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Sergeant M.J. HOLDING 20985
District Support Group,
"A" DISTRICT.

Dear Michael,

Good Work Performed During Operation "YAK"

I have been informed that, recently, whilst you were performing duties with the "A" District, District Support Group, that you played an integral part in the successful conclusion of Operation "YAK".

Operation "YAK" was an Operation conducted by members of the "A" District, District Support Group between 19 August and 3 September, 1993, which involved lengthy periods of intense surveillance and intelligence gathering regarding the activities of an alleged drug trafficker in the Carlton Sub-District.

Operation "YAK" was successfully concluded on 3 September, 1993, with the arrests of Brian WILSON, Nicola GOBBO and Victor VELLIOS. All were charged with Traffic Drug of Dependence (Cannabis and Amphetamines) and Unlawful Possession. I note that this Operation resulted in the seizure of 3 pounds of Amphetamines with a street value of \$82,000.00, 3/4 of a pound of Cannabis with a street value of \$3,000.00, in addition to the seizure of a large quantity of stolen property and a number of Prescribed Weapons.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my congratulations for a job well done. It is obvious that the professionalism and dedication to duty displayed by all those involved contributed in no small way to the excellent results that were achieved.

It is also obvious to me that these excellent results are indicative of the fine "team spirit" that has developed within "A" District Support Group.

Once again, my congratulations. All other members of "A" District Support Group involved in Operation "YAK" have been congratulated in a similar fashion. I will ensure that a copy of this letter is inserted in your Record of Service and that an appropriate entry is made in the "A" District "Good Work" Register.

Sincerely,



D.P. GRAHAM
Chief Superintendent
DISTRICT COMMANDER

'A' DISTRICT CRIME ADVISOR
INSPECTOR CLARK

'A' DISTRICT SUPPORT GROUP
 7TH OF SEPT., 1993

SERGEANT ASHTON, 21889,
 SERGEANT HOLDING, 20985,
 S/CONSTABLE DELANEY, 26707 CONSTABLES FREDE, 26856,
 SKLAVOUNOS, 27066, WILSON, 28319, TRICHIAS, 27606
 AND RANDOE, 28470 -
 GOOD WORK PERFORMED.

1. On the 19th of August, 1993 a file was received at this office from Crime Stoppers in relation to a suspect drug trafficker by the name of Brian WILSON of 250 Rathdowne Street, Carlton. This file was booked out to Sergeant HOLDING. It was mentioned in the file that there was a possible informer.

2. Sergeant HOLDING contacted the alleged informer and managed to gain rapport with this person and gain his confidence. Having done this he then registered this person as an informer and then made various routine checks to verify the bona fides of the informer. Sergeant HOLDING also received information that WILSON was living in a defacto relationship with a Nicola GOBBO, said to be the niece of Justice GOBBO of the Supreme Court.

3. He then detailed his crew and Sergeant ASHTONS' crew to do surveillance on the suspect premises. It was established from this surveillance that WILSON was in fact dealing. He then contacted the B.C.I. and registered this operation as operation 'YAK'. The surveillance commenced on the 21/8/1993 until 3/9/1993.

4. The surveillance involved mobile and static over the above mentioned period. At times the suspect did not move for the entire shift and other occasions he would leave his premises in one of three cars that he was driving. I believe that the D.S.G. members involved conducted their duties in an extremely professional manner and at no stage were they detected by the target.

5. On the 2nd of September, 1993 a briefing was held at the D.S.G. offices involving all the members involved and myself. At this briefing it was decided that there was sufficient information to suggest that Friday was WILSONs main day for dealing, so it was decided to raid his premises on the Friday the 3rd of September, 1993. It was decided to try and 'dog' WILSON to one of his deals and endeavour to get video taped evidence of the transaction. This was not able to be done because of possible anti surveillance tactics that WILSON used on this particular day, so a decision was made for all members to sit off the target premises and await his return.

6. At approximately 1630 hours returned home and a search warrant was executed on his premises with peaceful entry being gained. WILSON and another male named Victor VELIOS were arrested and a subsequent search of the premises located drugs, stolen property and prescribed weapons (see attached list) The estimated street value of the amphetamines seized is approximately \$82,00.00.

7. In all three persons have been charged (see attached list) and it is quite apparent that the results achieved were from a team effort by all members involved in this operation.

8. I recommend that the members good work should be recognised at District level.

3. Forwarded for information and consideration.

P.R. BRIGHAM.
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