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Alleged conspiracy conversations / meetings

- if no tapes :- no corroboration
- if taped = Are all tapes ~~been~~ transcribed / provide
 - = Continuity of tapes
 - = voice i/d of tapes?
 - = Entire conversations recorded from start to finish?

History of HODSON

- my first jobs with him
- of LATEN - Brian Zerna / Sam Romeo
Michael CALLEJA
 - provided glassware to Romeo who provided same to Zerna. Due to resource issues unable to maintain surveillance of glassware
 - Assisted in a similar fashion delivering 4 x 20ltr reaction vessels
 - This operation did not produce any arrests.

CP - PLAW

- purchased 1000 ecstasy tablets from o/k (M) from Sydney
- was present outside address when police executed level 2 s/w
- was told by me to get out of area just as front door forced
- was very excited about this scenario & often requested to be more involved in operations
- Further 1000 ecstasy tablets seized in house

OP. MUDLARK - ANDREW DIMITROPOULOS (COCAINE/ECSTASY)

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OP - FRUGAL / RATTEN

- Hodson utilised to purchase ecstasy from Tyson RODDA
- Due to cost of ecstasy & limited MDID drug buy fund, Hodson was authorised to purchase 2000 ecstasy tablets with his own money & sell them off at will. This scenario was authorised by Supt. BIGGIN who ^{instructed} ~~indicated~~ not to i/R or diarise this authorisation/meeting. D/S/SCOT O'BRIEN was fully aware of this meeting & authority as was D/Sgt SAYCE
- A meeting was held with Hodson b/w O'BRIEN SAYCE DAVE & ? where he was given the above authorisation
- After purchasing this 2000 eccies Hodson was now in possession of 3000 tablets having purchased 1000 eccies in of ?
- Hodson placed an order of 5000 eccies thru RODDA at which point RODDA was to be arrested. (melt. RHV)
- Due to intercept problems RODDA made it to Hodson's address with the 5000 eccies. Hodson would not take possession of the eccies as instructed by me & was to tell RODDA that due to RODDA's late arrival that he would have to re-contact his buyer & meet RODDA later.
- ~~RODDA~~ - RODDA left address & was intercepted after pursuit where 5000 eccies was thrown from veh
- During i/v of RODDA, RODDA stated Hodson

put a gun to his head & told him to fuck off with the eccies

Hodson denied this to Mesagator's

OP - Toyature

targets :- CALLEJA / Sam & Tony Romeo

- Hodson supplies pill press to calleja (\$15000 ?)
- calleja takes pill press on rear of truck fitted with tracking device to premises owned by Romeo's
- Hodson then supplies 500 grams moma powder & to calleja, also supplies 1 kg baby powder as a binder / mix
- calleja takes moma powder & mix to pill press location. L.D previously installed at pill press garage
- calleja & both Romeo's arrested producing ecstasy tablets
- # moma powder analysed & only found to contain 2% moma (rip off)
- Hodson questioned re this, ~~who~~ denies any rip off blaming source of moma SAVAS PASTRAS, mark SMITH

Hodson fully involved in all above operations as well as operations conducted prior to my arrival which resulted in the arrests of his daughter - mandy

- Peter Reid (Russel st bomber) & hodson's 2nd daughter? (stolen goods info.)
- Son - Andrew?
- # In January I submitted a report requesting payment of \$25000 informer fees to Hodson
- # Eventually after a number of months file returned

with \$10000 reward money approved.

paid to Hodson by WSP White

- Hodson continually pushed investigators to commence new operations so he could be involved
- Hodson loved the idea of playing the detective role & continually came up with his own ideas of conducting operations
- was very clever in manipulating all around him to believe he was honest & reliable whilst back flipping them for his own benefit/excitement

OP - LADLE

- provided info & sample ecies produced from pill press located in Atlanta with
- was in the process of setting up Andrew (Mr Sheen?) & v/k person in possession of pill press
- Due to resource issues unable to pursue this investigation however Hodson continued contact with targets & kept investigators interested although he was very frustrated he could not continue full investigation/involvement

Over a number of months when Hodson was not being fully utilised he became very frustrated as he loved playing the role of hands on drug dealer/scammer.

OP - GALLOP

When OP GALLOP was passed to my crew, Hodson had commenced purchasing samples of ecstasy & cocaine from Lakis PATELOPOULOS (Lucky) with the intention of investigators commencing a full operation into the Lucky.

- It was soon discovered that Lucky was being supplied his ecstasy by of GALOP targets
- Hodgson told no investigation would be conducted on Lucky as investigators needed to focus their resources of the Supplier's
- Hodgson very frustrated by this.
- Investigators, to keep Hodgson motivated allowed him to continue to purchase samples of ecies from Lucky to give investigator's knowledge of type of ecies of GALOP targets trafficking
- Investigators became frustrated during the investigation due to lack of resources i.e. techs/surveillance
- Identified pull press on trailer in rear yard & due to lack of surveillance teams Investigators conducted long hrs of surveillance on Dublin st, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
- During meetings with Hodgson investigators often discussed their frustrations in the investigation
- On occasions investigators would join into conversation with Hodgson about just running through addresses themselves using Hodgson but these conversations were never serious, although the frustration of all parties could be construed that way.

- In the weeks leading up to the break in at Division ST, I pushed management very hard to get priority of tasks & surveillance to install an LD/V/keo.
- It was the ops plan should we get a LD/V/keo into the address & it was identified that commercial quantities of drugs were present, then we would execute Surveillance & conclude ops.

- Doing the operation it became apparent that when the targets would travel to Sydney to purchase their drugs
- In the week leading up to the break in it was identified the targets were planning to travel to Sydney to purchase more drugs indicating to investigators that there was little drug product remaining in the house
- After much debate with the N.S.W police D/SA it was agreed upon that the targets would be arrested in N.S.W at the time of taking possession of the drugs
- So as of the Friday prior to the break in I was certainly of the belief there was no commercial quantities of drugs in the house
- Nobody was of the belief large amounts of cash would be kept at the house
- # In almost ~~all~~ ^{all of my time} at the MID I conducted operations that in one way or another involved Hodgson.

Hodgson was a high level witness who had no real reason to be sold. It was my belief that Hodgson initially assisted Michel due to a relief of his that Michel had assisted his daughter at

- however his continued assistance became an obsequious push for him to allowed him to operate / associate in a high level drug scene ~~and~~ in the belief he was protected under a Section 51 injunction.

- I have no doubt he was using cocaine on a regular basis however this personal use was overlooked by all due to his ability to provide great info & willingness to get fully involved in the investigation for no apparent reward.

- The relationship with Hodgson was nurtured in a completely different way to most informers as he had no charges hanging over his head or had been assisted in any way for the info.

- The types of informers we categorize
 - like spotters / one off informers
 - other criminal trying to fill the opposition
 - revenge / reward
 - requires assistance with bail / sentence

Hodgson did not fit into any of these categories - Hodgson was always of the belief having been told that if he was ever intercepted / arrested in possession of drugs he had purchased / obtained for or on behalf of MAB he was to identify himself as an informer & contact an investigator at which time the situation would be assessed.

- Hodgson continued flow of info was nurtured by members befriending Hodgson & convincing him he was part of the team.

- numerous meetings & conversations would often parallel off into conversations of being a close team & actually committing the crimes we were investigating however all knew this was not realistic talk however it often

broke the monotony of the serious talks.

- It was never meant to be taken seriously however Hodgson would often get very excited by the idea & talk.
- These conversations often mentioned guns & drug rip offs etc, however were never meant to be taken for serious actionable discussion.
- It was my belief that Hodgson was fully aware that these conversations were not for real, however we all enjoyed the discussions & the feeling of being in control of both sides of the investigations.
- There was never any belief in my mind that these conversations would be acted upon, however they certainly kept Hodgson excited by the thought / ideas. Although throughout all operations conducted none of these ~~ten~~ types of conversations were ever recorded or acted upon.