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STATEMENT

Name: Carl Anthony WLLIAMS

STATES:

My full name is Carl Anthony WILLIAMS. I am 36 years of age and I was born [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

I make this statement in the belief that no part of it can be used as evidence against me.

I first met a policeman by the name of Paul DALE sometime after my release from Port Philip Prison in 2002. I am not sure of the date. I had been in custody on remand for drug charges. I did not know DALE prior to this, I might have heard his name around. My dad was the assistant coach of the under 19's at the Brunswick Football Club and I used to hang around at the Football Club a fair bit. I'm not sure whether I ever saw DALE there, but I may have. DALE came out to prison to meet [REDACTED] few times [REDACTED] told me that DALE wanted to meet me when I got out. At that point in time I had no real idea why DALE wanted to meet me.

I first met him at the Brunswick Club where Lewis MORAN was killed. DALE had passed a message on for me to go there through [REDACTED] told me this before I was released, [REDACTED] said that DALE would know when I was getting released and he would meet me there [REDACTED] told me that DALE regularly attended there. I am not sure of the time of day that the first meeting happened but I went there alone. I only talked to DALE alone. This first meeting was not long after I was released. We just sort of touched base. He was telling me that he could keep an eye out for me. In return DALE expected to be paid for any information that he gave to me. I took this to mean that he would keep an eye out for what was going on with the police with investigations and things like that. DALE didn't give me any information during that first meeting and I gave him no money. I think we were both suspicious of each other at that time and remained so. I certainly

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wasn't sure whether he was serious or he was trying to set me up. I gave him a contact number. I don't remember the number now because I had so many bodgie phones. I can't remember whether he gave me his mobile phone number at the time. We agreed to catch up from time to time if there was a need and he would provide information.

I couldn't say exactly how many times I met with DALE, it was around a dozen times in total. On almost every occasion DALE would call me on my mobile to arrange to meet with me. We would usually meet at somewhere different each time we met. It was often at Centre Way Keilor, but usually at a different shop. We would have meetings and he would keep me updated as to what was going on with Drug Squad investigations that involved me or where my name was mentioned. I can't remember how long after that first meeting I next met with DALE. A lot has gone on between then and now.

One of the meetings took place inside the Noodle Bar or Noodle Box in Centre Way Keilor. DALE told me that there was some [REDACTED] that was trying to set me up for the Drug Squad. He showed me a piece of paper or a report which had information provided by this [REDACTED]. The [REDACTED] was giving information to either the Drug Squad [REDACTED]. The report referred to me as [REDACTED]. From what was said in the report that I read I concluded that the informer was an [REDACTED]. I can't recall whether the report named [REDACTED] or if I concluded the informer was [REDACTED] from what the report said. I knew [REDACTED] had been in trouble for [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] I didn't know his [REDACTED]. I had been dealing [REDACTED] PII [REDACTED] PII I can't think of his real name now, but I knew him as [REDACTED]. I had suspected that [REDACTED] was possibly an informer but the paper DALE showed me confirmed this. As a result of reading the report I dropped off [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] PII [REDACTED] PII DALE didn't give me the report, he just showed it to me.

At one of the meetings I had with Paul DALE he told me that there was an outstanding debt of [REDACTED] to be paid to him for him providing [REDACTED] after the committal of [REDACTED] for the murder of [REDACTED]. I can't remember where this meeting was. DALE didn't ask me for the [REDACTED] he just said that [REDACTED] owed the money to him. I told DALE that I would pay the money to him.

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I did this because I was good mates with [REDACTED] I thought to myself that if DALE was paid he was more likely to give the evidence at court than if he wasn't paid.

I met with DALE again not long after this and I paid this [REDACTED] in cash to Paul DALE. I don't remember where we were at the time. I have read the statement that DALE made [REDACTED] I'm pretty much sure the statement was about [REDACTED] being in fear of his life and that he should carry a gun. I'm not sure who showed me the statement that DALE made, it could have been [REDACTED] solicitor, [REDACTED] that showed it to me.

On most occasions when I met with DALE I would give him an envelope with money in it. I usually took money to the meetings with DALE. I did this because I knew that if DALE wanted to meet me then he had information to give me. I took the money to the meetings because I would pay DALE for the information. The money I paid to DALE usually ranged from \$2000 to \$5000 each time. On most occasions it was around \$2000. There were two occasions when I paid him [REDACTED] One was regarding [REDACTED] and the other was regarding Ian LESSER, which I will explain later in this statement.

I also met DALE at Airport West Shopping Centre on one occasion. I met him in the food court. He was with a policeman named MIECHEL. I knew MIECHEL as he was one of the policeman who searched my house when I was arrested in 2001. I think I was driving a black Statesman at the time of this meeting. At this meeting DALE told me he had been told to wear a wire when he came to meet me, but he told me he wasn't. DALE said that a policeman named ^{A 1st PO} [REDACTED] had asked DALE to meet with me. DALE said ^{A 1st PO} [REDACTED] wanted to know if I would get on board and help the police. The official purpose of the meeting was to ask if I was interested in helping the police, but DALE didn't even ask me as he knew I wouldn't help the police. At this meeting DALE and MIECHEL asked me about Jason MORAN. DALE asked me if I wanted them to find Jason for me. DALE said he could put Jason MORAN's name down on a thing and if anyone checked MORAN then DALE would be notified. I agreed to that. DALE also asked me if I wanted them to do anything about Jason. DALE knew at the time that there were problems between me and Jason MORAN. I

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can't remember if I told him directly about the problems between me and Jason, or whether he just knew. It was pretty widely known that Jason and I had problems at the time. I didn't know whether they were fair dinkum or trying to set me up. DALE said they could kill Jason for \$400,000. It was to be \$200,000 for each of them. I told them they were dreaming. MIECHEL was part of this conversation.

Neither DALE nor MIECHEL ever gave me any information about where Jason MORAN was.

On another occasion after the meeting with DALE and MIECHEL at Airport West I had another meeting with DALE and MIECHEL. That meeting was at Keilor Baths. MIECHEL was there but not able to hear what DALE and I were talking about as he was outside. DALE told me they had just come from meeting with MIECHEL's informer. DALE told me that Mark SMITH comes down from Queensland frequently and does business down here. I took it that SMITH was dealing drugs down here. DALE told me that when SMITH comes to Melbourne he gets collected at the airport by an informer of MIECHEL's. DALE never told me the name of MIECHEL's informer. DALE told me that MIECHEL's informer was holding a gun for SMITH and to be careful as SMITH was planning to get me. DALE said to be careful as SMITH had a little red car that he was planning to get me in. It was SMITH's plan but MIECHEL's informer was passing on the information to MIECHEL. At the time I had no idea who the informer of MIECHEL's was. I was asking around to see if anyone knew who picked SMITH up from the airport. I believe at this meeting DALE also told me that DALE had taken the gun from MIECHEL's informer. It was the gun that MIECHEL's informer was holding for SMITH. DALE told me that when he took the gun it had ammunition, but he gave it back to MIECHEL's informer with no ammunition. DALE never told me why he had taken the gun, but I thought it was so he could give it back without ammunition so it couldn't be used by SMITH to kill me. He never told me the reason he took it, it's just what I thought.

It came as no surprise that Mark SMITH was planning to get me. I had met Mark SMITH before. I had seen him around as we lived in the same area before he went to Queensland. I spoke with SMITH once at the Taylors Lakes Gym. This was before

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SMITH was shot and went to Queensland. I went to see him on my own, I told him that I believed Jason MORAN had hired him to kill me, as that was the rumour getting around at the time. SMITH denied it and said it was a rumour to cause trouble. Not long after this SMITH was shot. I do not want to make any further comment about the SMITH shooting. It was rumoured that Mark SMITH held [REDACTED] myself responsible.

On one occasion an associate of mine Ian LESSER told me that a friend of his had paid a policeman by the name of [REDACTED] to remove some photos and a video from a brief against LESSER. The money had been paid on LESSER's behalf. From what I understand, LESSER's unit where he lived in St.Kilda had been searched for drugs. Some drugs had been found in a common area of the apartment block, a laundry I believe. The drugs were found in a sock. The matching sock was found in LESSER's apartment. LESSER wanted the photos and video removed from the brief so it would be more difficult to prove the drugs connection to him. LESSER told me that although [REDACTED] had been paid the money, the photos and video had not been removed. I have no idea whether [REDACTED] was ever paid any money, that is just what LESSER told me. For all I know LESSER's mate may have kept the money.

During a meeting I had with DALE sometime after LESSER told me about this, I told DALE that I had heard [REDACTED] had been paid to remove some evidence from LESSER's brief, but had not done so. DALE told me he didn't think [REDACTED] was like that. I asked DALE whether he would be able to remove the photos and video from LESSER's brief. DALE said it shouldn't be a problem. This must have been between the time that LESSER had been charged, but before his charges were heard at court. I think it must have been before the brief was served on LESSER.

I had another meeting with DALE and I handed him \$10,000 to remove the photos and video from LESSER's brief. I can't remember where that meeting took place.

LESSER later told me that the photos and video were not part of his brief when he was served his copy.

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I remember another conversation with DALE, it must have been after I had paid him the money but I can't exactly remember when. DALE told me that [REDACTED] had asked DALE if he knew where the LESSER photos and video were, as they were missing and DALE told [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] had them last.

I believe that the LESSER photos or video were later found at MIECHEL's house during a search by police at his house. I think LESSER might have told me that but I'm not sure. The photos and video ended up back in LESSER's brief after they were found at MIECHEL's I believe.

On one occasion during a meeting with DALE, he told me that he had put me on some police system, so that if any police checked me that DALE would have to be notified. He told me he did this so that he could keep up to date with any investigations against me. I can't remember exactly when DALE told me this.

On one occasion I met with DALE and he told me about an investigation into a lab in Rye. The investigation was into [REDACTED] I didn't know who they were at the time he told me as he didn't mention any names. He told me that he was working on an investigation and my name had come up on a listening device and there was a camera in there. DALE told me the [REDACTED] were fucked and were going to be arrested the next time they went to the lab. I think he told me to let Tony know. This was Tony MOKBEL. He told me this in a swimming pool somewhere up near Seaford. We met at the swimming pool because he was paranoid of me and I was paranoid of him. DALE had two pairs of shorts or swimming togs, we put these on and got into the pool and walked up and down in the water. I would have got a phone call to meet him, I went alone to this meeting.

I went and told Tony what DALE had told me at Tony's apartment in Beacon Cove. Tony didn't seem worried.

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Not very long after this meeting with DALE, ^{Mr Cooper} and [REDACTED] were arrested for running a lab in Rye. I knew ^{Mr Cooper} but not [REDACTED] I had indirectly been involved in the lab. There was keytone oil used in the lab and I had been involved in passing on the keytone. I was also getting amphetamine from the lab. I knew that ^{Mr Cooper} was the cook for that lab, but at the time DALE told me about the investigation he did not mention names, he only said [REDACTED] As a result of that information I just backed off and had nothing more to do with it. I paid DALE \$5000 for that information. The cook ^{Mr Cooper} was arrested for was nothing to do with me, I'm not sure who he was doing that particular cook for.

It was around this time that Paul DALE told me that a policeman named Dale FLYNN got him in and said the word around is that you are passing on information to WILLIAMS and WILLIAMS has got you wrapped around his little finger. I think DALE mentioned this to me at the next meeting I had with him after DALE told me about Rye.

I met him a few times after that but I don't remember exactly where he met me. I met him once at Crown Casino. DALE was with MIECHEL. MIECHEL was outside Bar Codes and I walked past him on the way to meet DALE. DALE was down in the kids' fun zone. I believe that MIECHEL was keeping lookout. I can't remember what DALE told me about at that meeting.

I met DALE one time in Bridport Street Albert Park. That was just a chance meeting. ^{Mr Thomas} was nearby at a café. ^{Mr Andrews} was with me and so was my father George and Andrew VENAMIN. We were going to meet with ^{Mr Thon} who was with Jacque El Hage. Paul DALE was with his wife and his son. DALE moved away from his wife and son and spoke to me. I introduced DALE to ^{Mr Andrews} Andrew and my father. DALE told me that an area he called Special Projects were looking into me and to be careful. I asked him what Special Projects did and he told me they do the trackers and listening devices. DALE told me not to talk in my house or car. He gave me general advice. He didn't mention what Special Projects were looking at me for. I think that at this meeting he told me that Purana were getting all the dogs and the other squads weren't getting to use the dogs. He told me that he would need to put in a report that he

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had seen me because surveillance was all over me at the time. DALE never provided me with any documents on that day.

I never went out socially with DALE. He rang me once to go out. It would have been between January 2004 and 24 March 2004, because I was living in Regency Towers at the time and Andrew VENAMIN was with me. It was the date of the birthday of Vicki from Theo's office. I was going to Vicki's party. She was having a party at the Cigar Bar at Crown. I got a telephone call from barrister Nicola GOBBO and she put DALE on the telephone. DALE sounded pissed. He asked me to go for a drink in Port Melbourne. I told him I was not going and he said he would come to my place some other time. I said to DALE that he didn't know where I lived. He said you are living in the same place. I took it from this that DALE knew where I lived. I am pretty sure the call was to my mobile number [REDACTED]

DALE did tell me on one occasion that his wife was dirty on him when she caught him playing up with another woman.

At around the time that MIECHEL and HODSON were arrested for the burglary I saw a copy of a Police report. MIECHEL was the policeman who had written the report. His name was on the report. I remember there was information about cocaine in the report. I think it was something about an import and I think SMITH's name and HIGGS' name were mentioned regarding the cocaine. There was also information about a solicitor being a bag man. There was also some information about a \$50,000 contract being offered by Lewis MORAN to kill me. That was the information that I was interested in. [REDACTED] name was mentioned. I cannot remember whether I saw this report before or after MIECHEL's arrest. I believe that the first time I was actually aware that HODSON was MIECHEL's informer was when they were arrested together. I saw this report through an associate who I do not wish to name. I do not know how this associate got a copy of the report. I took a photocopy of this report. I remember at one stage my father was talking on the radio about the fact that there was a police report which stated there was a contract to kill me. I remember Christine NIXON then commented that my father had not seen an authentic document. I ended up giving my copy to Jeremy KELLY from the Herald Sun newspaper shortly after NIXON made

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those comments.. I think I gave it to KELLY at the Red Rooster in Mt. Alexander Road in Flemington. I did this because Christine NIXON said that it was not an authentic document. I did not seek permission from the associate who had the report that I photocopied before I gave KELLY the document. I do not believe I kept a copy of the report after I gave it to KELLY. I might have but I don't remember. I didn't give the report to anyone else. I didn't show my copy to anyone else except my dad. There were copies of that report everywhere. I know this because lots of associates I spoke to had seen it. I do not wish to name the people who had seen the document.

I found out that DALE had later been arrested for being involved in the burglary through the news. I learned that DALE had been suspended from the Police Force through the news also.

After DALE had been suspended I had another meeting with him. I met Nicola GOBBO in person at the food court behind her office in William Street, Melbourne. I had contact with Nicola GOBBO regularly. This might have been a day or two before the meeting with DALE. GOBBO told me to contact DALE. I rang DALE from one of the public telephones near the picture theatres at the Water Gardens Shopping Centre in Taylors Lakes. DALE told me to come and meet him. He was working on a building site in Hillside. I was with my dad. We drove from the Melton Highway and turned left into Gourlay Road. I have been shown a Melways to confirm the name of the road. We turned left into a road off Gourlay Road. I cannot remember the name of the road we turned into.

I saw DALE, he was in a blue ute or similar, and was driving towards us once we turned into the road off Gourlay Road. It was about 2 p.m. I got out of dad's car and got into the front passenger seat of DALE's ute. He drove out of the street into Gourlay Road and into a vacant block. We both got out of the ute and then he or I saw a guy in a Ford that I thought could have been a surveillance vehicle. We both decided to go somewhere else. We got back into DALE's ute and he drove just around the corner to another place, it was not too far away at all. We went for a walk. DALE told me that he had to get HODSON and he had to get HODSON before DALE's committal. DALE said he didn't want to go back to jail. He said he had been in isolation and it was tough.

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He said he had someone on the job but it was taking too long to get HODSON. DALE asked me if I could help him out. He said it had to be done before his committal, I knew why because if the evidence goes in at the committal it can still be used if the witness is dead at the trial. I believe that DALE was still hoping the job on HODSON would be carried out by whoever else he had put in place, but he was really just finding out whether I would be prepared to kill HODSON if his first plan didn't work out. I told DALE I would help him out if he needed me to. DALE never told me who else he had arranged to kill HODSON and I didn't ask. I said I thought HODSON was in witness protection he said no, that he was at the same house in Kew but he didn't say the address. I don't know if I asked him or he just told me the figure to do the job was \$150,000. DALE never mentioned that MIECHEL was involved in his plan. DALE never mentioned where he was getting the money from.

We didn't go much further into it. DALE would ask for my help if he needed the help. I was in no doubt he wanted HODSON dead. He then dropped me off outside the fire station in Gourlay Road. He said he had to pick up his kid from day care or kindergarten, one of the two. I tried to ring my dad but the phone was not working. I then walked along the Melton Highway and dad picked me up. I'd only be guessing, I'm pretty sure Andrew was dead at the time but it was not long after my conversation with DALE that the HODSON's were found murdered.

That meeting at Hillside was the last meeting I had with DALE.

DALE was very confident that MIECHEL would not turn on him about the burglary which they had been charged with.

As far as I know MIECHEL was not present at any time I handed money to DALE, I believed they were probably sharing it but I never saw DALE hand money to MIECHEL. I never handed any money to MIECHEL. I never gave them any information about criminal activity.

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I have paid DALE all up between \$30,000 and \$40,000 over the period of time I had dealings with him but I am not exactly sure of the amount.

I was never handed any Police Information Reports by DALE or MIECHEL. The only time I saw a report with DALE was regarding [REDACTED] and I never got handed a copy of that report, I was just shown it by DALE.

DALE never told me or let me know in any way that HODSON was an informer.

I have never met any of the HODSON's. I know that there was a son who spent some time in jail, but I never met him. I have never had any dealings with any of the HODSON's.

I do not know who is responsible for the murder of the HODSON's. All I am able to say regarding their murders is what I have provided in this statement.