

MILAD
COBURN

Mr Cooper

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. After my fallout with Tony Mokbel over the deal we had made from the Gisborne affair, I had no option than to continue my dealings with Milad Mokbel, where Milad owed Carl an amount of money. At one point Milad led me to believe this amount was \$28,000.00. Carl later told me that it was a lot more than that, more like \$63,000.00.
4. The meeting with Carl Williams took place about 1 week prior to Carl's arrest and occurred at [REDACTED], at Tony Mokbel's mother's house. I have been informed the arrest was on 13 June 2004. We walked around the streets to ^{P11} [REDACTED] Road and ^{P11} [REDACTED] Road. I was with Carl Williams, Milad Mokbel, and later Tony Mokbel joined us. Before Tony's arrival we discussed that in order for Carl to get his money we had to persuade Tony to allow me and Milad to convert chemicals into methylamphetamine, much against Tony's approval.
5. In the current situation, Tony owing me amounts of money, he really couldn't be in a position to exercise what it was he really wanted. We had him on the back foot in terms of pay the money, or let Milad and I continue. Tony had no access to ketone at this point, but Milad and Kabalan Mokbel did via Max (I don't know Max's surname). I believed it was coming from a guy called George B. I don't know Georges' surname.

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6. All I know about Max is he frequents the Grove Coffee shop. He is an elderly gentleman, with grey hair who seems to be suffering from some kind of illness, maybe cancer.
7. George B is another guy who frequents the coffee shop. He is of Lebanese descent.
8. In a private meeting with Tony Mokbel a few hours after the first meeting at his mother's house, Tony enforced two things that I must adhere to in order to continue with this deal. Number one; if I was to show Milad how to cook, I was as good as dead. Number two; he demanded two elbows (pounds) of finished product as a token of thanks for his approval for allowing us to continue manufacturing methylamphetamine. I agreed to this.
9. I provided a detailed list to Milad Mokbel on glassware that I needed to order to manufacture amphetamine. This was fulfilled within a week of the order which came as a surprise to me as most of these items would normally take four to six weeks as modification to the vessels had to be made by hand. It later occurred to me that the glassware purchased had come from the glassblower that I used in the past, and I had stored several items at that premises, which I had never picked up due to my arrest at Rye. In theory Milad and I were splitting the cost of glassware 50/50. In actual fact I was now paying for the same glassware a second time. Milad and I were going to split this proceeds from this cook 60/40.
10. The glassware was delivered to a premises in Newlands Road, Coburg, I forget the number but it was between [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] in Coburg. This residence was rented by an elderly man I knew as 'Horst'. This gentleman suffered from a liver failure and was on medication and had a bladder bag attached to him at all times.

11. The house was a cream and light green coloured weatherboard with a tiled roof which was recently renovated with a modern interior. It had a garage in the rear attached to the house. It had a cream and green picket fence.
12. Horst lived there alone. I don't know who Horst rented the house off. Horst became known to me through Danny Taxis. Danny told me that Horst had previously been charged with cultivation of marijuana and he was a man who could be trusted. Also, he was a desperate man who needed a liver transplant and needed to make substantial monies in order to fly to Brazil where a liver could be bought in order to save his life.
13. To my knowledge Horst had no family, but I found out through photos and trinkets that he must have had a daughter.
14. I first met Horst on 14 June 2004. I remember this as being the day after Carl's arrest. I was introduced to him at his house by Danny Taxis where a discussion about what was going to be done was accepted by him in the presence of Danny, him and myself. Monies for Horst were to be dealt with by Danny. There was no discussion in my presence on what Horst was entitled to. Horst was also assigned the task of getting anything that I might need while manufacturing methylamphetamine, such as acetone, duct tape, lengths of hose, plumbing fittings, buckets etc.
15. Production of methylamphetamine started immediately, having received the glassware which was delivered to the Newlands Road house by Mark Lanteri. Mark also delivered the precursors and most of the chemicals used in the manufacture in three different intervals over the space of one week. I dare say 10 litres of ketone was transformed into 12 to 13 kilograms in that week. I would estimate the date of commencement was 22 June 2004 and completion was 27 June 2004. The cook took place in the bathroom, laundry and toilet area toward the back of the house, to the left side looking from the front door.

16. During the cook I stayed at [REDACTED] each night, arriving home at 9.30 pm in order not to breach my bail conditions, and leaving home at 7 am in the morning to continue manufacturing. On most occasions Horst would pick me up and drop me off around the corner from [REDACTED]. Horst drove a white Honda CRV four wheel drive. I did this cook by myself and Horst helped with buying things I needed. On one occasion I introduced Horst to Milad at a building site I was working at.
17. Once this cook was complete I bagged 12 to 13 kilograms into pound lots. 10 kilograms, 22 pound bags, I conveyed to Milads house. Milad had previously instructed me to place the product into two different boxes, I think the split was 15 pounds in one box and 7 in another. I would wrap both of these boxes up in wrapping paper with ribbons to look like a gift. I would ring Milad and ask him what he was doing. He would reply that he was at home. I would indicate that I would visit him soon. I would then take these two boxes around to his house at [REDACTED] Brunswick and Milad would take me into the laundry where I would give him the boxes. We would then go for a short walk to discuss the split. I was not paid at this time. Over the following few weeks Milad would pay me for these drugs.
18. My share of this product was to be \$300,000.00 less \$80,000.00 for the two elbows I owed Tony, and less the further expenses of the methyamine which was \$40,000.00. Hence, my share should have been \$180,000.00. I received only \$150,000.00 from this venture. Milad made it clear to me that he had debts and he would fix it up 'on the next one'. The money from Milad came in four lots averaging \$30,000.00 to \$40,000.00 at a time. Milad would bring the cash to me, at various [REDACTED] ^{Pil}. I paid Danny Taxis \$60,000.00 for obtaining the premises and for assisting me. He assisted me by helping setting up, washing up and by purchasing hardware. Danny would pay Horst for use of the house but I dont know what percentage.

19. I retained the remaining amphetamine left over from this cook about 5 to 8 pounds. All of the chemicals and equipment remained in this house.
20. I used some of this money to take [REDACTED] on a holiday to Cairns for 10 day.
21. After returning from Cairns I went past the coffee shop to get more money. Milad told me that he had come into possession of more ketone. He showed me a medicine bottle with a piece of masking tape across the front with the molecular weight and flash point of the ketone. Also written was '(BMK) Benzyl Methyl Ketone'. I opened the bottle and poured the contents into a glass. The colour and consistency were right but the smell was totally wrong. To my knowledge BMK and P2P were one in the same. The sample smelt of Almonds which had no resemblance to P2P. I believe it to be another chemical. Milad told me that the people who have given him this sample had 200 litres and had convinced him that this ketone could be converted into methyamphetamine if his cook was good enough. I was reluctant to believe it was anything but had to prove to Milad and associates that what they had was wrong.
22. I subsequently received 5 litres from Milads house of this BMK which I took back to the Newlands Road address. We also had trouble getting methylamine and it took it's time to come. I eventually picked this up from Milad at his home and also took it to Newlands Road.
23. I would estimate that in early November I attempted a manufacturing process. This occurred at Newlands Road and Horst was still assisting me and this took about three to four days. Milad's people had become very impatient. I reacted this BMK in the same way I normally do. This reaction failed. I was trying other ways to repair this procedure. I was unable to manufacture amphetamine using this BMK supplied by Milad. I washed up and boxed up all my glassware and left them at Newlands Road. I took a sample to Milad to show him it had failed and I

complained to him that we had wasted other chemicals. I told Milad that I wanted to be reimbursed for time lost and the risk taken. Milad said he would take care of it. I never received any proceeds from this failed attempt.

24. Whilst working with Horst I had agreed to give him \$10,000.00 cash for the use of his premises. I new Milad was supposed to pay him but I was going to pay him extra because he had been storing my gear from the previous cook several months before.
25. I returned to the Newlands Road residence not long several days after cleaning up and I found Horst dead sitting in an armchair in the lounge room. I presumed he had died due to liver failure. I then asked Danny Taxis to assist me.
26. Before I could get Danny to call the police we had to get rid of the laboratory equipment. I was desperate to clean up and move all of the glassware. Danny had helped me sourcing another location by this time, a coffee repair factory at the rear of [REDACTED] Preston. I will make an additional statement in relation to this and Danny Taxis at a later stage.
27. Danny Taxis and I transported all the remaining chemicals and glassware from Horst house to [REDACTED] Preston. I borrowed a ute from Danny Kettle to transport all this equipment. On returning Danny Kettle's ute I had left all of the leftover rubbish such as gloves, used duct tape, dirty clothes and waste aluminium. I told Danny Kettle to dispose of it at the Buller tip. I told him not to use the Reservoir one as I had been caught by police using that in the past.
28. I then returned to Horst house and washed and cleaned the floor, the walls and anything that would incriminate the property as being used as a clandestine laboratory. Danny Taxis was also there helping me clean up. Once we had finish I got Danny Taxis to call the police and be present at the house, and speak to

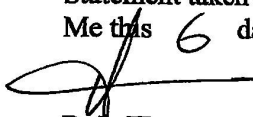
police about his death. I instructed him to just say he found him like this, as I did. I then left. This occurred about two days after I initially found Horst in the chair.

29. Danny Taxis later told me that things went smoothly, he called the police who attended and they called an ambulance.
30. I told Milad about the death of Horst which he found quite amusing, and made some remark about not having to pay him anything. Milad also told me he had sorted out the ketone problem and they, his suppliers, had given him the wrong one. He had another sample of ketone in a Spring Valley bottle which I smelt and identified as being pharmaceutical grade P2P.
31. I then started manufacturing at the [REDACTED] address. I will make a further statement in relation to this.

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Statement taken ~~and signed~~ witnessed by
Me this 6 day of August 2006 at Melbourne.



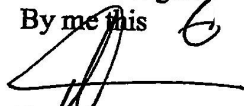
Dale Flynn
Detective Sergeant 26168

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 ~~and signed~~ witnessed
By me this 6 day of August 2006 at Melbourne.



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