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Subject Operation CARRON - Final Report.
BACKGROUND

1. Operation CARRON was a multi phase national investigation targeting a heroin and cocaine trafficking group headed by Traian DUMA (born [REDACTED]) PII [REDACTED]. DUMA had two identified partners, Dan MOSUT (born [REDACTED]) PII [REDACTED] and Peter Cecil REID (born [REDACTED]) PII [REDACTED].
2. The investigation commenced as a result of information provided by registered informer PII [REDACTED] and expanded to a stage that it had to be divided into three phases PII [REDACTED].

PII [REDACTED]
AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

3. The investigators objectives were;
 - to gather evidence in relation to the large scale trafficking of heroin, cocaine and any other illicit drug, by DUMA, MOSUT and REID.
 - identify and successfully prosecute all involved in a multi state drug trafficking syndicate.
- PRIMARY TARGETS

4. The primary targets of Operation CARRON were:

Traian DUMA (born [REDACTED]) [REDACTED]
Dan MOSUT (born [REDACTED]) [REDACTED]

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- Peter Cecil REID (born [REDACTED]) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Darren Micheal JACKSON (born [REDACTED]) [REDACTED]
INVESTIGATORS

5. S.MARTIN Det.Act.Sergeant 22290 Senior Investigator

S.PATON Det Sen Const 22063 Investigator
C.DELACY Det Sen Const 23472 Investigator
C.LIM Det Sen Const 25821 Investigator
s 26 (1) Det Sen Const s 26 (1) Investigator
D.MEITCHEL Det Sen Const 27751 Investigator
Pearce-O Det Sen Const s 26 (1) Investigator

OPERATIONAL EVENTS

PHASE 1: TARGET DUMA

6. DUMA was a large scale trafficker of heroin and cocaine who was in the process of conducting an importation of 10 kilograms of cocaine. In support of the investigation a tracking and listening device were installed in DUMAS motor vehicle. DUMAS involvement in both activities are summarised as follows:
Heroin Distribution in Victoria
7. Victoria Police Covert operative PII [REDACTED] was introduced to DUMA PII [REDACTED] as a [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. During the course of the relationship DUMA offered PII [REDACTED] large amounts of heroin and sought the use of a runner to conduct deliveries. Covert Operative PII [REDACTED] was introduced to DUMA as a [REDACTED].
8. Samples of heroin were supplied by DUMA and these ranged in purity from 50% to 83%. DUMA was supplied by a Chinese importer from Sydney and had a safe house in Melbourne where he cut and re compressed the heroin for distribution. DUMA bought his heroin in 12.5 ounce pure blocks. He diluted these blocks to between 50% and 60%.
9. On PII [REDACTED] covert operatives PII [REDACTED] and PII [REDACTED] met with DUMA in Sydney where DUMA sold PII [REDACTED] a 12.5 ounce block of pure heroin for \$100,000. DUMA also provided PII [REDACTED] with a separate four ounce lot of heroin to be transported back to Melbourne for return to DUMA the next day.
10. The four ounces were returned to DUMA on PII [REDACTED] and he was observed conveying the heroin to premises situated at [REDACTED] a premises already suspected of being the safe house. s 26 (1) [REDACTED] which confirmed that the premises is being used solely to cut, re compress and package heroin. A surveillance camera and listening device were placed at the safe house. DUMA and one of his partners identified as Dan MOSUT (born [REDACTED]) [REDACTED].

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██████████ were observed and monitored attending the premises on a number of occasions operating grinding and pressing equipment. Also identified utilising the safehouse with MOSUT was Van Son TRAN ██████████ of ██████████ Heroin Distribution in South Australia

11. During Operation CARRON, PII ██████████ ALTINTAS sought the supply of large and regular supplies of heroin to be couriered to South Australia, for sale in that state.

12. On PII ██████████ DUMA supplied C/O PII ██████████ with four ounces of heroin and issued instruction concerning delivery to ALTINTAS. Subsequently on PII ██████████ C/O PII ██████████ travelled to Adelaide, met with and supplied one ounce of heroin to ALTINTAS. PII ██████████ supplied ALTINTAS with the further three ounces of heroin on credit. All Heroin was photographed, weighed, sampled and re packaged prior to delivery. Listening devices and video of meetings between PII ██████████ and ALTINTAS produced excellent evidence against both DUMA and ALTINTAS in relation to multi state drug trafficking. Investigators from the South Australian Drug Task Force conducted a joint operation with the Melbourne Drug Squad targeting ALTINTAS.

Cocaine huportation and Distribution

13. DUMA made a number of admissions to covert operative PII ██████████ about his previous involvement in heroin and cocaine importations. ARer negotiations a PII ██████████ was introduced and arrangements made to allow the safe passage of a pending importation of 10 kilograms of cocaine. This importation was delayed due to difficulties in cost experienced by DUMA and did not occur prior to arrests taking place.

14. DUMA then gained access to a separate supply of cocaine. On PII ██████████ DUMA supplied covert operative PII ██████████ one ounce of 50% purity cocaine on credit. MOSUT was observed meeting with DUMA immediately prior to the cocaine being supplied to PII ██████████. The meeting with MOSUT took place in DUMA's car and the listening device supported intelligence that MOSUT was the cocaine supplier.

PHASE 2: TARGET REID

15. REID was actively involved in the trafficking of heroin and cocaine, DUMA being identif-ed as his supplier. RE:ID operated a Real Estate agency and was heavily involved in the laundering of proceeds derived from drug sales conducted by himself, DUMA and others. This was conducted through the Real Estate agency.

16. A number of PII ██████████ heroin purchases were conducted with REID initially by PII ██████████
17. PII ██████████ covert operative PII ██████████ was then ██████████ REID and this operative conducted a number of PII ██████████ heroin purchases. All purchases took place in REID's office and a listening device and surveillance camera were installed, monitoring the office. Devices monitored gathered a large amount of evidence and intelligence against DUMA, REID and the defacto of REID, secretary Anna GRIITEN.

PHASE 3: TARGET JACKSON

18. REID requested that PII ██████████ source and provide buyers of large amounts of heroin. PII ██████████ subsequently ██████████ Darren Michael JACKSON (born ██████████ ██████████) to REID as a buyer.

19. JACKSON subsequently commenced to purchase a regular amount of six ounces of heroin per week from REID and then DUMA. PII ██████████

PII ██████████ The use of surveillance identified that JACKSON had a safe house situated at ██████████. Once JACKSON obtained heroin from DUMA he immediately conveyed it to this address. Covert reconnaissance of the premises indicated that a hydroponic cannabis crop was also set up inside the house.

20. JACKSON was then identified as being supplied heroin by Dragon (Charlie) ARNAUTOVIC (born ██████████). ARNAUTOVIC was the subject of Operation ██████████ being conducted by 1 Division, Drug Squad.

21. Covert operative PII ██████████ was introduced to JACKSON and conducted PII ██████████ purchases of very high grade heroin. The heroin was clearly being supplied to JACKSON by ARNAUTOVIC, producing excellent evidence and intelligence on both targets. Operation ██████████ (ARNAUTOVIC) was then conducted jointly with Operation CARRON, with the two operations concluding with a buy/bust scenario involving both targets.

FINAL PHASE: BUY/BUST AMESTS AND ASSOCIATED RAIDS

22. On the 18th November, 1997, Operation CARRON was concluded with the following buy/bust arrest situations and associated raids occurring;

1505 HRS

Hilton Hotel, Melbourne: DUMA arrested by members of the Special Operations Group in possession of, and supplying PII ██████████ 14 ounces of high grade

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heroin.
1620 HRS

Real Estate Shop, Elwood: REID and GRIF FEN (Defacto of REID) arrested at Real Estate business by Drug Squad members after negotiating with PII re future purchases. Heroin and hashish located at the premises. Home address also searched.

1645 HRS
Baseball centre, Altona: JACKSON and ARNAUTOVIC arrested by members of the Special Operations Group after supplying PII with 9 ounces of high grade heroin. JACKSON in possession of \$67,500.00 buy money handed to him by PII and armed with a pistol. Further 9 ounces of high grade heroin located in vicinity of buy/bust site.

1700 HRS : DP&CS Act search warrant executed at Safehouse situated at (JACKSON) Fully operational
Hydroponics set up and cannabis crop located inside premises. Present and charged: Marino OBLAK

1815HRS : DP&CS Search Warrant executed at Safehouse situated at (MOSUT) No person present. Equipment used in the preparation and re compression of Rock heroin located. Further 5 ounces of high grade heroin located secreted in premises.

1815 HRS DP&CS Search Warrant executed at MOSUT's residential address at No person present. Indications that MOSUT was aware of impending Police attendance and fled the premises. 2 ounces of high grade heroin located.

2103 HRS

Church Street, Richmond: ALTINTAS arrested on South Australian Police - Warrant of Apprehension. Extradited to South Australia by S.A Drug Task Force members on 20th November, 1997.

1000 HRS 20.11.97

Drug Squad Off-ice: MOSUT arrested after attending at the Drug Squad Office to give himself up with solicitor present. MOSUT consented to and participated in a video re enactment of procedure to compress heroin using press located at PII Safe House.

ARRESTS AND CHARGES

23. (a) Traian DUMA - Traffick Heroin
Traff-ck Cocaine
Possess Heroin

(b) Peter Cecil REID - Traffick Heroin
Possess Heroin

(c) Dan MOSUT - Traff-ck Heroin
Traff-ck Cocaine
Possess Heroin

(d) Darren JACKSON - Traffick Heroin
Possess Heroin
Possess Pistol
Cultivate/Possess Cannabis
Handle Stolen Goods

(e) Dragan ARNAUTOVIC Traffick Heroin
Possess Heroin

(f) Bora ALTINTAS - Traffick Heroin
Possess Heroin

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- (g) Anne Claire GRIFFIN Possess Heroin
- (h) Marino OBLAK - Cultivate/Possess Cannabis
- (i) Debra JACKSON - Handle Stolen Goods
- (j) Van Ahn Tha NGUYEN Traffick Heroin

DRUG SEIZURES

24. DRUGS PURCHASED DURING OPERATION

Approximately 48 ounces of Heroin
One Ounce of Cocaine

25. DRUGS SEIZED ON 18.11.97

Buy/Bust - DUMA 14 ounces of Heroin
Buy/Bust - JACKSON and ANAUTOVIC 25 ounces of Heroin
REID and GRIFFEN - Real Estate Office 7 grams of Heroin
MOSUT - Residential premises 2 Ounces of Heroin
MOSUT - Safehouse PII [REDACTED] Ounces of Heroin
JACKSON - Safehouse PII [REDACTED] Hydroponic Cannabis Crop
Total Drugs seized during operation - Approx 94 ounces of high grade Heroin
- One ounce of Cocaine
- Hydroponics Cannabis crop

FURTHER EXHIBITS/FIREARMS SEIZED

26. Total of eight (8) vehicles

Equipment used for the preparation, re compressing and packaging of Heroin
Stolen Electrical Goods
Approximately \$6,000.00 cash
One .22 calibre automatic pistol and rounds
Hydroponic growing equipment

COURT APPEARANCES

27. The following court appearances have resulted from Operation CARRON to date;

JACKSON - Remanded in Custody
ARNAUTOVIC - Remanded in Custody
DUMA - Remanded in Custody
MOSUT - Remanded in Custody
ALTINTAS - Extradited to South Australia
REID - Bailed to Melbourne Committals Court (Hearing date to be Fixed)
GRIFFEN - Bailed to Melbourne Magistrates Court (Hearing date to be fixed)
Debra JACKSON - Bailed to Melbourne Magistrates Court (Hearing date to be fixed)
Marino OBLAK - Bailed to Broadmeadows Magistrates Court (Date to be fixed)

Van Anh Tha NGUYEN Summons to Melbourne Magistrates Court (Date to be fixed)

OTHER RESOURCES USED



CONCLUSION

29. Operation CARRON has proved to be a very successful investigation into major level multi state preparation, distribution and trafficking of high grade heroin.

30. As a result of the operation;

- a significant heroin trafficking syndicate comprising of career and

recidivist offenders has been broken,

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- the potential large scale distribution of heroin and cocaine, flooding Melbourne

and interstate communities with high grade potent drugs, has been prevented,

- 10 persons were arrested and charged with serious drug offences.

large quantities of high grade and potentially lethal heroin were seized during purchases and arrests, contributing to harm minimisation on Melbourne's user community.

31. Operation CARRON highlighted the successful co operation between drug enforcement

agencies including National Crime Authority, Australian Customs, South Australia Drug Task Force, New South Wales Drug Enforcement Agency, Queensland Police Drug Squad, and Western Australia Police Drug Squad.

32. Unfortunately, differences in legislation between states, and internal procedures, prevented a number of avenues of investigation being undertaken, which would have identified and gained substantial evidence on other major drug traffickers both interstate and in Melbourne.

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