



## STATEMENT

1. My full name and address is known to the police. I am using the assumed identity of <sup>Mr Thomas</sup>

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. Between 1992 and 1993 I was introduced to a male I know as Milad MOKBEL by <sup>P/I</sup> [REDACTED] passed away in around <sup>P/I</sup> [REDACTED]. At this time I was the owner of a couple of hydroponics shops. The hydroponics shops were located at [REDACTED] Street, Reservoir and [REDACTED] Road, Brunswick. Through these shops I was selling equipment and chemicals to grow dope (cannabis). While I had the hydroponic shops I was growing dope at an address off [REDACTED] Drive, Thomastown, I can't remember the street name. I had a sitter at the address John DEBONO. The address got pinched by the coppers about the time I got raided for the chemicals after the explosion at the Paul HOWDEN lab at <sup>P/I</sup> [REDACTED] Street, Brunswick. I was also buying dope from a number of guys who I met through the hydroponics business. I bought the majority of this dope through Steve MUSTICA and Shane HICKEY. Steve owned the hydroponics business before I bought it. Steve then set up a business in Thomastown called "Grow light". He was set up as a wholesaler to Hydroponics shops. I was buying between 10 and 30 pounds of dope every week for between \$4,500 and \$5,000 a pound. I know Steve had hydro houses set up in Sunbury and [REDACTED] Road, Lalor because they got pinched by the coppers. In those days no one told you where they were growing in case they got ripped off; it was only when they got pinched by the coppers you would find out. Steve told me about the hydro houses in Sunbury and Lalor. As a result of my selling dope I met various people involved in the industry. While running these shops I was approached by Milad to buy some dope from me. It took

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some time before I sold dope to him; this was because I didn't really know who he was. As time went on we began to develop a friendship to the point that I would go to his mum's house in [REDACTED] Street, Brunswick on Sundays for lunch. As our friendship developed I sold Milad dope in large amounts. In those days skunk cannabis had come out and was very popular. Milad on one occasion was able to sell 35 pounds of dope in a day and a half. I know Milad sold this amount as I was having a competition with him at the time as to who could sell the most dope. I know Milad sold this amount because he got the dope from me and then paid me the money \$150 to \$160, 000, in cash as he got it. Milad was able to sell large amounts of dope easily through his connections. I sold dope to Milad for about a year and a half, maybe two years. It was all dope at the start in quantities of 10 to 15 pounds per week. The price he would pay per pound was between \$4, 500 to \$5, 200, but it was mainly around the \$4, 500 per pound. I would always give it to Milad on credit and then he would pay me as he got the money for selling it. I would mainly deliver the dope to Milad personally. I would meet him at his mum's house in [REDACTED] Street, Brunswick. I would actually give him the dope at Larry HAIFA's house which is just [REDACTED] doors down from Milad's mum's house. I was making \$150 or \$200 per pound that I sold to Milad.

4. Steve MUSTICA lived in a court near [REDACTED] Drive, Lalor when I was getting all the dope from him. I have known Steve for over 12 years, he would be in his 50's. When I first started growing dope I was going to Steve's hydroponic shop and bought equipment from him. As I got to know him I began to buy dope from him. Later on Steve moved to an address in Taylors Lakes, I think it was [REDACTED] Avenue. I do know that some bank or finance company took it when Steve went bust at Grow Light.

5. I met Shane HICKEY through my dealings with Steve MUSTICA. Shane lived on the corner of [REDACTED] Drive and either [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] Street, Brunswick. Shane also had a hydroponics shop in [REDACTED] Street, Brunswick. I have know Shane for about 11 years and he would be about 37 – 38 years of age. I know that while I was getting dope from Shane he was renovating a place in [REDACTED] Street, Brunswick.

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he also worked there. But Tony would only be hands on for a couple of months and then he would walk away. Tony's wealth came from his selling of drugs.

104. Tony would place at least 25% of his money through Jack SMIT who would put the money into business and properties. I know that Jack was living in a Penthouse in Port Melbourne that was bought with money supplied by Tony. Jack was running Tony's money through renovating of TJ'S and other businesses. Jack also bought Top of the Town with Tony's money and Tony told me that 2 million dollars had gone through there under the table. I know this because I got a brothel licence in 1995 -1997 and Tony approached me about the licence. The Top of the Town brothel licence was for a 10 room brothel, what Tony had in mind was to use my licence to run the Top of the Town. Then Tony would filter the money through there. The reason Tony didn't use me was that my licence was only for a 6 room brothel and I didn't want to be involved in that business with Tony, so he had to find someone else. They also bought Brunswick Market, Christopher KRONIS a clothes business that had outlets throughout Melbourne, there was also the factory outlet in Brunswick. I know that when Tony sold Brunswick Market during the CEJA investigation, it was sold for the agreed contract price with another \$400, 000 under the table to Tony from the group that bought it. Tony told me this because the group that bought it were \$70, 000 short with the under the table payment. All this was organised through Alan and Tarkin Real Estate, Meadow Heights Shopping Centre. I also know that Tony invested overseas, because in around 1996 Tony was sending money to Lebanon to invest in a similar idea as Foxtel.

105. I would estimate that Milad MOKBEL would have made over 5 million dollars through his dealings in the drug trade. Milad used to be a courier driver when I first met him, he then worked as a front at the Hydroponics shop and he also had a butchers shop in Brunswick. Milad also owns a percentage of the Hugo Lounge in South Yarra. Milad's wealth came from his selling of drugs. I know that Milad would spend a lot of his money on properties and put them in his company name. I also know that Milad would keep a lot of cash as he thought that if he couldn't clean it properly he would hang onto it.

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106. I would estimate that Horty MOKBEL would have made over 2 million dollars through his dealings in the drug trade. Horty was leasing and working at a Oasis petrol station in Mahoney's Road, Reservoir. Horty was working at the petrol station in about 2003. Horty also worked at Zaneth, which is an oil company based in South Melbourne. Tony, Milad, Horty and a gut called American Brian all had shares in the company. I'm not sure what Horty did there but he worked there in some way. I know some of Horty's wealth has come from the sale of drugs, I know this from the limited drug deals I have done with Horty and from the people I have seen Horty deal with and what they have told me about Horty. I have known American Brian for about 10 years but only know him by this name. I don't know where American Brian lives but I know his mother lives in Doncaster.

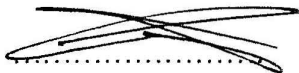
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Statement made and signature witnessed

by me at Melbourne on 19/07/2006

at 2:36 AM/PM

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(CRAIG HAYES)

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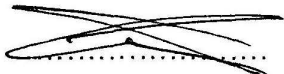
I hereby acknowledge that this statement is true and correct and I make it in the belief that a person making a false statement in the circumstances is liable to the penalties of perjury.

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Acknowledgement made and signature witnessed

by me at Melbourne on 19 /07/2006

at 2:37 AM/PM

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