

Mr Bickley

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States:-

1. My full name is ^{Mr Cooper} I am [REDACTED] years of age.
2. I make this statement in the belief that the information I provide to the police cannot be used against me in any future court proceedings.
3. My association with ^{Mr Bickley} was brought to my knowledge through a drug bust that went down about a year ago, in the Essendon area as well as North Coburg. This was the first time I had ever heard of him. Tony Mokbel had told me that this was a person in whom I had invested money with Tony in order to buy chemicals in the use for manufacturing methamphetamines. I was told by Tony that ^{Mr Bickley} was a chemical supplier. I had no idea at that time he was a pill presser.
4. On a meeting with Tony months before these drug busts asking Tony about outstanding monies, he came up with another proposition having heard I was winning substantial amounts of monies at the casino. I invested \$250,000.00 which I paid to Tony from the proceeds of the [REDACTED] cooks. This was also some borrowed monies from various friends one of them being Steve Cvetanoski. Steve had put about \$50,000.00 towards this. I did not tell Steve what the money was for and Steve did not ask. He knew what I did, that I was a drug cook and a heavy gambler, and we would often lend large amounts of money to each other but did not question each other in relation to the cause. Steve had not become involved at [REDACTED] at this stage. That was later on.
5. I was also having much good luck at Crown Casino winning large amounts of monies. This resulted in total chaos as not one gram of any chemical or pre-cursors were ever passed on to me from Tony. Tony's attitude toward this venture was once again was the typical Mokbel comeback of saying 'you lost 250,

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I lost 750, now get over it'. No matter what you lose no doubt they have lost twice as much. This was one of Tony's ploys to grant me an opportunity to redeem monies outstanding by him in allowing me to do my own thing.

6. ^{Mr Bickley} is 38 to 40 years old, quite a handsome looking chap, as in he has an appearance of a male model and dresses accordingly. He grooms himself extremely well, always has a suntan, is clean shaven and has styled hair. His hair is blond-brown, his teeth are immaculate and his eyes are blue. He lives in Melbourne but I don't know where. He drives a four wheel drive, a green Toyota Hilux and also he drives a Ford Transit van which has some involvement in a vegetable growing business, as it was sign writing on the van.
7. Now that I find out this ^{Mr Bickley} is the person behind lost funds I was very interested in having a conversation with this person in order to justify what Tony was saying was true, knowing very well that I knew it was a lie.
8. The next day I rang ^{Mr Bickley} i from a public telephone box in the Milliera Mall in front of the TAB. I introduced myself to ^{Mr Bickley} and explained that I was a friend of Tony's and that we had a lot to talk about. I asked him to please come as I would make it worth his while. We agreed to meet at the front of the car wash at the corner of Military and Maribyrnong Road. I told him what colour car I would be driving and what I would be wearing.
9. We met for the first time on the following day I think it was the ^{P11} March 2006. He found me without a hitch. This is the first time we had ever met. We stopped outside the car wash and he followed me down to the Maribyrnong River. I remember this date because it was ^{P11} days before [REDACTED] and I gave him an invite. This was the first time we had ever spoken together.
10. We got talking about his and my capabilities and we also discussed Tony Mokbel and our involvement with him. ^{Mr Bickley} told me that he had never received my

\$250,000.00 from Tony and that he was not a chemical supplier for Tony. He said that Tony got him to press up thousands of pills for him. We soon came to know that Tony had played us both. Tony at this point was still undergoing his trial and traumas. ^{Mr Bickley} told me he is owed exceptionally large amounts of monies by Tony, to my knowledge at least \$500,000.00.

11. I had received 10 litres of MDP2P from Savas Pastras. I thought I could convert this into MDMA (ecstasy) powder. I would then be able to use ^{Mr Bickley} to press this powder into tablets. I discussed this idea with him and he seemed keen to start work again stamping out MDMA tablets, which I had offered for him to do on my behalf as I believed he is the best in the business.
12. We negotiated a price per pill which I thought to be quite expensive, knowing very well Tony would never have paid these amounts. He stated to me he wanted \$3 per pill. I told him that I knew very well that Tony would not have accepted paying more than 30 cents per pill. I believe I could have converted 10 litres of MDP2P into 12 to 13 kilograms of pure MDMA powder. 1 kilogram of powder can produce between 10,000 and 17,000 tablets. If I had given him 10 kilograms of product, he would have pressed anywhere between 100,000 and 170,000 pills which I would have no problems off loading, meaning selling for \$10 a tablet.
13. The biggest problem with ^{Mr Bickley} was that he was only willing to do a certain amount. He wanted to do 50 kilograms in one hit. I told him I didn't have that much powder available. I told him to leave it with me and we will see what I can do. I gave him a telephone and a telephone number for exclusive contact.
14. ^{P11} days after my initial meeting ^{Mr Bickley} came to ^{P11} at a location called 'Wheat' in Lonsdale Street, Melbourne. He attended ^{P11} however we did not discuss manufacture or pressing of pills as because of the number of people present. His real reason for attending ^{P11} was to have further conversations with Tony Mokbel who was invited to ^{P11} but did not attend.

15. I had a further meeting with ^{Mr Bickley} about a week prior to my arrest. It was at a similar location as the previous meeting. He had contacted me on the telephone and requested the meeting. We met and ^{Mr Bickley} told me that he needed \$20,000.00 to organise his people to fix a pill press. I agreed to give him \$5,000.00 and that would be as we had never done anything together and this was a risk to me. I had \$10,000.00 cash with me at the time so I gave \$5,000.00 to him. This was money I had in my possession to pay someone else, ^{Pili} from [REDACTED] to pay for the rent. I told ^{Mr Bickley} that I would call him once I had the powder. He was still adamant that he wanted 50 kilograms of MDMA powder. He asked me how long that would be and I told him to give me a week. ^{Mr Bickley} then left this location.
16. I did not have any further contact with ^{Mr Bickley} until after my arrest.
17. At the time of my arrest at Strathmore I had turned 2.5 out of 7 litres of ketone into methylamphetamine oil. My plan over the following week, prior to my plea hearing on the 1 May, was to turn the remaining 4.5 litres of ketone into amphetamine. This would have been sold to the highest bidder. Over this week I would also have turned 10 litres of MDP2P into MDMA powder. This powder I would have sold back to Savas Pastras in powder form or if I was successful in getting an adjournment I would have supplied it to ^{Mr Bickley} to press up into tablets.

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Statement taken at
Me this 16 day

essed by
at Melbourne.



Dale Flynn
Detective 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 perjury.

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Acknowledgement
By me this 6 day of August 2006 at Melbourne.



Dale Flynn
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