

To: RCMP Victoria; Alana Giles; Howard Rapke
Cc: Kylie Hall; Tan, Elizabeth; Alexandra Tighe
From: Minnett, Isabelle
Sent: Thur 8/1/2019 7:36:05 AM (UTC)
Subject: CONFIDENTIAL: Victorian Royal Commission into the Management of Police Informants [CU-Legal.FID2612078]

Dear Alana

We refer to your email below and your query regarding how and when the AFP was alerted to the relevance of the Pacific International Suites to their investigation. The information provided below in response to your query is provided on a confidential basis and is not to be used or disclosed without prior consultation with the AFP.

The AFP first became aware of the relevance of Pacific International Suites on 14 June 2007, through information that was obtained in circumstances wholly unrelated to Victoria Police and/or Nicola Gobbo. We are unable to disclose further details in light of applicable Commonwealth statutory secrecy provisions. However, we can advise that in early 2007 the AFP was already conducting a number of investigations into Pasquale Barbaro, Saverio Zirilli and others in relation to the proposed importation of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs. These investigations originated from the AFP Sydney Office.

As a result of these investigations, Barbaro and Zirilli were the subject of AFP monitoring and surveillance. On 14 June 2007, an AFP surveillance team observed Barbaro and Zirilli arrive in Melbourne and travel to the Pacific International Suites. Barbaro and Zirilli were observed at the hotel on a number of occasions between 14 and 19 June 2007. On 26 June 2007, an AFP surveillance team observed Barbaro and Zirilli at the same hotel meeting with John Higgs and Antonio Di Pietro.

Kind regards

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From: Alana Giles
Sent: Tuesday, 30 July 2019 4:52 PM
To: Mitchell, Pip; Howard Rapke
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Subject: RE: Victorian Royal Commission into the Management of Police Informants [CU-Legal.FID2612078]

Dear Pip

I refer to your letter dated 29 July 2019 regarding Notices to Produce 211 and 276.

The Commission is considering the matters set out in that letter in detail and will respond in due course.

In the interim, however, I note that you have indicated that your client would be "willing to consider responding to specific questions about the affidavits and relevant warrants".

Is your client able to advise the Commission how and when the AFP was alerted to the relevance of the Pacific International Suites to their investigation (see for example AFP.0003.0001.0007, being a copy of the warrant issued by Egon Fice on 30 June 2007)?

Regards

Alana Giles

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We acknowledge the traditional Aboriginal owners of country throughout Victoria and pay our respects to them, their culture and their Elders, past, present and future

From: Mitchell, Pip
Sent: Monday, 29 July 2019 9:22 AM
To: Howard Rapke
Cc: Kylie Hall; Alana Giles; Minnett, Isabelle
> Tan, Elizabeth > Alexandra Tighe >

Subject: Victorian Royal Commission into the Management of Police Informants [CU-Legal.FID2612078]

Dear Howard

Please see the attached letter. The enclosure will be delivered by hand.

Kind regards

Pip Mitchell, Partner

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