

STATEMENT

1. I am making this statement in relation to my knowledge about the murder of Mark MORAN in June 2000.

2. During 1999 I was living in Melbourne and was friends with Carl WILLIAMS. I had previously met Carl a few years earlier through [REDACTED] and we had become friends. I moved to [REDACTED] in around 1997 to 1998. I kept in regular contact with Carl during this time.

3. I knew that Carl had access to a pill press. This pill press was owned by Danielle MAGUIRE and was being used by her brother Brendan to make pills for Carl. Carl didn't know how to make pills himself and got other people to make them for him. Brendan MAGUIRE had the pill press in his possession and used it to produce pills for Carl.

4. I told Carl that if he could get me the ingredients and a pill press I would come back to Melbourne and we could make pills together and I would teach him how to do it. Carl told me he was going to get his own pill press to make the pills. I then returned to Melbourne.

5. A day or so before Carl got shot he (Carl) rang me and we met at the Gladstone Park Hotel. He asked me how he would go about destroying a pill press. He said that Mark MORAN wanted the pill press that Brendan MAGUIRE had, for his own use and Mark believed Carl had possession of it. Mark MORAN was in a relationship with Danielle MAGUIRE at the time and wanted the pill press so he could produce his own tablets. Carl didn't want the MORANS to get their hands on the pill press, nor did Danielle MAGUIRE's brother. Carl knew that the MORAN's would have a large share of the drug market if they got their hands on the pill press. Carl was looking at ways to stop the MORANS from

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using it and asked me how he could make it inoperable. I advised him on how I thought you could stop it from working properly. I told him that if you could bend the top plate of the machine it wouldn't work properly and pills could not be produced.

6. Carl was very good mates with Mark MORAN before all this happened, but got involved in a dispute with Mark and his brother because he was selling his pills much cheaper.

7. During the meeting at the Gladstone Park Hotel Carl told me that he was meeting with Mark MORAN the following day to discuss the pill press. I don't know if he told me where this meeting was going to take place. Carl also said that Mark's brother Jason MORAN was going to the meeting. The fact that Jason was going to the meeting concerned me as I knew that Jason and Carl did not get along. Carl used to bag the quality of Jason's gear and took some of his blokes off him. By that I mean Carl convinced some of Jason's dealers to come and deal for him (Carl). Jason also didn't like that Carl had started seeing Roberta who had been in a relationship with one of Jason's friends.

8. I also knew Mark MORAN and had met him on a few occasions. He was a gentleman. I had also met Jason a few times and knew that he was loose cannon.

9. The day after the meeting I saw Carl in hospital. He had been shot. Carl said that he met with Mark and Jason and they had just got out of a car and were walking. Carl said that Mark then hit him over the head with a lump of wood. Carl said that he fell to the ground and that Jason shot him in the stomach with a gun. Carl said that Mark was telling Jason to shoot Carl in the head to finish him off but Jason didn't do it. Carl also said that he had his own .45 in a bum bag that he was wearing to the meeting. Carl said that during the meeting they had taken the .45 off Carl after he shot him in the stomach and kept it.

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10. Carl later said that Jason had shot him in the stomach with a .25 calibre pistol. Carl was shot over the dispute with the pill press.

11. After that incident Carl was totally obsessed with getting back at the MORANS. He wanted both Mark and Jason MORAN dead, along with their father Lewis MORAN. Carl was doing everything he could to gather information about the MORANS and their movements so he could kill them.

12. Carl knew a lot of people who could give him information about the MORANS. Some of these people were associated to the MORANS themselves or they knew people who associated with the MORANS. Information would be shared amongst these persons and would eventually find its way back to Carl.

13. Carl told me that he wanted to kill Mark MORAN first. Carl said that Mark was the brains of the group and was very well respected in criminal circles. Carl also said that if he had killed Jason before he killed Mark that Mark would do everything in his power to murder Carl and would be more likely to succeed in doing so than Jason would. Carl definitely saw Mark as being the bigger threat out of the two of them.

14. Carl had associates keeping an eye out for the MORANS. If one of Carl's friends saw the MORANS they would pass the information back to Carl. Carl told me that he knew the MORANS wanted to kill Carl and were trying to get information about Carl and what his movements were.

15. Carl had a few of his associates performing surveillance on Mark. Jason was in gaol at the time and Carl was keen on killing Mark whilst Jason was inside. I'm sure there were people that I didn't know who were working for Carl and doing surveillance for him. I'm convinced that one of these persons was

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16. I didn't actually meet ^{Mr McGrath} until after Mark MORAN had been murdered. I met ^{Mr McGrath} through Carl and knew that he was later performing surveillance on Jason MORAN, Mick GATTO and others. Carl told me a few things after Mark's murder that made me realise ^{Mr McGrath} I must have helped Carl with Mark's murder. ^{Mr McGrath} was later doing surveillance on Jason MORAN and Lewis MORAN and would have helped with Mark as well. ^{Mr McGrath} seemed to have a lot of knowledge about the MORANS.

17. Sometime after Carl was shot Carl asked me if I could get my hands on a shotgun. Carl also asked if I could get it cut down for him. By that I mean getting the barrel shortened. Carl knew that I was ^{PII} and that I could do it properly for him. I think this was approximately four or five months before Mark MORAN's death. Carl didn't say why he wanted it cut down or why he wanted the gun. I knew that he wanted to use the gun to murder one of the MORANS as this is what Carl was totally obsessed about. I didn't have to ask him why he wanted the gun but I knew why.

18. Dino DIBRA had access to firearms and I contacted him to get the shotgun for Carl. Dino brought two shotguns to my house at ^{PII} Street, Yarraville shortly after I asked him. He was by himself when he came over. One of the shotguns was an under and over and the other was a side by side. Both were black. The under and over was pretty new and had a timber butt. The side by side was older and also had a timber butt. Dino and I were doing drugs together at the time and there was no discussion over payment for the guns. Dino gave me both the shotguns. Even though I only asked for one Dino gave me two. I decided to keep the newer gun (under and over) for myself and cut the older one (side by side) down for Carl. The guns were not loaded when they were given to me and I did not get any ammunition from Dino. I don't know where Dino had got the guns from himself.

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19. I took the older gun to an old engineering shop that I used [REDACTED] situated at [REDACTED] Road, Tullamarine. I used a drop saw in the workshop to cut down the barrels and the wooden butt of the gun. I then welded the end of the barrel so it wouldn't split when the gun was fired. When I got the gun off Dino it was full size, just over a metre long. I cut the gun down to approximately half a metre. I cut the barrel to a length of about 10 centimetres past the wooden butt. I cut the butt to just past the trigger. This gun was cut in a similar way to the shotgun used to murder Jason MORAN.

20. I kept the other shotgun as a long arm in my house for a few years. I later cut this down in the same way as the first and it was used to murder Jason MORAN in June 2003. I cut that gun down in the same workshop after Carl had asked me to do it for him. This gun was later found by police at the scene of Jason's murder.

21. After I cut down the first shot gun I met up with Carl and gave it to him. I don't recall at this time where I gave the gun to him. There was no talk about payment as he was a friend and I did it for him as a friend. Again he didn't say what he wanted it for but I knew he was going to use it on the MORANS. As Jason was inside just before Mark got shot it was obvious that Carl intended on using the gun on Mark MORAN.

22. Within the week before Mark's murder Dino came over to my place and dropped a silver revolver off for Carl. This revolver had a black rubber butt and was about 20 centimetres long. I don't know what brand it was and it didn't have any ammunition. Dino told me that Carl had asked him for the gun and asked me to pass it on to Carl for him. I held the gun for a few days. I put the gun into a silver briefcase and took it to a friend's office. This friend is Jimmy KAFRITSIS and his office was in Port Melbourne. I told the friend that there was a gun in the case and asked him to look after it for me. He kept it at his office.

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23. In June 2000, about two days before Mark's murder Carl approached me and asked me for the gun that Dino had dropped off to me. I told Carl that it wasn't at home and to give me a couple of hours so I could get it for him. I told Carl to meet me at home. I then went and got the gun back off the friend and met up with Carl at my house. I gave the gun to Carl. I didn't discuss payment or anything as this was between Carl and Dino. I asked him what was going on with the gun. Carl told me not to worry about why he needed the gun. Again I knew that it was going to be used for Mark MORAN even though Carl didn't say so.

24. A few days after Mark MORAN's murder I was approached by my friend in Port Melbourne who asked me if the gun he'd held for me was used in Mark MORAN's murder. My friend was stressing out about it. I told the friend that it wasn't and that I had sold it to someone else for \$2000. I then went to Carl and asked him if that was the same gun used to murder Mark. Carl told me that it was the same revolver used to murder Mark MORAN and that he (Carl) had something to do with it. He didn't say what his involvement was but just that he was involved in it. I believe that this conversation took place at Mirror Finish Panel Beaters in North Melbourne. It was just Carl and I present at that time.

25. Around the time of Mark's murder I was seeing Carl approximately three times a week. I would have spoken to him daily on the telephone. Carl was almost always with Rocky ARICO at this time. Carl always had someone around him who had a bit a dash. Rocky had a bit of dash and Carl was using him as a bodyguard as he thought the MORANS may try and get at him again. By having a bit a dash I mean that he was willing to doing anything for Carl including shooting someone if it came to that.

26. At around this time I had a couple of mobile phones. One of these phones was registered in my own name and others I've had are in false names. Detective HATT has today asked me about the name Robert JENKENS. I have used the name Robert JENKENS to obtain a mobile telephone number. I remember that I did this whilst I was in Sydney prior to June 2000. I remember

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that the address I gave when registering the phone was false too. I recall that telephone number was [REDACTED] I remember buying that at a Telstra shop at a shopping centre in the Sydney CBD.

27. Two days after giving the revolver to Carl I heard that Mark MORAN had been killed. I have been told by Detective HATT that the date of his murder was the 15 June 2000. I remember that I was at my home address of [REDACTED] Street, Yarraville when I was called by a friend named Paul who owned a hairdressers in Buckley street, Essendon. The name of the hairdressers is 'Chai' or similar. Paul told me that Mark MORAN had just been shot dead. I remember that this telephone call was just after 9.00 PM. Everyone knew that Carl was blueing with MORANS, including Paul and he rang to let me know that Mark had been shot dead.

28. I was at home all evening that night. I had a plumber come over to fix the upstairs toilet at my house just after 8.00 PM. The person that came over was son of the person who owned the house as we were renting at the time. He left some time after that and was only there for approximately half an hour or so.

29. I don't recall if I spoke with Carl that night or not. I don't think I would have as I knew that Carl would have been involved in the murder and he would have been red hot. If I did there would have been nothing said about the murder over the phone. I'm not sure when I last spoke to Carl before the murder. I did not know that Carl was going to murder Mark MORAN that night. I knew that it may happen at some point but I was never told anything about when.

30. I know I spoke to Carl a day or two after the murder. This was when I asked Carl if it was the revolver that was used. He told me that it was him involved in Mark's murder. After Mark was murdered Carl was constantly saying one down two to go. By that I took it to mean that one MORAN was dead and that Jason and Lewis were still to go. Everyone knew that Carl was involved in Mark's murder and Carl admitted that to me. Carl never said that it

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was him that pulled the trigger or told me who helped him to commit the murder only that he was involved in the murder and responsible for Mark's death. Carl seemed very happy with this and wanted it known in criminal circles that he was responsible.

31. Just after the murder Carl asked me if I thought the guns could be traced. By guns I knew he meant the shotgun and revolver. I knew that Dino was pretty careful when it came to the firearms and I told Carl that they wouldn't be traced. I assumed that the shotgun was used because Carl had asked me to cut it down for him so I didn't need to ask Carl if that was used. You wouldn't cut down a shotgun for any other reason. Carl told me that the revolver was used to shoot Mark. I don't know what Carl did with the guns after the murder as he never told me. I assume he carefully disposed of them.

32. Over the next few years Carl constantly talked about shooting Jason MORAN in the same manner that Mark MORAN was murdered. By that I mean he wanted to use a sawn off shotgun and revolver for Jason too. Carl wanted to send a message to the MORANS that he was responsible for killing both Mark and Jason. Again Carl never actually said that he pulled the trigger but has admitted to me on a number of occasions over the years that he was responsible for the murder of Mark MORAN.

33. After Carl and I were charged with the murder of Jason MORAN

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It was only then that Carl told me

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shot Mark MORAN. Carl again admitted that he organised the murder and paid for it to be done. I don't know who else helped Carl with the murder as he has never mentioned that to me.

34. After the murder of Mark MORAN Rocky ARICO and Dino DIBRA were bragging that it was them that had murdered him. I know 100 percent that Dino had nothing to do with it. He and I were really good mates and I asked him straight out if he did it. He told me that it wasn't him and that he was somewhere

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else at the time. I knew Dino well and I believed him when he said he didn't do it. I don't know about Rocky as I didn't know him that well.

35. ^{P11} [REDACTED] Carl asked me to make a false statement for him in relation to Mark MORAN's murder. Carl wrote the statement and gave it to me to read. When Carl was writing the statement he asked me what sort of gun it was that I had given him for Mark's murder. I told him that I thought it was a .357, however I didn't really know what sort it was. Carl put in that statement that it was a .357 that I had given ^{Mr McGrath}

^{Mr McGrath} so he could murder Mark MORAN. Carl then asked me to re write the statement in my own handwriting and give it back to him so he could pass it on to his **Solicitor 2** ^{Solicitor 2} [REDACTED] I told him that I didn't want to give it to ^{Solicitor 2} [REDACTED] and gave it to my barrister Nicola GOBBO. This would be on my file at my solicitor's office.

36. The statement that Carl asked me to do was totally fabricated by him. It was a plan concocted by Carl to destroy ^{Mr McGrath} credibility. In the end there were six or seven statements fabricated by Carl aimed at destroying ^{Mr McGrath} credibility in relation to the Mark MORAN case. Carl has sent these out to other prisoners and associates on the outside and asked the people to adopt them for him. One of these persons was ^{Mr Andrews} [REDACTED] Carl then gave the other statements to ^{Solicitor 2} [REDACTED] for safe keeping. Carl told me that it was ^{Solicitor 2} [REDACTED] ^{Mr McGrath} idea to draw these statements up to destroy credibility.

37. The statement that Carl wrote for me stated that I supplied ^{Mr McGrath} with the guns and that it was ^{Mr McGrath} who had killed Mark MORAN. Again that statement is totally false and was planned out by Carl to assist him at court. I only did it because Carl asked me to.

38. Carl was of the belief that the statements would create enough doubt about ^{Mr McGrath} and would get him (Carl) off the Mark MORAN murder charge.

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Statement made and signature witnessed

by me at Melbourne on 19 /07/2006

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Mark HATT

Detective Senior Constable 30272

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 made and signature witnessed

by me at Melbourne on 19 /07/2006

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