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**INFORMATION**

**Subject: Interview with Barrister Nicola GOBBO. (Ph [REDACTED])**

On 1/7/04 at 1640 hrs GOBBO attended at the Homicide Squad offices where BEZZINA and DAVEY spoke with her regarding Op LORIS. The conversation was video recorded - video in box files.

A summary of the conversation is as follows:

- She knew the deceased Terry HODSON
- She represented him for a short time following his initial arrest re Op Galop until the later date on which he was charged regarding that burglary. She saw him on approximately 3 occasions. Andrew was present at those meetings on all but possibly one occasion.
- She represented [REDACTED] following him being charged by MIECHEL from MDID re Op Grazier. She obtained some documents in discovery including police members notes, surveillance logs and possibly some IR's. She did not obtain a copy of the affidavit. She was aware of a police informer being involved in the case and by 11/02 she knew the informer was Terry HODSON.
- She represented [REDACTED] following him being charged by MIECHEL re Op Plow. She obtained some police members notes in discovery, but again no affidavit. She knew a police informer was involved and again knew that Terry HODSON was the informer.
- She began representing Tony MOKBEL in February 2002 and knew from that time that Terry HODSON was a police informer.
- She began representing Andrew HODSON in April 2002 or thereabouts.
- She denied that she had been actively trying to identify the police informer in the [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] matters, saying that it was not relevant to her to know who the informer was. She indicated that from discussions with her clients, they were aware that HODSON was the informer.

- She agreed that she spoke with either MIECHEL or DALE at the Magistrates Court, although she couldn't remember when. She stated she either told one of them that Terry HODSON was the informer or asked if he was the informer, she stated she couldn't remember the exact words of the conversation.
- She stated that it was common knowledge that Terry HODSON was a police informer within both the legal community and the criminal community. She was asked specifically who she had told that he was an informer and answered the question by saying that [PII] and [PII] all knew.
- She was asked about her association with Azzam AHMED and stated that he was infatuated with her and was a bit of a stalker. She went out for dinner with him in China town on the evening of Sat 15/5/04.
- GOBBO stated that she believed [PII] had also told her that [PII] was an informer. In [PII] interview he stated that after he was told in Oct 2002 that Terry was an informer he went to GOBBO to seek confirmation and GOBBO confirmed that he was an informer. GOBBO denied that the conversation went along those lines. She denied providing confirmation that Terry was an informer and believes that [PII] told her that [PII] was an informer and did not ask for confirmation at all. X- Ref IR 75
- GOBBO knew about the document that was circulating within the criminal community (now identified as IR 44 from the HODSON Informer Management File) She had never seen it but knew it existed and she believed the document named HODSON as a police informer. The document had been in the criminal community for a number of months prior to the murder.
- GOBBO went on to state that there was more than one official police document circulating in the broader community. She made specific mention that only recently a police Information Report was placed in her mail box at her chambers. She did not know who had sent the IR to her and did not provide any further details to identify the document, but this IR did not relate in any way to this investigation. She stated that there was a huge amount of information interchange between criminals, and within the criminal community it is regular practice to share the documents that one criminal obtains during discovery with other criminals. She also stated that in relation to how these documents are obtained by criminals, there are numerous possibilities, including being lawfully obtained in 8A material during discovery and leaks. She confirmed that there were definitely leaks from the Melbourne Magistrates Court, but this was not pursued further. X-Ref IR 88A - sent to ESD for information.
- When asked what she had heard about the murder and who was responsible, she stated that she had heard [PII] was a suspect and that he had removed a handgun from the crime scene. She stated that this rumour was circulating widely and independently of the fact that he had been interviewed by police and not many people knew he had been interviewed by police. She had also heard rumours that police were responsible, including the rumour that ESD had killed him because they were the only ones outside of his family that he would allow into his house. She had also heard that HODSON was still actively dealing drugs while an informer with MDID and also after he became an ESD witness.

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