Officer Hotham

From:

**Sent:** Thu, 11 Mar 2010 11:13:21 +1100

To: Porter, Mark

Subject: RE: Request for access

Rang boss but you were tied up. Was aware a request would come via the SDU. I will speak further with you when you are free about getting on the front foot with this

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From: Porter, Mark

Sent: Thursday, 11 March 2010 7:57 AM

To: Officer Hotham

**Subject:** FW: Request for access

**Importance:** High **Sensitivity:** Confidential

Officer Hotham

Give me a ring when you read this.

Mark P

From: Smith, Steve

Sent: Thursday, 11 March 2010 7:32 AM

**To:** Porter, Mark **Cc:** O'Connell, Shane

**Subject:** Request for access

**Importance:** High **Sensitivity:** Confidential

Mark,

Petra had a meeting yesterday with relation to RHS 3838 (or 2958). We mentioned to him that during the committal of Paul Dale (Hodson murders), Tony Hargreaves on behalf of Dale has requested production of any informer management files relating to this witness. 3838 is witness F in this committal.

We have sought instruction from Ron Gipp Barrister representing the CCP and he has said that on the face of it, we are obliged to hand over any documents on this file that relate to the Hodson matter.

Petra requests that we be given permission to access this file and identify documents that may need to be produced. I understand the ramifications of this and discussed it at length with with will also

bring it to the attention of our Steering Committee. Once the documents have been accessed we will negotiate any production (redacted or otherwise) with Ron.

Could you give this request your earliest consideration please.

Steve Smith | Detective Inspector - Petra Taskforce | Crime Department| Victoria Police

