PARISI was interviewed and charged with drug trafficking offences. PARISI was remanded into custody and subsequently granted bail by Magistrate Mr MULING the following day.

During the course of this investigation evidence of MOKBEL attempting to source pre-cursor chemicals for the manufacture of amphetamines has been gathered through the use of telephone intercepts.

24th August 2001 Arrest of MOKBEL, PARISI and KARAM.

On 24 August 2001 MOKBEL, PARISI and KARAM were arrested at their respective homes. They were subsequently conveyed to the Drug Squad offices where tape recorded interviews were conducted. No admissions were made by the accused persons.

Items located during execution search warrants on 24 August 2001

Port Melbourne (MOKBEL)

- Document containing list of chemicals.
- · Quantity of cash.
- Quantity of mobile telephones including one of the Nokia phones delivered by on 9-May-01.

Pascoe Vale South (MOKBEL)

- Computer
- Documents
- Motor vehicle and boating equipment suspected of being proceeds of crime.

Brunswick West

- Quantity of cannabis plants.
- · Quantity of cash.
- · Quantity of cannabis.
- Tanita electronic scales
- 2 x Nokia telephones.
- 1 x Motor vehicle.
- Small quantity of powder believed to be amphetamine.

Security Concerns

To date investigators have received the following information;

That MOKBEL has set aside a seven figure sum for the purposes of subverting this prosecution through bribing police, stealing evidence and destroying evidence against him.

That MOKBEL considers his co-accused PARISI a weak link who may inform upon him