

Royal Commission**into the Management of Police Informants****STATEMENT OF KEVIN THOMAS SHERIDAN**

1. My full name is Kevin Thomas Sheridan. I am a member of Victoria Police. I am currently on leave.
2. I make this statement in response to a request from the Royal Commission into the Management of Police Informants dated 19 March 2019. This statement is produced to the Royal Commission in response to a Notice to Produce.

Educational background and employment history

3. I have been a member of Victoria Police for 47 years.
4. I commenced employment with Victoria Police in 1972. I graduated from the Police Academy on 26 October 1973. A summary of my employment history since that time is set out below:
 - Between 2 October 1973 and 7 September 1977, I was a Constable stationed at Russell Street, Carlton, Frankston and Cranbourne;
 - On 8 September 1977, I was promoted to Senior Constable. I transferred to Nunawading Crime Car Squad;
 - On 1 November 1978, I transferred to the Crime Department as a relieving Constable for Criminal Investigation duties at Richmond and Malvern;
 - On 2 June 1982, I transferred to Russell Street on promotion to Sergeant;
 - On 21 April 1983, I transferred to the Academy as a Law Instructor;
 - On 19 September 1985, I transferred to Mount Waverley as a Uniform Sergeant;
 - On 20 March 1986, I transferred to Springvale Criminal Investigation Branch as a Detective Sergeant;

- On 11 February 1988, I was promoted to Senior Sergeant at D24 Communications;
- On 6 March 1989, I transferred to the Elsternwick Criminal Investigation Branch as Detective Senior Sergeant;
- On 25 September 1989, I transferred to the Personnel Assessment Division on promotion to Inspector;
- On 4 May 1992, I transferred to the Operations Department of the Internal Investigations Unit;
- On 1 November 1993, I transferred to the Major Fraud Group as Detective Inspector, Asset Recovery Squad;
- On 3 August 1998, I was promoted to Chief Inspector at the Major Fraud Group;
- On 16 July 2001, I was promoted to Superintendent. I transferred to Region 5, Division 2 as Divisional Superintendent;
- On 26 January 2004, I transferred to the Traffic and Transit Safety Department as Divisional Superintendent;
- On 11 June 2008, I transferred to Region 3, Operations Support as Detective Superintendent;
- On 30 June 2010, I transferred to North-Western Metro Region Operational Support; and
- On 29 December 2013, I transferred to the Road Policing Enforcement Division.

5. I have completed the following qualifications:

- Detective Training School;
- Advanced Detective Training School;
- Various Major Fraud Investigation Courses;
- Churchill Fellowship to review Asset Confiscation (Proceeds of Crime) Management Models in international police jurisdictions [2001].

6. I have received the following professional awards:
- (a) National Service Medal;
 - (b) Victoria Police Medal;
 - (c) Chief Commissioner's certificate for contribution to the security overlay for the XVIII Commonwealth Games [2006].

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

7. I have not had any involvement with any investigation which, to my knowledge, had any dealings with Ms Gobbo.
8. My only involvement with a matter relating to Ms Gobbo is that I signed an Informer Registration Application submitted in relation to Ms Gobbo in May 1999.¹ At that time, I was a Detective Chief Inspector in the Major Fraud Group performing upgraded duties as Acting Detective Superintendent and Acting Local Informer Registrar. I had previously performed those same upgraded duties from time to time.
9. The role of Local Informer Registrar was to determine, based on the information provided by the individuals who submitted the Informer Registration Application, the suitability of the person proposed to be registered as an informer. Suitability was determined by considering matters such as the type of information the potential informer could offer and their motivations for providing that information.
10. In May 1999, registration was a paper-based system. I have reviewed the Informer Registration Application for Ms Gobbo. I have no memory of that Application.
11. I can see from my review of the document that Part A is signed by Detective Senior Constable Jeffrey Pope of the Asset Recovery Squad. The Asset Recovery Squad was part of the Crime Department, Major Fraud Group, of which I was a Detective Chief Inspector. D/S/C Pope noted that Ms Gobbo may be able to supply information in relation to fraud and money laundering. Part A is dated 13 May 1999.

¹ VPL.0005.0013.0952.

12. I can see from my review of the document that Part B is signed by Detective Sergeant Gavan Segrave of the Asset Recovery Squad. Under the heading "Supervisor's comments and recommendation", D/S Segrave noted that Ms Gobbo may provide information about money laundering and fraud activities. Part B is dated 26 May 1999.
13. I recognise my handwriting in Part B underneath the heading "This part to be completed by the Local Informer Registrar". I also recognise my handwriting under the heading "Local Informer Registrar Comments and Determination", where I have written "Suitable for Registration". I have no memory of that determination but I would have considered the information provided to me by D/S/C Pope and D/S Segrave in the Informer Registration Application in forming that view. My consideration would also have included compliance with relevant Victoria Police Policy at the time.
14. I also recognise my handwriting and signature at the top of the page headed Part C – "Local Registrar Details" which is also dated 26 May 1999.
15. My official police diary for the relevant period records that on 27 May 1999², I participated in a briefing about two matters, being an operation and Ms Gobbo. The two matters were unrelated. My diary entry does not contain any detail about the briefing on Ms Gobbo and I cannot recall any detail.
16. I did not have any further involvement with Ms Gobbo's registration after 27 May 1999.

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

Question 3

17. I refer to my response to question 2 and further state that in May 1999, Ms Gobbo was registered as an informer who could potentially provide information or assistance to Victoria Police. Because I did not have any further involvement with Ms Gobbo's registration after 27 May 1999, I was not aware if she did in fact go on to provide information or assistance.

² VPL.0005.0020.0123.

18. In 1999, I had no awareness of Ms Gobbo's earlier registration. My first awareness of Ms Gobbo having provided information or assistance to Victoria Police both prior and subsequent to her 1999 registration was via the media.

Question 4

19. Based on my review of the Informer Registration Application in relation to Ms Gobbo, I am aware that D/S/C Jeffrey Pope and D/S Gavan Segrave, both of the Asset Recovery Squad, were aware in 1999 that Ms Gobbo could potentially provide information or assistance to Victoria Police.
20. I have no knowledge of any other member or organisation being aware of Ms Gobbo's role.

Question 5

21. I refer to my answer to question 2 in relation to Ms Gobbo's 1999 registration. I otherwise have no knowledge of these matters.

Question 6

22. I have had no personal contact with Ms Gobbo.

Questions 7 and 8

23. I have no knowledge of these matters.

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

Questions 9 to 11

24. I have no knowledge of these matters.

Other relevant matters

Question 12

25. I have no knowledge of these matters.

Question 13

26. The matters listed in question 13 were all taught in the Police Academy and during further training such as Detective Training School. They were also matters learnt on the job over my 46 years as a member of Victoria Police

Question 14

27. I have nothing further to add in response to question 14.

Dated: 13 May 2019

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