

**Royal Commission  
into the Management of Police Informants**

**STATEMENT OF STEVEN ARBON MARTIN**

1. My full name is Steven Arbon Martin. I am currently employed as a Principal Investigations Officer for the Queensland Government.
2. I was previously employed by Victoria Police from 1979 until 2018.
3. I make this statement in response to a request from the Royal Commission into the Management of Police Informants dated 23 April 2019.

**Educational background and employment history**

4. My educational background is as follows:
  - (a) High School Year 11 Certificate
  - (b) Victorian Police Academy
  - (c) Detective Training School
  - (d) Advanced Detective Training School
5. I also completed various Victoria Police training courses during the course of my employment.
6. A summary of my employment history is as follows:
  - (a) I graduated from Victoria Police Academy in November 1980
  - (b) 1980 – 1992 – Russell Street Uniform
  - (c) 1982 – 1985 – Malvern Uniform
  - (d) 1985 – 1987 – Caulfield District Support Group
  - (e) 1987 – 1991 – Licensing Gaming and Vice Squad
  - (f) 1991 – 1998 – Drug Squad
  - (g) 1998 – 2001 – Armed Robbery Squad
  - (h) 2001 – 2007 – Armed Offenders Squad (during this period I also undertook temporary duties at the Homicide Squad)
  - (i) 2007 – April 2009 – Major Drug Investigation Division (Team Leader)
  - (j) 2009 – 2018 – Homicide Squad (during this period I also undertook temporary duties at the Human Source Management Unit)

- (k) In February 2018, I resigned from Victoria Police and I am currently employed as a Principal Investigations Officer for the Queensland Government.

**Involvement or association with any investigation which had dealings with Ms Gobbo (question 2)**

7. I recall that at some stage around or after 2012 I became aware that threats had been made against Ms Gobbo. I have not had an opportunity to review my diaries from this period. I believe the threats involved bullet/s being left in the letterbox of Ms Gobbo's residential address. I recall being involved in the investigation of those threats. I cannot recall the specific details of my involvement, but I think I may have had some involvement in the forensic testing of the bullets. I do not recall whether or not I was performing temporary duties with the Human Source Management Unit at that time.
8. I otherwise have no recollection of being involved or associated with any investigation which had dealings with Ms Gobbo. I would, from time to time, see Ms Gobbo around the court precinct however this was in passing only. I was aware that Ms Gobbo represented various people charged by the Drug Squad. I have been informed that my diaries for the period 1997 to 2004 have been searched by Taskforce Landow and no entries have been identified which relate to Ms Gobbo.

**Use of Ms Gobbo as a human source (questions 3-8)**

Question 3

9. I believe I became aware that Ms Gobbo had been providing information or assistance to Victoria Police around the time I was involved with investigating the threats made against her around or after 2012. I do not recall when I became specifically aware of this or who made me specifically aware of this.

Question 4

10. I have no knowledge of any other member of Victoria Police or any other organisation who was aware that Ms Gobbo was providing information or assistance to Victoria Police.

Question 5

11. I have no knowledge of the authorisation of Ms Gobbo as a human source.

Question 6

12. I refer to my answer to question 2. I have had no other personal contact with Ms Gobbo.

Question 7 and 8

13. I have no information to provide in response to these questions.

**Concerns in relation to Ms Gobbo (questions 9-11)**

14. I have no awareness or knowledge of these matters.

**Other relevant matters**

15. I have no knowledge of the matters referred to in question 12.
16. In response to question 13, I recall receiving the following training or retraining while employed by Victoria Police in relation to the identified topics:
- a) This would have formed part of my training at the Police Academy, at Detective Training School (DTS) and Advanced DTS training, and would have been refreshed during subsequent training.
  - b) This was possibly covered at the Police Academy and reinforced during subsequent training courses.
  - c) This was possibly covered at the Police Academy and reinforced during subsequent training courses.
  - d) This was covered at the Police Academy and in DTS.
  - e) This was covered in DTS.
  - f) This was covered at the Police Academy and on an ongoing basis.
17. I have nothing further to add in response to question 14.

Dated: 29 April 2019



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Steven Arbon Martin