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Phase 1

"Eyes only" discussions. Significant implications for us/govt. One year's reviewed we can **Report** discuss. I have not taken a copy. The lawyer "issue" we discussed is not in here.

Ken. (7/6)

(Dony is drafting the "non VP" agency letters for you..)

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Date:

Operation Mogals — Intelligence Assessment

Issue

19-04-2010— article written by journalist Padraic MURPHY titled 'You Pay Killer's School Fees'. This article outlined how taxpayers forked out \$8,000 to pay Carl WILLIAMS' daughter's school fees.

How did Padraic MURPHY know that Victoria Police was considering paying WILLIAMS' daughter's school fees?

Result— Paul DALE ^{was!} ~~is~~ facing charges for the HODSON murders. In February 2010 DALE's legal team subpoenaed Victoria Police and established GOBBO was assisting police, and the Victoria Police was considering paying Carl WILLIAMS' daughter's school fees. GOBBO's legal team was also aware of these facts.

Roberta WILLIAMS—there was no known phone contact with Padraic MURPHY prior to the this article, however she was in communication with journalists Liam HOULIHAN and Adam SHAND. Both who could have passed the information onto MURPHY.

It is alleged that MURPHY obtained the information for his article from either Nicola GOBBO or Roberta WILLIAMS or both.

Conclusion

CCR analysis of phone records has failed to show a direct link between organised crime and the murder of Carl WILLIAMS, or a link between organised crime and the media.

It is alleged, in consideration of ALL facts, that the media releases have contributed to Carl WILLIAMS' murder. The media clearly highlighted WILLIAMS' co-operation with police against unsolved gangland murders and corrupt police.

Recommendation

Driver Taskforce continue to investigate breaches of legislation in regards to the media and the murder of Carl Williams.

Driver Taskforce prosecute elements of the media for identified breaches in regards to court issues [REDACTED] and the [REDACTED] relating to Carl WILLIAMS.

Driver Taskforce recommend tighter regulation of the media in regards to suppression orders and the Witness Protection Act.

Examination

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Operation Mogals-Investigation

Issue

Liaise with Petra Task Force to identify any issues with information being leaked to the media and or defence?

Petra Taskforce advise that subpoenas filed by solicitors acting for DALE were seeking material relating to investigators dealings with witness WILLIAMS. Investigators became suspicious when solicitors were able to name certain members attached to the Petra Taskforce, who were covertly engaged as liaisons to deal with welfare issues for GOBBO only.

A further subpoena filed by solicitors acting for DALE seeking materials (among other things) a number of documents relating Petra Taskforce dealings with witness GOBBO. Investigators again became suspicious of how the defence were able to name specific documents, by title, which had not been previously discussed in court. Petra Taskforce suspects that the defence has been informed of these documents by GOBBO. (!)

On 14-04-2010 the Herald Sun newspaper published entitled "\$300,000 spent on key figure in underworld murder trial – The witness that cost us a fortune" – written by Padraic Murphy provided details of a trip by the witness to Bali, accompanied by Petra Taskforce members. The article details that the officers stayed at the Mandira Hotel and Spa on Legian Beach.

The responses to the DALE and subsequent COLLINS subpoenas included a copy of the chart of all monies provided to GOBBO. This chart of monies makes no reference to the destination of the overseas trip or the location where the members stayed.

Petra Taskforce hold strong suspicion that GOBBO (or her solicitors) provided DALES solicitors (or representative) and Herald Sun reporter Murphy (or representative) with this information. This information allowed the defence to file subpoenas seeking out specific information which would otherwise have been unknown to them. It also allowed the media to publish an article with specific information which would otherwise have been unknown to them.

Driver Taskforce have liaised with the VGSO and sought their recommendations. VGSO advise:

- When documents are requested under a subpoena that Victoria Police seek an injunction not to release the documents due to the effect it may have on various people involved ✓
- Victoria Police seek an express undertaking that the documents being released under a subpoena and viewed by the legal representative will not be disclosed to the client due to the nature of the documents and that the documents will be destroyed at the end of the process
- Victoria Police use suppression orders and provisions under the Witness Security Act in relation to the release of information ✓

Examination

Recommendations