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Subject: Allegations Involving Serious Misconduct By Police At Brighton

Background

1. On 24 November 2005 ^{John Brown} [REDACTED] of Brighton Police provided a 20 page statement to the Ethical Standards Department in which he made a number of serious allegations involving police at Brighton, a commissioned officer and barrister Ms. Nicola Gobbo.

2. ^{John Brown} [REDACTED] has been off work on Work Cover since [REDACTED] 2005 following alleged threats made to him following his involvement in the arrests of [REDACTED] MNI: [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] 2004 and [REDACTED] MNI: [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] MNI: [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] 2004 for drug related matters.

3. [REDACTED] subsequently made allegations against the police involved in his arrest that he had been assaulted and stabbed with a contaminated syringe. The police involved or complained against are:

- (a) [REDACTED] Brighton Uniform
- (b) [REDACTED] Brighton CIU
- (c) ^{John Brown} [REDACTED] Brighton Uniform

4. The complaints were investigated by Inspector Alan Carlisle (ESD File No.C3-2/721/2004 refers) and found to be *Not Substantiated* or *Unfounded*.

5. At some stage it became evident to ^{John Brown} [REDACTED] that during the course of the investigation by Inspector Carlisle, photographs and a document that formed part of the ESD file were lost or stolen. In reviewing the investigation file I identified a number of deficiencies I believe require further attention before a final decision is made with the investigation of those complaints (refer to ESD File C3-2/721/2004).

6. ^{John Brown} [REDACTED] is the subject of a THASM File (Reference OTH0027) arising from his involvement with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and an allegation

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money was also stolen from [REDACTED] by ^{John Brown} [REDACTED] when [REDACTED] was arrested. It is alleged [REDACTED] of Brighton Police was later approached by an unknown male at Kyhatt's Hotel in Brighton on [REDACTED] June 2005 told to direct ^{John Brown} [REDACTED] to return the stolen money as it belonged to Tony Mockbel.

7. ^{John Brown} [REDACTED] also alleged he was contacted at his home address by a female he believed to be [REDACTED] which added to his concerns for his safety and welfare.

8. Inspector Carlisle raised concerns in a report of 18 March 2006 concerning the validity of the THASM complaint made by ^{John Brown} [REDACTED]. This matter was subsequently referred to ESD for investigation by Assistant Commissioner Jamieson (ESD File 3-2/3327/2005 refers).

Other Issues of Concern

9. A range of serious allegations and counter allegations have been made by various members (including Inspector Carlisle) attached to Brighton Police. The issues, if true, involve corruption, serious misconduct and management issues involving members of the Force. Those issues are:

- (a) The ESD complaint investigation conducted by Inspector Carlisle (ESD File C3-2/721/2004) has identified deficiencies and is incomplete;
- (b) Allegations and counter allegations concerning to the missing photographs (and a document?) from ESD File C3-2/721/2004;
- (b) Alleged inappropriate associations and activities by Sergeant Richard Shields of Brighton Police (subject of assessment by ESD for a Section 682A Police Regulation Act);
- (c) Information concerning Sergeant Shields as contained in an ESD Information Report of 2 December 2005 (see attached);
- (d) Information concerning Sergeant Shields, Inspector Carlisle, Leading Senior Sergeant Gerry Lambourne as contained in an ESD Information Report of 5 December 2005. Reference also to stolen property from the [REDACTED] factory at [REDACTED] and allegations of police involvement (see attached);
- (e) Concerns about the misplacing of a Kyhatt Hotel security video that may have included vision of an impromptu meeting between Senior Constable Claire Hodgkin and an unknown male on [REDACTED] June 2005;
- (f) Concerns about the alleged disappearance of evidence ^{John Brown} [REDACTED] Daybook and original documents) at Brighton Police Station that was required by ^{John Brown} [REDACTED] for court proceedings at Melbourne Magistrate's Court [REDACTED] September 2005;
- (h) [REDACTED] by Sergeant Shields to attend a race meeting and entry tickets provided by barrister Nicola Gobo (acts for Tony Mockbel) when Shields was not on duty;

- (i) Concerns raised by Inspector Carlisle about the legitimacy of the THASM file involving ^{John Brown}
- (j) Concerns by ^{John Brown} that confidential information about his private life may be provided to criminals by [REDACTED]
- (k) Allegations by ^{John Brown} he was approached by David Waters (former Vicpol member) and a Steven Campbell (serving member or ex member) at Melbourne Magistrate's Court in early December 2004 and advised by Waters that Nicola Gobo had "done him a huge favour" (refer to page 10 statement by ^{John Brown}, and
- (l) Alleged allegations of bullying and sexual harassment at Brighton Police Station involving Senior Constables Mal Lewis, Lisa Dobbie and Sharon Cately (refer to page 12 ^{John Brown} statement).

Conclusion

10. Alleged complaints by Inspector Alan Carlisle, ^{John Brown} and ^{John Brown} [REDACTED] are serious and warrant a coordinated and independent investigation by the Ethical Standards Department (as referred to in (referred to in statement provided by ^{John Brown} and ESD File C3-2/721/2004 and ESD File 3-2/3327/2005).

Recommendation

11. I recommend the following:
- (a) These matters are brought to the attention of Detective Superintendent Rod Wilson
 - (b) The Office of Police Integrity are fully briefed and invited to oversight investigation of the allegations and recommendations made at completion of the investigation.

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