Petra Taskforce

Weekly Update: 10 December 2007

Op. LORIS

Investigation relating to double murder of Terence and Christine HODSON.

Update (as per Interpose) -

- DNA Report from Henry ROBERTS has been received and details which samples require further analysis in the UK and which could be analysed in Darwin N.T.
 - UK Examinations (Op LORIS) includes 7 x exhibits (some including Multi. Items) along with 18 persons of interest including the two deceased and other family members.
 - UK Examinations (Op BERIME) includes 5 x exhibits (some with Multi. Items) along with 14 persons of interest including the deceased's samples.
 - Darwin NT Examinations (Op BERIME) can be considered as possible option for 3 x items only. Two of the items should be considered for UK examinations. Therefore Darwin may be only suitable for 1 x exhibit being a material/cloth likely containing the deceased's DNA. (Ramon)
- IR 44 Active investigative avenues.
 - GALBALLY and O'BRIEN Solicitors to examine all material provided to them under subpoena from Vicpol. to identify if a copy was included and if so, in what format. (*Not advanced from last week*)
 - OPP A request for copy of Ex-Member STRAWHAN brief of evidence to ascertain if a copy of IR44 exists in same.
- FIREARMS Gun Dealer in Queensland. Investigations of illegal firearm sales is continuing with the assistance of QPS.
- BALLISTICS Exhibits will need to be physically taken to individual laboratories for examinations/comparisons. Investigators are currently liaising with Labs. to determine time frames. Exhibits from Op LORIS and Op BERIME require examinations.
- HYPNOSIS VIFM have identified and accepted expert. Witness has a suitable has agreed to meet this expert and a decision by her to participate will rest on that meeting. Date for meeting to be set.
- FINANCIAL PROFILES
 - MEICHEL Investigators have identified financial profile held by ESD. (File yet to be reviewed).
 - DALE No significant financial profile has been located. Avenue to be established.

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- SEARCH WARRANT (465) has been sought and issued in respect to DUGHETTI possibly having McCULLOCH documents in her possession. Issued 30/11/2007 and awaiting execution which should occur this week.
- Person 10 Statement An assessment of statement made by him has identified issues which require further canvassing and explanation. Investigators to meet with him. (Pending)
- MOBILE PHONE IDENTIFICATION/RECORDS relating to identifying phones in use by AHMED and ABBEY in 2004
 - Analysis of Telstra dumps from 15 & 16/5/2004 of towers in and proximity has resulted in nil value.
 - MDID avenue has identified holdings, but a review of archived email communications between investigators at the time is required to confirm corresponding mobile numbers of phones seized from AHMED.

Op. BERIME

Investigation relating to double murder of Ramon and Dorothy ABBEY.

Update (as per Interpose) -

- TI re COLLINS (D70277-00) continues to be monitored. (Renewal to be applied for in coming weeks as warrant concludes late December)
- Tis x 2 re Dean POTTER Mobile (D70282-00) home phone (D70288-00) continuing to be intercepted. Due to limited activity and his awareness of the active investigation, we are attempting to identify any other phones in use.
- TI x 2 re Cynthia McCONVILLE (D70284-00 and D70285-00) have now been cancelled due to no evidential value being obtained. Refer POI update below.
- LD re Dean POTTER home address (and being monitored at 412 St. Kilda Road.
 (device being planned for week ending 15/12/2007 due to and target absence from premises)
- re Roma POTTER has been activated to assist investigators monitor and identify communications with others at the earliest opportunity.
- Investigators from PETRA Task Force recently travelled to Queensland made approaches to POIs and potential witnesses. The following persons were spoken to;
 - > Dean POTTER Enq's continuing and activities being monitored.
 - Susan MONICHON Provision of non-evidential historical information.

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- Dionne VURADIN Not spoken to at this stage as an investigation strategy. She has communicated that investigators approached MONICHON (her mother) to the target Rodney COLLINS.
- Karen MULRY Established she as no information of relevance to the investigation.
- Provided a statement detailing knowledge of target being in possession of Further communication with this witness continuing.
- Investigators in Melbourne have approached to the following POIs and potential witnesses;
 - Investigators have spoken to on several occasions. Not likely to co-operate with provision of a statement, but is providing intelligence. Enq's continuing.
 - Has denied the accuracy of previous statements and will not provide further in statement or otherwise.
 - Has now provided a statement as a witness with protected identity. Statement is of value and investigators intend to liaise further with this person designated
 - Has provided a statement to investigators detailing all that he can recollect of the event and his involvement. Has identified COLLINS in photo board and re-traced the night with investigators who attended the area with him.
 - has relevant necessary information and investigators have obtained a statement from her which is likely to be of limited value.
 - Identified as a high priority POI.
 now residing in the time NSW has been spoken to by investigators.
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- Further persons of interest are being approached / identified for approaches.
 - Gabrielle KELLEY (AMESS) Contact made
 - Sean QUINN Contact to be established. WHB unknown.
 - ➢ Kylie HAGGAR − Contact made
 - John GAZZETTI (PRICE) Contact to be established WHB unknown
 - Brian SECREE (DAVEY) Contact made
 - ➢ James FISHER − Contact to be made − WHB unknown
 - ➢ Joan MADIN − Identified as overseas at present.
 - ➢ Kelly DALY − Contact to be made.



- Archived state surveillance unit records have been identified as value to the investigation and are being recovered for further review. Re FLANNAGAN.
- Original Information Reports Full review of reports being conducted in light of current information being acquired. Many new avenues of inquiry now being established.
- Original Statements Full review now being conducted in light of additional information.

Personnel

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- Detective Senior Constable KUGLER seconded to Clan. Labs. Pending EOI.
- Detective Inspector RYAN seconded to PURANA Task Force.
- Detective Senior Constable HABBEN has resigned and is taking his outstanding leave up until his resignation date.
- FITZGERALD OSTT stand-by requiring qualification for 4th quarter.

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