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**To:** Assistant Commissioner Graham Ashton - Crime Department

**From:** Det. Supt Paul Sheridan - Covert Services Division  
Intelligence and Covert Support Department

**Subject:** Summary re witness F as requested by Commonwealth DPP

**Date:** 7 November 2011

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The material contained herein is an analytical summary pertaining to Witness F as requested by Commonwealth DPP pertaining to the pending prosecution of Paul Dale. If further detailed information is required, then additional resources from within the Intelligence and Covert Support Department may need to be allocated.

Exposure of Witness F activities with Victoria Police as contained within this summary will have significant impact upon Victoria Police operations, past and present. The material contained within this summary may rely upon Public Interest Immunity claims should further dissemination be considered.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Paul Sheridan'.

Paul Sheridan.  
Detective Superintendent.



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### Witness F

Witness F was an active human source managed by the Source Development Unit from 16/9/2005 to 14/1/2009 – 3 years and 4 months.

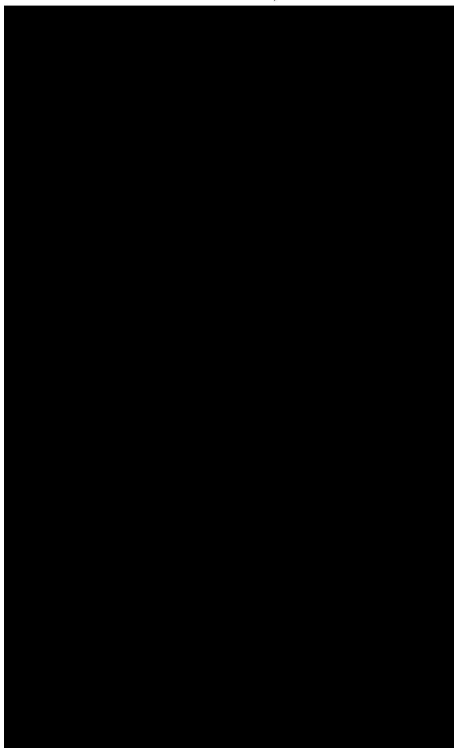
### Information Reports

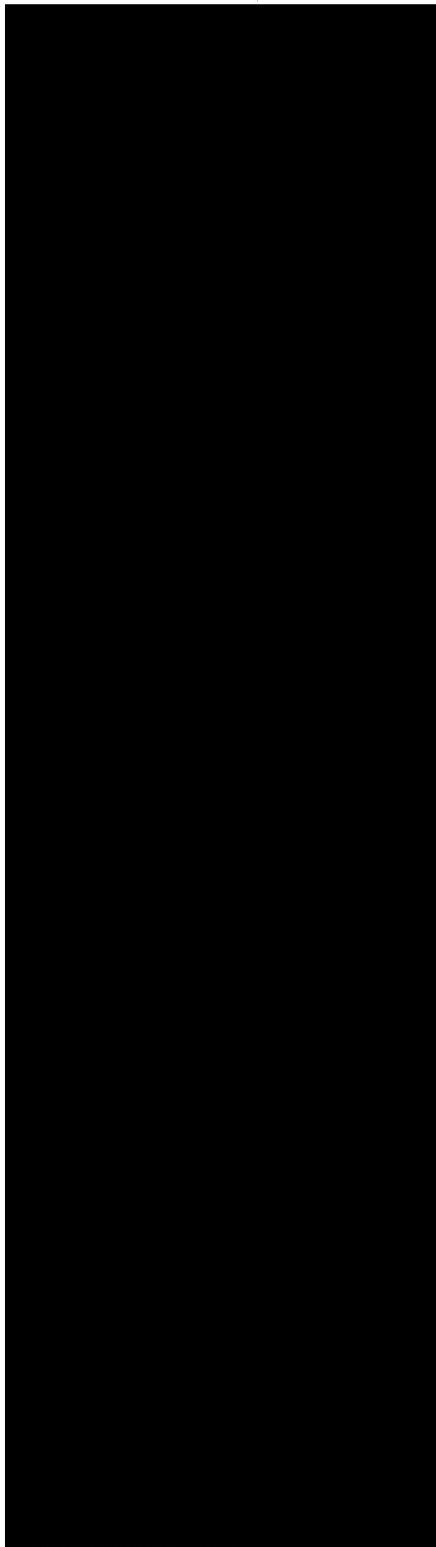
The analysis of intelligence holdings, by the Source Development Unit pertaining to Witness F indicate that there are 319 information reports that have been disseminated to various investigators that come from information that she has supplied to handlers.

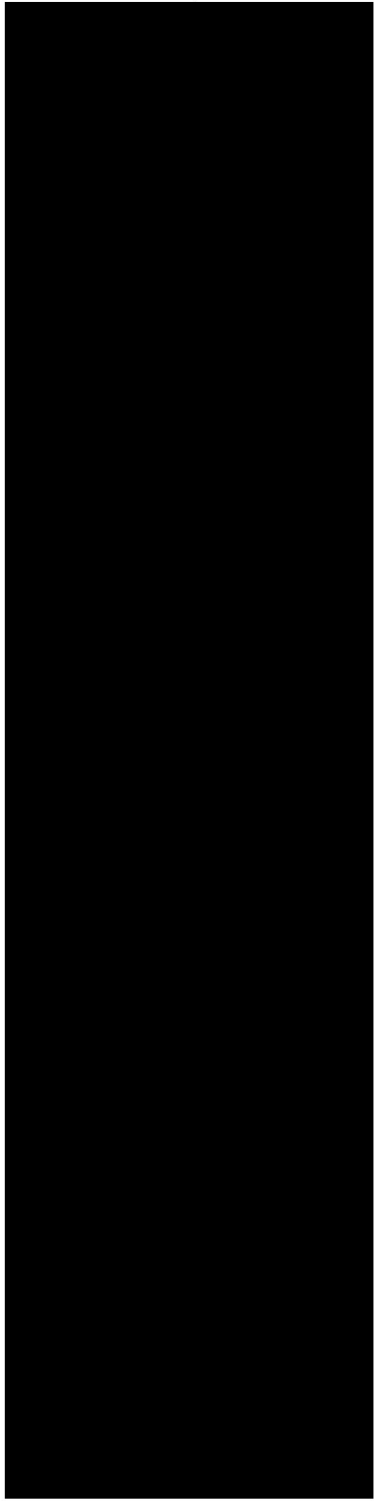
### Source Contact Reports

There are 172 source contact reports, these vary in length from two (2) pages to in excess of thirty (30) pages. Each source contact report relates to a week long period where contact was made between Witness F and the Source Development Unit.

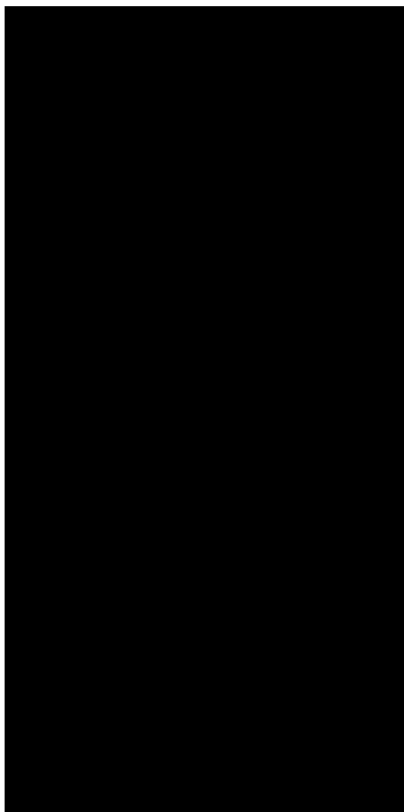
The majority of these two documents pertain to Witness F contact with the following 164 criminals, solicitors or former members of Victoria Police:












It is difficult to assess the clear intention of the contact between the parties however the Source Development Unit believes that in the main the contact between the parties is driven by the fact that Witness F was practising as a solicitor at the time of the contacts and that her counsel was sought formally or informally pertaining to the legal status of the persons involved eg. pending charges, negotiations with investigating police, plea opportunities, receiving and passing on of information etc.

#### Criminal activity

Witness F was suspected of being on the periphery of criminal matters throughout her time as a human source, nothing ever was proven.

Deceptive behaviour with source handlers

Witness F was deceptive with Source Development Unit handlers, in that during her time of activation as a human source, she failed to disclose that she had previously acted as a conduit for communications and meetings between Paul Dale and Carl Williams who were using false mobile phones prior to the murder of the Hodson's. In November 2008 Witness F admitted that she had knowledge of these false mobile telephones when spoken to by Task Force Petra investigators.



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