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Driver Task Force

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**OVERVIEW**

- On 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2010 Carl Anthony WILLIAMS <sup>PII</sup> [REDACTED] was murdered at the Acacia Unit of Barwon Prison by Matthew Charles JOHNSON <sup>PII</sup> [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] <sup>PII</sup> [REDACTED] this accommodation for approximately twelve months.
- Williams was a prosecution witness in a number of high profile matters, including that of ex Victoria Police member Paul Dale which is currently before the courts
- Over the last decade Williams has been the subject of a number of high profile investigations and was inextricably linked to the "Melbourne gangland wars" which led to the formation of the Purana Taskforce
- A number of Victoria Police workgroups / Taskforces have had or current had significant involvement with Williams. These workgroups include the Purana Task Force, Petra Task Force and the Briars Task Force
- There is a requirement to assess the management and security practices of Williams [REDACTED] a prosecution witness [REDACTED]
- At the direction of Deputy Commissioner Ken Jones the Driver Task Force has been established to conduct an investigation into the circumstances beyond the immediate established facts of the murder of Carl Williams which are being established by the Homicide Squad. Driver is tasked to examine the relationships

between Carl Williams and Victoria Police staff (past and present). To do this Driver staff will access and assess all relevant intelligence and information holdings across Victoria police and mount intelligence probes in partnership with other law enforcement agencies.

- Findings will be reported to Deputy Commissioner Jones and Assistant Commissioners Pope and Moloney who will direct the response. Responses may include overt and covert investigations, intelligence development, policy and practice changes, organisational reform, joint work with other agencies and communications responses ( internal and external).

### OBJECTIVES – PHASE 1

- Develop a robust intelligence assessment on the potential drivers to the murder of Williams.
- Assess, evaluate and provide recommendations on collating and pooling ALL relevant intelligence holdings from relevant Victoria Police workgroups and other LEA or regulatory authority (included taskforces; Petra, Briars, Purana).
- Identify best practice for the relevant information flow within and external to Victoria Police (including Corrections Victoria).
- **In conjunction with the** Homicide Squad (Operation Rayons) any intelligence which may confirm / negate the Williams homicide extended into the realm of Organised Crime (premeditated or contracted murder on the bequest of others)
- Assess the risk mitigation strategies on the health, safety and protection of current or potential witnesses / persons of interest and their families.
- Identify any emerging and future risks posed to current and associated persons of interest, including the defendant.
- To access the current strategies and initiatives use to gain and maintain the confidence and support of high risk victims and witnesses, relevant to current and relevant investigations.

### WITHIN SCOPE

- [REDACTED] PII methods, assessments, strategies and mitigation (systems / issues and gaps)
- Media articles, including contact with Victoria Police members and other relevant parties / organisations

- Victoria Police liaison and briefings to Corrections Victoria.  
(processes in place to identify and manage risk – [REDACTED])
- Monitoring of upcoming witness management and testimony
- Monitoring of the management of other high risk prosecution witnesses linked to current investigations
- Management and interoperability of relevant cross workgroup investigations
- The upcoming evidence that was to be given by the now deceased (Williams) and ramifications of the intended evidence
- Prison politics (P.O.W. for example)

#### OUT OF SCOPE

- Homicide investigation – the what and why
- Broader [REDACTED] PII issues
- Management of other high risk prosecution witnesses linked to current investigations
- Management of upcoming witness management and testimony

#### STAFFING / RESOURCES

- Initial small workgroup with a focus on intelligence collection, intelligence probe and potential investigation plan (only).  
Workgroup to have the ability to immediately scale up if required (taskforce policing).
- Detective Superintendent (oversight) – Crime Department
- Detective Senior Sergeant – Crime Department
- 3 x Detective Sergeant – Crime Department
- 6 x Detective Senior Constable – Crime Department
- Sergeant Analyst – State Intelligence



- **2 x Senior Constable Analyst – State Intelligence**

- Preferable for workgroup to be immediately established off site from 412 St. Kilda Road or 452 Flinders Street. Current enquiries being made regarding suitable premises.
- Crime Department to provide two vehicles, State Intelligence to provide one vehicle

#### **WORKGROUP OVERSIGHT**

- Detective Superintendent Fryer will report direct to Deputy Commissioner Jones (and / or Assistant Commissioner Pope) on a weekly basis and on an as needs basis. The current steering committee membership for Operation Petra not to be engaged or involved in the oversight of Taskforce Driver.
- Driver Task Force will not form part of either the Crime Department or State Intelligence standard management processes. The Task Force will not be subject to Crime Department Tiered reviews.

#### **TIME FRAMES**

- Required staff and dwelling to be identified immediately
- Staff to commence on Tuesday **27 April 2010**.
- Duration is unknown, to be determined / recommendation made on or before **4 June 2010**.
- Intelligence assessment to be delivered by **4 June 2010**

#### **MEDIA STRATEGY**

- Media strategy to be designed and articulated with Media Director Nicole McKechnie. Strategy to include proactive and reactive initiatives and to be informed by a variety of possible scenarios.

#### **INFORMATION & DATA SECURITY / MANAGEMENT**

- Given the nature of this Task Force there is a need for stringent and robust information management and security controls within Force policy and guidelines.

**POSSIBLE SUPPORT SERVICES TO BE REQUIRED**

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|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| ACC (Hearings & intel)                    | Crime Department                                            | Intelligence and Covert Support Department |
| Office of the Chief Exa.                  | ESD (Covert support)                                        | Financial institutions                     |
| Other State Police Forces and other LEA's | Source Development Unit<br><br>Operations Intelligence Unit | Witness Security Unit                      |
| Australian Tax Office                     | Special Operations Group                                    | Corrections Victoria                       |
| Department of Justice                     |                                                             |                                            |

Should a request for the above services by the Driver Task Force be made, priority should be given by the requested area. Deputy Commissioner Jones to pre-advise relevant workgroup

**COSTS**

- Crime Department to pay for Crime Department member's salaries and allowances and State Intelligence to do likewise.
- Driver Task Force to be managed as a standard workgroup, including compliance to leave and rest day adherence
- Call Charge Records costs relating to first five weeks (until 4 June 2010) of operation (intelligence phase) to be approved by Detective Superintendent's Fryer, Steendam or Porter and the cost will be met by State Intelligence.

  
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Sir Ken Jones

Deputy Commissioner

Victoria Police

Date: 25/4/10

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