a \$20,000.00 deposit. My reference to 'take it off that later' is a reference to the \$3,000.00 could come off the total amount of money he owes me for drugs. Kurnaz tells me he is

just leaving someones house and can go back to see if he can cover the sunglasses. To me, this meant that Kurnaz could return to Parlo's and see if he could get the money for the two ounces he had been supplied. This would be \$5,000.00. The reference to the 'sunglasses' is again a reference to how the drugs was delivered, in a sunglasses case.

I have listened to a telephone call identified as call number 407 under warrant number D01952-00. This call was between Ibrihim Kurnaz and me. I recognise Kurnaz's voice. The call was on Monday 7 April 2003 at about 7.40 pm and relates to Kurnaz asking me to come to the side street. This is a continuation of the previous conversation and as a result I left the Molonlave Restaurant' and met Kurnaz in a side street where he paid me some money from drugs that I had supplied him. I can't remember how much he paid me but it was enough for me to pay Pepe the deposit.

I have listened to a telephone call identified as call number 443 under warrant number D01952-00. This call was between Ibrihim Kurnaz and me. I recognise Kurnaz's voice. The call was on Tuesday 8 April 2003 at about 2.26 pm and relates to me trying to chase up money from Kurnaz that he owed me for gear. Kurnaz indicated that he wasn't having a very good day. To me this meant that he hadn't had much luck in getting money owed.

I have listened to a telephone call identified as call number 445 under warrant number D01952-00. This call was between Ibrihim Kurnaz and me. I recognise Kurnaz's voice. The call was on Tuesday 8 April 2003 at about 2.34 pm and relates to Kurnaz and I arranging to meet at the 'Small Block' restaurant. We met to discuss the money he owed me. I can't recall if I received any money from him on this occasion.

I have listened to a telephone call identified as call number 464 under warrant number D01952-00. This call was between Ibrihim Kurnaz and me. I recognise Kurnaz's voice. The call was on Tuesday 8 April 2003 at about 8.52 pm and relates to me still trying to get money from Kurnaz for money he owed me for drugs. Kurnaz indicates that he was going to hook up with his friends. To me this meant that he was going to get cash from

the people he had supplied with drugs I had supplied him. His reference to Ivanhoe was the crew connected to Paul who was supplied with pounds of methylamphetamine.

I have listened to a telephone call identified as call number 464 under warrant number D01952-00. This call was between Ibrihim Kurnaz and me. I recognise Kurnaz's voice. The call was on Tuesday 8 April 2003 at about 9.21 pm and relates to Kurnaz asking me to come and meet him in Upper Heidelberg Road, Ivanhoe. Kurnaz is with someone else at the time of the call.

I meet up with Kurnaz a short time later at this location and Kurnaz paid me a large amount of money. I can't recall exactly how much but it was about \$33,000 (the price for one pound of amphetamine). I recall that part of this money had Crown Casino bands around it, indicating to me that the money had originated from Crown Casino. There was a couple of other gentleman on the other side of the road that I believed were with Kurnaz but we were not introduced and I didn't want to know who they were.

I have listened to a telephone call identified as call number 472 under warrant number D01952-00. This call was between Ibrihim Kurnaz and me. I recognise Kurnaz's voice. The call was on Wednesday 9 April 2003 at about 12.26 am and relates to Kurnaz telling me that he lost some money at Zagames poker machines. He tells me that he has spoken to Jacques, which is Jacques El-Hage, and that they are patching up their differences. I tell him that I'm not around tomorrow. This was because I'm going to the Rye laboratory later that day. Kurnaz then asks that 'if he sees his mate just in case' which meant to me that Kurnaz wanted access to gear to sell whilst I'm away, and was asking where can he get it. I reply 'not a drama Same place' He then asks 'Air con?' and I reply yep.

Prior to leaving for the Rye laboratory I left an ounce on methylamphetamine in a plastic bag beneath the free standing air conditioner outside my house at [REDACTED] Coburg. This is the methylamphetamine seized by police two days later.

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I went to Rye later that day and met with [REDACTED] Whilst at Rye I handed [REDACTED] some money I had received from Kurnaz. I can't remember how much, about \$15,000.00. This money still had the Casino bands around it.

[REDACTED] and I remained at Rye for the next two days and were arrested by police on Friday 11 April, 2003. I believe the money I gave [REDACTED] from Kurnaz with the Casino bands was seized by police.

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Statement taken and signature witnessed by
Me this 2 day of ~~November~~, 2009 in Victoria.

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Dale Flynn
Detective Senior Sergeant 26168

I hereby acknowledge that this statement is true and correct and I make it in the belief that a person making a false statement in the circumstances is liable to the penalties of

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Acknowledgement made and signature witnessed
By me this 2 day of ~~November~~ 2009 in Victoria.

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