

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

STATEMENT OF ANDREW MURRAY GREGOR

1. My full name is Andrew Murray Gregor.
2. I make this statement in response to a request from the Royal Commission into the Management of Police Informants. This statement is produced to the Royal Commission in response to a Notice to Produce.
3. In preparing my statement, I have reviewed my official police diary and refer below to diary entries. I did not keep an official police diary once I commenced my role at the Sex Offence and Child Abuse Unit in February 2004, but I continued to keep day books recording my day-to-day activities. I reviewed those day books in preparing my statement and refer below to day book entries.

Educational background and employment history (Q1)


4. I joined Victoria Police in May 1985 and graduated from the Police Academy in September 1985. The following is a summary of the roles I held and my progression through the ranks:
 - a) After completing training in Port Melbourne (1986), I was assigned as a Constable to Russell Street, Melbourne CBD and later Port Melbourne, with secondments to other groups including the Drug Squad and St Kilda Road Criminal Investigation Branch (CIB);
 - b) In 1989, I obtained a position as a Detective Constable in the CIB, Brighton;
 - c) From 1991 to 1994, I was a Detective Senior Constable in the Homicide Squad;
 - d) From 1994 to 1997, I was seconded to NSW to assist with the Royal Commission into the NSW Police Service;
 - e) When that secondment ended in 1997, I became a member of the Major Fraud Group as a Detective Senior Constable;
 - f) In March 1998, I was promoted to Sergeant, General Duties;
 - g) In March 2000, I was seconded as a Detective Sergeant to the National Crime Authority;
 - h) In July 2001 I was promoted to Detective Senior Sergeant at the Ethical Standards Division (ESD) in the Corruption Investigation Division.
 - i) In February 2004, I transferred to the Sex Offence and Child Abuse Unit, Moorabbin.
5. I left Victoria Police in October 2008. I have since held a position as a Senior Executive Service officer at a federal regulatory agency.

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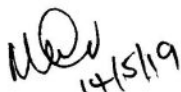
6. In my time at Victoria Police, I was awarded the Victoria Police Ethical Service Medal and the Police Service Medal.
7. My educational background is as follows:
 - a) Caulfield Grammar – Higher School Certificate;
 - b) Monash University – Associate Diploma of Arts (Police Studies) (1991);
 - c) Flinders University – Graduate Certificate in Public Sector Management (2010);
 - d) Australian Institute of Business – Master of Business Administration (2019); and
 - e) Australian Institute of Company Directors – Company Directors’ Course (2019).
8. Throughout my police career, I completed many Victoria Police courses and qualifications including:
 - a) Victoria Police Detective Training School (1990);
 - b) Sub Officers Course & Brief Managers Course (1997/1998);
 - c) Victoria Police Crime Management Course (Advanced Detective Training School) (1999); and
 - d) Discipline Investigation Course (2001).

My involvement or association with any investigation that had dealings with Ms Gobbo (Q2)

9. My only involvement with an investigation that had dealings with Ms Gobbo occurred while I was a Detective Senior Sergeant in the Ethical Standards Division (ESD). That involvement was in relation to *Operation Nutation*, which was an investigation into a burglary in Dublin Street, Oakleigh on 27 September 2003 and other matters arising from that burglary.
10. I have no recollection of meeting or interacting with Ms Gobbo before Operation Nutation.
11. I became involved in that operation because I was on call as the Acting Detective Inspector of the ESD on the night of the burglary. I attended the scene of the burglary that night after Terrence (Terry) Hodson and David Miechel had been arrested. They were not charged immediately following the arrest.
12. My police diary records that on 30 September 2003, I attended the Melbourne Custody Centre to speak to Abbey Haynes. Ms Haynes had been arrested at the Oakleigh premises on drugs charges after the burglary. Ms Haynes gave me Ms Gobbo’s phone number and said I needed to speak to Ms Gobbo before Ms Haynes would talk to me.
13. My diary does not record whether I contacted or attempted to contact Ms Gobbo that day. However, I am confident that I would have attempted to contact Ms Gobbo so that I could speak to Ms Haynes.


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14. My diary records that on 1 October 2003, I was waiting for Ms Gobbo to contact me regarding Terry Hodson. It appears that around this time I was under the impression that she was acting for him in some capacity. I do not recall why I believed that Ms Gobbo was Mr Hodson's lawyer. I cannot recall any further details in relation to this diary entry. My understanding is that Ms Gobbo did not continue to act as Mr Hodson's lawyer. However, I do not recall when I became aware that Ms Gobbo had ceased to act as Mr Hodson's lawyer.
15. I was aware at this time that Terry Hodson was a registered human source. I knew this because he had told me this after he had been arrested on the night of the Oakleigh burglary.
16. On 3 October 2003, I met with Terry Hodson and his son, Andrew Hodson. The meeting had been arranged by Detective Inspector Peter De Santo to ascertain if Terry Hodson would co-operate and provide a statement to assist police on the basis that his assistance would be considered in his favour in any subsequent prosecution for offences related to the Oakleigh burglary. I do not know if Ms Gobbo was involved in setting up this meeting. From this time onward, I received ongoing assistance from Terry Hodson because I was the officer in charge of the investigation into the Oakleigh burglary.
17. The details of this meeting are in my diary but, in summary, Terry Hodson stated that a police sergeant had been involved in the Oakleigh burglary. He intimated this was Sergeant Paul Dale. Terry Hodson also said that Paul Dale and David Miechel had threatened him and his family.
18. My diary records that on 4 October 2003, I was on a rest day when Detective Inspector De Santo informed me of a call he had received from Terry Hodson. The details of what he told me are stated in my diary but, in summary, D/I De Santo told me that Mr Hodson had been told to "stick together" (with Mr Miechel and Mr Dale) and that Mr Hodson believed the "three striper" (Sergeant Dale) was sleeping with the blonde lady (Ms Gobbo).
19. On 16 October 2003, I called Ms Gobbo on her mobile about Ms Haynes' bail application, which was being heard that day. It appears that I called Ms Gobbo in relation to the bail application, but I cannot recall a particular reason I was calling her. Ms Haynes had been remanded in custody and Ms Gobbo was representing her. My diary records that the bail hearing was ^{PII} [REDACTED] and that Ms Haynes was not granted bail that day. I cannot recall whether I gave evidence.
20. Later that day, I received a call from Terry Hodson about a conversation he had with Ms Gobbo. The details of the call are in my diary but, in summary, Mr Hodson told me he felt that Ms Gobbo was "feeling him out" and trying to obtain information from him to pass onto Mr Dale.
21. My understanding was that Ms Gobbo did not know that Terry Hodson was assisting police. Based on my discussions with Mr Hodson, he did not seem to trust Ms Gobbo, in

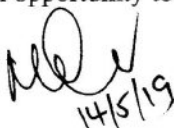
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part because Mr Hodson told me he knew that Ms Gobbo and Ms Dale had an ongoing relationship and had been romantically involved.


22. On 17 October 2003, I spoke with Terry Hodson on the phone. The detail of the call is in my diary but, in summary, Mr Hodson informed me that he had met with Ms Gobbo on 16 October 2003 at Domino's Café in the court precinct of the Melbourne CBD. Ms Gobbo had contacted Andrew Hodson to arrange the meeting.
23. As my diary records, Terry Hodson told me that during the meeting, Ms Gobbo stated she had recently seen Mr Dale and that Mr Dale was "sticking by" David Miechel. During the meeting, a solicitor, Jim Valos, came to their table and told Mr Hodson that he would not represent him if Mr Hodson cooperated with police. Mr Hodson told Ms Gobbo that he had no intention of cooperating with police (ESD). I do not know whether Mr Valos acted for anyone involved in the Oakleigh burglary.
24. On Saturday 25 October 2003, my diary records that I met with Terry Hodson in person at the World Trade Centre building in the Melbourne CBD. I obtained a signed statement from him and provided him with a covert recording device, which he was to use if he met with Mr Dale. As part of investigating the Oakleigh burglary, I was pursuing the possibility of covertly recording Mr Dale talking about any involvement he had in the Oakleigh burglary.
25. On Tuesday 28 October 2003, I spoke to Terry Hodson to encourage him to arrange a meeting between him and Mr Dale, through Ms Gobbo. I do not recall if I called Mr Hodson, but I think that I did. After Mr Hodson told me about his earlier meeting with Ms Gobbo, I wanted to encourage Mr Hodson to arrange a meeting with Mr Dale through Ms Gobbo to see if Mr Hodson could gather information that would assist in investigating Mr Dale's role in the Oakleigh burglary.
26. It never crossed my mind that Ms Gobbo was Mr Dale's lawyer. I encouraged Terry Hodson to meet with Ms Gobbo and Mr Dale simply because she was in contact with Mr Dale. I suspected that Ms Gobbo and Mr Dale had an ongoing relationship and I had been told this was a romantic relationship. On that basis, I suspected that she might have given him informal or "off the record" advice, but I never knew or confirmed this. Ms Gobbo never held herself out as Mr Dale's lawyer.
27. I spoke to Terry Hodson on the phone the next day. He told me that he had arranged another meeting with Ms Gobbo on 30 October 2003, again at Domino's Café.
28. On 30 October 2003, I called Terry Hodson before his meeting with Ms Gobbo and asked him not to activate the recording device unless he met with Mr Dale. As my diary records, Mr Hodson called me later to report that Ms Gobbo told Mr Hodson that she would arrange a meeting for her, Mr Hodson, Mr Miechel and Mr Dale soon. Ms Gobbo also said that she would also be seeing Mr Dale the next day. I have no record of any such meeting and do not know if it took place.


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29. On Wednesday 5 November 2003, D/I De Santo told me that he had seen Ms Gobbo at the Melbourne Cup the day before. The detail of what he told me is in my diary but, in summary, he said that Ms Gobbo stated that Mr Dale believed his phones were being monitored and that he would be needing legal advice. Ms Gobbo seemed to be fishing for information.
30. My diary records that I also spoke to Terry Hodson on the phone three times that day. My diary sets out the detail of our conversations but, in summary, Mr Hodson again met with Ms Gobbo at Domino's Café that day. Mr Hodson told me that he wanted to meet with me the next day to discuss what happened at the meeting in more detail.
31. On 6 November 2003, I met with Terry Hodson in Hawthorn with Detective Senior Sergeant Snare. The meeting is referred to in my diary, but the details of that meeting are not recorded. I am informed that there is a record on the Loricated database that sets out what Mr Hodson told me at this meeting. I am informed that that record states that Ms Gobbo said, among other things, that:
- a) she had met with Mr Dale on 30 October 2003 and that he seemed physical ill and paranoid;
 - b) she thought Mr Dale was involved in the Oakleigh burglary;
 - c) Mr Miechel and Mr Dale could be doing things without her knowledge;
 - d) Mr Dale had not asked her for legal advice;
 - e) she had heard a rumour Mr Miechel had made a statement to ESD; and
 - f) Mr Dale was paranoid that Mr Miechel was on board with ESD.
32. The content of this record is consistent with what I remember of my meeting with Mr Hodson.
33. On 12 November 2003, I received a call from Terry Hodson. My diary records that he had received a message from his son Andrew Hodson to meet with Ms Gobbo at Domino's Café at 1:00pm on 13 November 2003. Terry Hodson said he believed that he would meet with Mr Dale at that time.
34. The next day, Terry Hodson called me to tell me about the meeting with Ms Gobbo. As my diary records, Ms Gobbo made excuses why Mr Dale was not there and told Mr Hodson to be careful of David Miechel because she thought he was "wired".
35. On 1 December 2003, I called Terry Hodson to ask him to call Ms Gobbo to arrange to see Mr Dale. As my diary records, Mr Hodson called me back and told me he was meeting midweek with Ms Gobbo, who said she "has something interesting to tell him". I have no record of any meeting taking place and do not recall whether it did.
36. On 5 December 2003, Mr Dale, Mr Miechel and Mr Hodson were all arrested in relation to the Oakleigh burglary. I was part of the team that arrested them. My diary records that at 8:55 am, Mr Dale was given an opportunity to call a solicitor. I do not know who he called.

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37. My diary also records that, while I was interviewing Mr Dale, I received a call from Sergeant Tim Argall at Brunswick Police Station. The detail of that call is in my diary but, in summary, Sgt Argall was seeking information about whether Paul Dale had been charged.
38. My diary also records that I spoke to Jim Valos and that he told me that he was acting for Terry Hodson. The details of those conversations are in my diary but, in summary, Mr Valos was seeking information about whether Mr Hodson had been charged. I spoke to Mr Hodson about this, and he told me about concerns he had for his safety and that he would seek to engage another solicitor.
39. My diary also records that at 12:40 pm that day, I saw Mr Valos in the foyer of the Melbourne Magistrates' Court. He told me he would be taking Ms Gobbo to meet with Terry Hodson. The details of these matters are stated in my diary, but I was concerned that there was a conflict of interest for Ms Gobbo acting for Terry Hodson, given that she had represented Ms Haynes and others in relation to the Oakleigh burglary and I suspected that she might have given legal advice to Mr Dale.
40. I contacted Rod Gray at the Office of Public Prosecutions to raise these concerns. He confirmed that the advice from the Director of Public Prosecutions was that there was a conflict of interest and that Ms Gobbo was not to be allowed access to Mr Hodson while he was in custody.
41. My diary also records that Terry Hodson told me in a telephone call later that day that he had told Mr Valos that he intended to be a crown witness against Mr Dale and Mr Miechel.
42. My diary records that, as of 21 January 2003, Rob Stary was acting as solicitor for Terry Hodson.
43. On 2 February 2004, I started a new role at the Sex Offence and Child Abuse Unit, Moorabbin. I remained the informant on the charges against Mr Dale, Mr Miechel and Mr Hodson relating to the Oakleigh burglary. I also remained as the informant on some other pending ESD matters.
44. My last recorded contact with Ms Gobbo is recorded in my day book on 14 April 2004, when I spoke to Ms Gobbo on the telephone. She said that she was not representing Abbey Haynes and that I should contact Jim Valos regarding Ms Haynes. I do not recall having any further contact or association with Ms Gobbo since then.
45. On 16 May 2004, I was informed by D/I De Santo that Terry and Christine Hodson had been murdered at their home. I attended the scene that night.
46. At that time, I was assigned to the Sex Offence and Child Abuse Unit, Moorabbin. I had no ongoing role in the investigation of the murders of Terry and Christine Hodson.


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47. I am informed that there are records that indicate that in May 2007 I briefed members of the Petra Taskforce about Operation Nutation. I do not recall the specific briefing, but I do generally recall briefing the Petra Taskforce about Operation Nutation.

48. I remained assigned to the Sex Offence and Child Abuse Unit, Moorabbin until I left Victoria Police in October 2008.

How I learned, or were given reason to believe, Ms Gobbo was providing information to police (Q3)

49. I first became aware of this through public media reports published after I had left Victoria Police.

Awareness of others (Q4)

50. I have no knowledge of these matters.

Authorisation of the use of Ms Gobbo as a human source (Q5)

51. I have no knowledge of these matters.

Personal contact with Ms Gobbo (Q6)

52. I refer to my response to question 2.

Information & assistance received (Q7 & Q8)

53. I refer to my response to question 2.

Concerns raised as to the use of a legal practitioner – and Ms Gobbo – as a human source (Q9 & Q10)

54. I was not aware of any concerns about these matters.

Awareness about disclosure in relation to Ms Gobbo (Q11)

55. I am not aware of any discussions of this kind.

Other human sources with obligations of confidentiality or privilege (Q12)

56. I am not aware of any use of such human sources.

Training (Q13)

57. I have not reviewed in detail the courses I completed during my time at Victoria Police, beyond those set out in response to question 1 above. A number of the matters listed in question 13 were covered in my initial police training, in Detective Training School and Advanced Detective Training School, as well as in specialised training I received when entering the ESD.

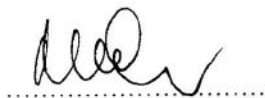
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58. In relation to public interest immunity, I was aware of and involved in claims of public interest immunity in court proceedings in the course of my duties at Victoria Police, particularly during my time in the Drug Squad.

Other information (Q14)

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

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