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## POLICE MEMBER / VETERAN CONTACT

NAME:

Kruger

RANK:

Former Detective Sergeant

CONTACT DETAILS:




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### SUMMARY OF CONTACT:

*The following is the investigator's note of conversations with the named member or former member. The conversations were informal for the purposes of directing enquiries only. Members and former members were not given notice of the issues to be discussed and did not have access to source material. They were not provided with this report to confirm the accuracy of the notes.*

12/02/2019 0827hrs – WOLTSCHÉ contacted **Kruger** via phone.

- Worked at Drug Squad in late 90's.
- Served a brief of evidence on 3838 when she worked at **Solicitor 1** in Richmond
- Brief related to Operation Carron.
- Went to DTS and came back and brief wasn't completed.
- Worked 16 hour days to complete and serve same.
- 3838 received service at office.
- Established a rapport with her – didn't judge her, was just like I am always, friendly
- Met her on further occasions regarding Carron – only work related – no social meetings
- Provided information to him about **Solicitor 1** laundering money through his trust account.
- Did not really know much about this kind of activity or how to investigate same.
- Sought advice and referred 3838 onto Asset Recovery Squad.
- Did not register 3838 at the Drug Squad.
- Would have made notes of meetings with 3838 in his diaries.
- Did not receive information from 3838 other than information on .
- No drug related information.
- Will think further about these circumstances.

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1315hrs 05/03/2019 – WOLTSCH/PATTIE met with **Kruger** in Echuca.

- Started as a D/S/C at the Drug Squad
- Started operation Carron at that time.
- Related to a real estate agent in Melbourne (Elwood)
- The trafficking of Heroin
- Suppling of **Person 2**
- Worked with Shirl (Steve MARTIN), Steve PATON, Craig DeLACY and clan labs squad.
- Somewhere in Op Caron there was another job, a lab operating,
- Was nominated as the informant for Op Carron.
- In 1998 started Detective training school
- After the execution phase, and after DTS found brief had not been compiled
- **Person 2**
- **Officer Pearce** and LIM were give the real estate agent
- Came back from DTS and brief not done, tasked to compile
- Served brief on **Person 2** Office in Richmond.
- Met with Nicola GOBBO
- Can't recall meeting her before
- Had never dealt with **Person 2** office before
- **Officer Pearce** was there when we served the brief
- Built a really good rapport with Nicola
- Recalls there was stuff missing from the brief and had to serve extra stuff later
- Believes she was doing articles at the time
- Did not know she was registered in 1993
- Believes he may have found out possibly about her being processed for 1993 arrest either through her or STRAWHORN
- Slowly became aware of **Person 2** actions/allegations
- Re her concerns with his dealings involving trust accounts
- He would go to STRAWHORN for advice
- Mark BOWDEN was his boss, then Strawhorn got his job. STRAWHORN was the go to person
- GOBBO never provided information about crooks just **Person 2**
- Handover to Jeff POPE. Met him previously as he worked at Richmond with Peter DOODY who was a friend of his.
- POPE was a S/D at Major Fraud Group
- Is guessing, can't recall if GOBBO tasked by POPE, - maybe to get documents or books?
- Saw GOBBO for Brief service, extra material, UC transcripts etc, maybe to serve extra material.
- One time I saw her socially, maybe at a pub in Fitzroy.

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- From STRAWHORN (regarding information) information has to be passed on, this is good information, but out of scope – for the Drug Squad.
- Had incidental contact with GOBBO after that
- LIM and Officer Pearce did brief on the Real Estate agent
- No contact with the NCA that he can recall

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