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**Subject: Human Source #21803838 – Reward Application.**

1. Introduction

A request for a Victoria Police Reward has been made by registered human source #21803838 (hereinafter referred to as HS3838). The request has been outlined in two letters, one dated 30 October 2014 (Appendix "A" refers) addressed to Chief Commissioner Ken Lay, the 2<sup>nd</sup> dated 30 June 2015 (Appendix "B" refers) addressed to Assistant Commissioner Stephen Fontana. HS3838 has detailed numerous occasions where she states the information she provided Victoria Police led to the arrest and prosecution of major organised crime identities which in turn led to the seizure of \$60 million in assets. HS3838 states whilst she was a source for Victoria Police she received minimal monetary compensation and was often out of pocket for expenses relating to her tasked work as a source.

2. Background

On the 16<sup>th</sup> of September 2005, HS3838 was registered as a human source. Following her registration and up to her deactivation on the 14<sup>th</sup> of January 2009, she was managed by the Source Development Unit (SDU) and the Human Source Management Unit (HSMU). All contact with HS3838 was recorded via Informer Contact Reports (ICR's). HS3838 provided information that spans over 5,000 individual ICR's with the majority of the information either corroborating or value adding to intelligence investigators already had. At the time HS3838 was a registered human source she was also a practising solicitor and barrister within the Victorian legal jurisdiction.

3. Assessment

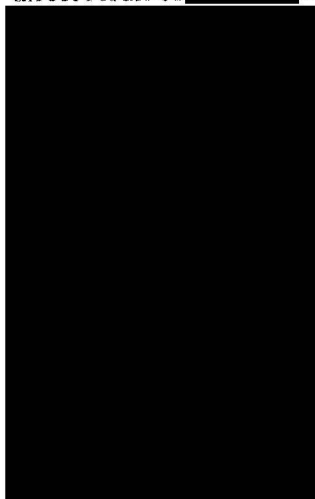
I have examined the letters and I will address the significant crimes and/or arrests as detailed by HS3838. Each identified claim is highlighted in italics with my assessment below. In addressing HS3838's claims I have accessed Operation BENDIGO holdings as well as speaking with investigators connected with the operations subject of the claims. I have spoken to Inspector Dale FLYNN (formerly of Op POSSE), Detective Inspector Jason KELLY (formerly of Op POSSE), Sergeant Paul ROWE (formerly of

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The following accused were arrested and successful prosecutions were obtained as a direct result of [REDACTED] making statements to Police:



At the Melbourne County Court on [REDACTED] 2007 [REDACTED] received a discounted [REDACTED] sentence of [REDACTED] years with a non-parole period of [REDACTED] years for [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] (were pre HS3838's involvement) and other offences as a result of assisting Police. The remaining accused received various sentences ranging from a [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] years imprisonment.

Although the information obtained from [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] arrests can't be directly credited to HS 3838 however if it wasn't for the initial information from HS3838 [REDACTED] most likely would not have been arrested.

12. [REDACTED] (as a result of information provided by me, Purana were able to get him to a position where he was confronted with a mountain of evidence which lead to him becoming a witness for police)

I have spoken with Detective Senior Sergeant Boris BUICK who stated HS3838 acted for the accused and did not provide information in relation [REDACTED] offending. Similar to [REDACTED] the legal advice she provided to her client may've assisted him in making a decision to plea and assist police by becoming a witness in the gangland trials; however this was all in the scope of her duties as a legal representative and not as a source.

13. Faruk Orman (for the murder of Victor Pierce)

Detective Senior Sergeant Boris BUICK has advised me HS3838 did not have any involvement in this matter aside from appearing at the filing hearing. ORMAN plead not guilty in relation to murder and was convicted on the evidence of [REDACTED]

14. Mick Gatto and the Carlton crew (regrettably this was a work in progress when I was handed over to Petra as a witness)

HS3838 did not provide any intelligence of value in relation to Mick GATTO and associates and the intelligence did not lead to any arrest or prosecutions.

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