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POLICE MEMBER / VETERAN CONTACT

NAME: Trevor ASHTON

RANK: Inspector

CONTACT DETAILS: Eastern Region EPSO [REDACTED]

SUMMARY OF CONTACT:

The following is the investigator's note of conversations with the named member or former member. The conversations were informal for the purposes of directing enquiries only. Members and former members were not given notice of the issues to be discussed and did not have access to source material. They were not provided with this report to confirm the accuracy of the notes.

15/01/19 @ 1100hrs – phone contact regarding involvement with 3838. Scant memories of 3838, to consult diaries. Follow up enquiries made via email as per below:

Morning Wayne, free this morning and tomorrow until 2 p.m. I've found the diary and I'll start reading same.

Trevor.

From: Woltsche, Wayne
Sent: Monday, 21 January 2019 08:19
To: Ashton, Trevor
Subject: RE: Informer Registration Enquiry. [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

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Hello Trevor,

There are no dates on the forms that we have. I believe that the relevant period of interaction would be between 1994 through 1995.

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I would like to meet with you and run through our knowledge. Are you able to meet sometime early this week?

Thanks

Wayne

Wayne Woltsche

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From: Ashton, Trevor
Sent: Friday, 18 January 2019 10:48
To: Woltsche, Wayne
Subject: RE: Informer Registration Enquiry. [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

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Morning Wayne, have you a date in 1995.

Trevor.

From: Woltsche, Wayne
Sent: Tuesday, 15 January 2019 12:05
To: Ashton, Trevor
Cc: Pattie, Brett
Subject: Informer Registration Enquiry. [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]
Importance: High

Hello Trevor,

Thanks for your time on the phone earlier. As spoken about we are part of the Landow Task Force which is running in conjunction with the Royal Commission. Predominately we are looking at the registering of Human Source 3838 as an informer by Victoria Police.

Our investigations have revealed that in 1995 yourself and Tim ARGALL registered 3838 as an informer. 3838 was allocated the registered code G3/95. Both yourself and ARGALL were at the 'A' DSG office at that time, perhaps out of Russell Street. This is the first known time that 3838 was registered as an 'informer'.

We have spoken to D/S/Sgt ARGALL regarding his memories of 3838 at that time. Tim has provided us with certain details regarding his initial meetings and ongoing meetings with 3838. Tim is attempting to locate his diaries/daybooks regarding this period of registration.

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As spoken about I would like to meet up with you to go through your recollections of G3/95 and to seek clarity regarding the information they may have provided at this time. As per the conversations, if you would be able to conduct a search of your personal holdings (diaries/daybooks) regarding your dealings with G3/95, this would be much appreciated.

I will await a time/date suitable to you for a meeting.

Thanks again for your time.

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15/01/19 @ 1100hrs – meeting at Knox Police Station

- Seconded from Richmond Police Station to 'A' District DSG from September 1993 to 1997, with a small break in between
- From 02/12/1994 – 15/05/1995 returned to Richmond, before then being seconded back to the DSG
- Back at DSG from 15/05/1995 – 24/04/1997
- OIC of DSG at time was Brian RIX / Paul BRIGHAM
- Recounted memory of being involved in drugs search warrant at 3838's address in Carlton on 04/09/1993. Target was 3838's boyfriend (or housemate) – surname WILSON
- Attended warrant to assist another crew, led by Sgt Mick HOLDING. Informant for this search warrant Peter TRICHIAS – current Knox LAC
- Recalled that he located a small amount of amphetamines in 3838's bedroom and had a conversation with her. He was then directed to the laundry where approx. 2kg of amphetamines was located
- Other members on his crew were Jeff POPE, Neal THOMPSON, DELANEY, Tim ARGALL and Rod ARTHUR
- Showed HS registration document and confirmed it was his handwriting. Doesn't remember registering 3838. Registration reference relates to July 1997
- Can't recall why 3838 was registered by him some 18 months after his last contact (during search warrant)
- Stated no relationship or any further contact with 3838 after the execution of the search warrant
- Discussed our conversation with ARGALL and his memory of meeting with ASHTON, ARGALL and 3838 at MCG when working the football one weekend

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- Agreed this occurred, as this prompted his memory. It 'was just a meeting at the footy to have a chat'
- Remembered he saw her a couple of times at the footy. Checked his diary and found 2 X references to working at the footy – 09/07/95 & 23/07/95
- Recalled that 3838 worked in catering at the football – Spotless Catering or similar
- Couldn't remember whether he bumped into her at football or it was a safe haven for having a conversation
- Agreed with ARGALL's version that they both met 3838 high up in the stand
- Doesn't recall any involvement with a UCU assessment by **Controller** as was detailed by ARGALL
- Nominated other members on his crew at A DSG:
- Con SLAVKOUNOS, Brendan RANDOE, Damian PEPPLER, Jason FRADE, Ryan IRWIN, Steve CAMPBELL
- Provided diary to WW, which covered the period of 1995 – 1997. Stated details of search included but not reference to having any further contact
- Has a number of diaries and daybooks at home – will check same, as the diary provided to WW states everything prior to 18/09/93 'refer daybook'

Reply e-mail received from Inspector Trevor ASHTON.

From: Ashton, Trevor
Sent: Wednesday, 23 January 2019 13:20
To: Woltsche, Wayne
Subject: RE: 3838 Enquiries. [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

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Thanks Wayne, not an issue. Will have another look and get back to you. No angst caused, you get surprised at what you forget!! Must be getting that bit older.

Trevor.

From: Woltsche, Wayne
Sent: Friday, 1 February 2019 11:15
To: Ashton, Trevor
Subject: RE: 3838 Enquiries. [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

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Hello Trevor,

Just tried your phone but you were engaged. Can I please enquire how you went locating your diary for the period covering 03/09/1995 which was the day of the Search Warrant.

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Thanks mate,

Wayne

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From: Ashton, Trevor
Sent: Friday, 1 February 2019 11:27
To: Woltsche, Wayne
Subject: RE: 3838 Enquiries. [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

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Wayne, about to check at home.

04/02/2019 – 1525hrs, WOLTSCHÉ: Spoke to Inspector Trevor ASHTON via phone.

Again requested:

- Diary relevant to the Search Warrant on 3 September, 1993
- Day Books relevant to 3/9/93 (Warrant) and July, 1995 (registered)

Stated that he had not been home and he will look through his diaries at home tonight for us.

To get back to me tomorrow re same.

From: Ashton, Trevor
Sent: Tuesday, 5 February 2019 09:28
To: Woltsche, Wayne
Subject: RE: 3838 Enquiries. [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Morning Wayne, spent an hour going through volumes of old briefs etc., I've found the day book applicable and the notations of having attended and assisted at the search warrant. Away from the office today, working, but on the mobile.

Trevor: [REDACTED]

From: Woltsche, Wayne
Sent: Tuesday, 5 February 2019 11:38
To: Ashton, Trevor

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Cc: Pattie,
Subject: 3838 Enquiries. [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Brett

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Hello Trevor,

Thanks very much for your time and efforts regarding these enquiries.

Either Brett or myself will arrange to come out and retrieve your daybook relating to the Search Warrant that you attended with 3838 in Carlton in 1993.

As spoken about, can you please have a look for a daybook that may relate to:

- July, 1995 which is the period of time that relates to 3838 being registered and the ongoing period.

Tim ARGALL has informed us that perhaps there were some meetings with 3838 and maybe the SRS and/or the undercover unit?

Thanks again,

WW

Wayne Woltsche

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Legal Services Department | Victoria Police

From: Ashton, Trevor
Sent: Wednesday, 6 February 2019 08:12
To: Woltsche, Wayne
Subject: RE: 3838 Enquiries. [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

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Morning Wayne, have found further.

Trevor,

1150hrs, 06/02/2019 (WOLTSCH/PATTIE) attended at Knox Police Complex and met with Inspector Trevor Ashton. Further conversations held regarding 3838. Inspector AHSTON located 4 x further Day Books from his personal holdings regarding his time at A DSG in and around 1995. Stated could not remember registering 3838 and certainly could not remember de-registering her.

Further enquiries to be made regarding these day books.

Informed ASHTON evidence numbers would be provided to him with regards to his day books.

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From: Woltsche, Wayne
Sent: Sunday, 10 February 2019 17:02
To: Ashton, Trevor
Subject: Day Books from Wednesday. [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

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Hello Trevor,

As per our meeting on the 6th of February, 2019, I have placed your four (4) daybooks into our evidence log.

[REDACTED] As mentioned if you have any concerns or inquiries please give me a call on the mobile.

Regards

Wayne

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20/02/2019 – WOLTSCHÉ

Spoke to Trevor ASHTON via phone. Advised that the Royal Commission appear set to serve a NTP on him regarding his dealings with 3838. Advised that he does not have any further personal holdings regarding his dealings with her. All are now held with Landow. Advised that we will send this NTP to him, however we will provide his diaries and day books should he need these. Advised that Corrs solicitors may be in touch with him with regards to his preparation should he be served with a Notice to Attend the Commission.

04/03/2019 Message left for Inspector ASHTON regarding NTP in his name.

07/03/2019 Message left for Inspector ASHTON regarding NTP in his name.

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From: Ashton, Trevor
Sent: Thursday, 7 March 2019 10:31
To: TASKFORCE-LANDOW-MGR
Subject: RE: Notice to Produce - Inspector Trevor ASHTON [SEC=PUBLIC-DOMAIN, DLM=Unmarked]

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Morning Wayne, as discussed, I have produced to you (Taskforce Landow) all documents personally held by me regarding Informer 3838. I have been forwarded receipts from yourself acknowledging acceptance and safeguarding of these documents.

These documents are daybooks (4) and an Official Police Diary (1).

I have checked and rechecked and cannot locate any further material relevant to this matter.

More than happy to discuss.

Trevor.

Trevor Ashton
 Inspector
 Eastern Region – EPSC

From: Woltsche, Wayne On Behalf Of TASKFORCE-LANDOW-MGR
Sent: Thursday, 7 March 2019 10:22
To: Ashton, Trevor
Subject: Notice to Produce - Inspector Trevor ASHTON [SEC=PUBLIC-DOMAIN, DLM=Unmarked]

PUBLIC-DOMAIN Unmarked

Hello Trevor,

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As spoken about, please find attached a Notice to Produce (NTP) documents addressed to yourself, and also a Wellbeing Support list..

This is a Notice to Produce documents/records, it is not a Notice to Attend hearings (that may come later).

In our reading of this document many of these items will result in a nothing to produce response for you.

As mentioned we have your relevant PB 13's and daybooks from this period of time. Could we please ask that you check any other personal diaries / day books that may be in your possession to identify whether any of them are relevant to the time frames and schedules contained within the attached NTP. If there are any relevant entries, we would like to arrange to obtain them from you as soon as possible, to enable us to comply with the NTP timeframe on your behalf through VicPol's solicitors – Corrs Chambers Westgarth.

Our lawyers may also like to meet with you when you feel comfortable in doing so. Also attached are some support options available to yourself. We are liaising closely with Victoria Police Welfare Services, the and TPA [REDACTED] and can put you in direct contact with him if required.

Please let me know if you have any personal holding's that may relate to the registering of informer 3838 – Nicola GOBBO.

Kind regards,

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