

obviously known by someone who you were dealing with at the time.

MS GOBBO:

MR BUICK: That's the one I would know?

MS GOBBO: ^{Sandy White-O}

MR BUICK: O.K. So that's - that prosecution is - is under way.

MS GOBBO:

MR BUICK: But you're not a witness to that

MS GOBBO: No, I'm not but - but I'm also because obviously when surveillance - so what was happening was the container was coming in but - and it was literally an hour by hour - they were - you know, as in would be saying one thing to me, I'd be picking up the phone, ringing up whoever was looking after me at the time. So there is - a lot of surveillance was put on by other blokes, so I'm in the surveillance.

MR BUICK: Yeah. Is that an issue?

MS GOBBO: Oh, no, not really. I mean it's a bit embarrassing but other than that I'm not doing anything. I'm just sitting but the boys are fishing for how it came about. You know, they - the AFP you know. A lot of pressure on trying to find

out how it came unstuck.

MR BUICK: But know?

MS GOBBO: Absolutely not.

MR BUICK: O.K. So how would the information go to them
for - - -

MS GOBBO: from customs. When you read the brief
it's quite obvious the information came from somewhere,
because the way the brief reads is - rather than the only
information about - tip-off coming from the source, where
you follow shit all the way through - - -

MR BUICK: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: - - - it's obvious that the information comes when
it's about to land and - and they go - they go to a ship
and they go to the exact container and they find the
world's biggest ever amount of ecstasy.

MR BUICK: Is - is this that - - -

MS GOBBO: And I'll be saying - I'm not going to put myself in
a position where I'm in the witness box and I can be
asked questions about other things on the system. I mean
..... overseas organised crime figures - - -

MR BUICK: Yeah.

MR BUICK: Is there a - is there a danger - - -

MS GOBBO: But I've got to live with this fear every day.

MR BUICK: I - I know.

MS GOBBO: It isn't fair.

MR BUICK: Well, that - that leads me to my next question.

These outstanding prosecutions that - that there is -
although things are put in place protected
you, these prosecutions are still ongoing and - - -

MS GOBBO: There's a number of them.

MR BUICK: And there's potential that something could come out
of the tree.

MS GOBBO: Oh, there's - there's heaps. There's - I mean
Faruk's got another matter coming up. You know that the
only reason he got charged with anything is because of
me.

MR BUICK: Yeah, well, that - that's - you know, as you know, I
..... that never - never should have even got
anywhere close to that.

MS GOBBO: Oh, there's those LD transcripts from the police
talking to [REDACTED] How horrendous are they from my
point of view? And what about the fucking imbecile that

MS GOBBO: Look, they - - -

MR BUICK: You know, you're close to the wire, do you
think - - -

MS GOBBO: No, I'm not - I'm not saying any - I - I do not know
if I ever said anything that would cause me - - -

MR BUICK: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: - - - problems. ^{Sandy White-O} office were very specific
about that. I never had to ask for an indemnity
..... and I never got none of that sort
of stuff. But people would openly talk about it. They
would talk about murders, plans to kill somebody,
perverting the course of justice, you name it
talking about it. A good example is the father
..... You know, the AFP don't know about
I don't think they know on the phones all the
time with Carl, because at the time of the importation I
was doing his trial for the five million pill
importation. So no-one's going to think anything of me
being on phone calls while I'm a trial for
someone or sitting with someone morning, noon and night
before and after court every day.

MR BUICK: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: But - but from a there's probably a
couple of frightening things in the AFP and, you know,
I'm sure would have to cross someone's mind, "She's there

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1 investigators that have been involved in this matter post
2 Dale's committal for the Hodsons - - -

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4 MS GOBBO: Yeah.

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6 MR BUICK: - - - as long as he gets those then it won't issue,
7 he won't issue subpoena. O.K.

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9 MS GOBBO: Yeah, O.K.

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11 MR BUICK: So he's - I've put those notes together, there's not
12 that many because we - really we only started on the
13 15 February when I told you - - -

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15 MS GOBBO: Yeah.

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17 MR BUICK: - - - he'd just been charged and then a couple of
18 meetings since then and a couple of phone contacts. So
19 I've put those together.

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21 MS GOBBO: They would have them anyway.

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23 MR BUICK: Yes. So that's - - -

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25 MS GOBBO: I wonder why he's never - so what did he end up
26 getting with that whole journalist

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28 MR BUICK: Nothing. Nothing. They didn't - they didn't serve
29 it - any documents.

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31 MS GOBBO: 'Cause when you read the transcript from back then,

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1 MR BUICK: O.K., no.
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3 MS GOBBO: No, there would have been - - -
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5 MR BUICK: All right.
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7 MS GOBBO: No.
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9 MR BUICK: Good. So it's only my notes then.
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11 MS GOBBO: Yeah.
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13 MR BUICK: Not that their notes are relevant to - they - they
14 would - they would be if they were in existence to this
15 prosecution. 'Cause initially, of course, they - - -
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17 MS GOBBO: Yeah.
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19 MR BUICK: put the prosecution.
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21 MS GOBBO: Yeah. So they're not pursuing any of that stuff
22 that was - that - that was the subject of Cameron Daly's
23 eight month request for an adjournment?
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25 MR BUICK: Well, they haven't.
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27 MS GOBBO: So was a lot of stuff there that would have included
28 lots of recordings of me saying stuff about other things
29 and my 3838 stuff intermingled in all of it.
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31 MR BUICK: Yeah. Well, look, as far as I - as far as I can

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1 life and led to death threats, Boris. So don't for one
2 minute think it's comforting to me you say those fucking
3 imbeciles - - -

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5 MR BUICK: No, no. When I say - when I say "all over it", I
6 mean they've got the material and the list of what has
7 been and hasn't been provided, that's all they've got.

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9 MS GOBBO: Can you please get a copy and tell me.

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11 MR BUICK: I think - I think there's 38 volumes of material.

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13 MS GOBBO: I don't want a copy of the material, you just send
14 the list. He might - look, he might look at the list
15 and say none of it is even remotely relevant to me.

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17 MR BUICK: Yeah.

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19 MS GOBBO: But it's that - see they - they released
20 things like the witness chart of moneys which, let me
21 just say is a wild example, included things on it that I
22 don't know what the police were claiming, but it had
23 ludicrous things like, "Witness," yeah, "alcohol, \$48."
24 I haven't had a drink for four years, what the fuck is
25 that? Things like that, that when I went through it
26 there was - there were things like at one stage - just
27 another wild example - Purana wanted a copy of the AFP
28 brief of evidence in the importation because they
29 couldn't get it off the AFP. So I facilitated getting
30 the - the brief was served on the computer, so I got the
31 computer, gave it to Purana, they copied it onto a

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1 separate hard drive and they gave it back. Then there
2 was a problem, "Your hard drive didn't work," blah blah
3 blah - - -

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5 MR BUICK:

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7 JASON:

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9 MR BUICK: Thank you.

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11 MS GOBBO: Then a last resort, I had to give - I had to give
12 back the - the computer that I borrowed to enable Purana
13 to copy it, but I needed access to the same material
14 because [REDACTED] was making his statement.
15 So what Purana did was they copied it twice, they bought
16 - they went and bought two cheap laptops and copied it
17 twice, gave me one to use and they kept the other one.
18 Now, some fucking imbecile who didn't check things
19 properly included that in the witness list for expenses
20 for F. Now, can you just imagine what will happen if I'm
21 in the witness box and somebody asks me what that laptop
22 computer is, I'll just tell the truth. You know what,
23 that was for me to illegally, inappropriately and
24 unlawfully handover a hand-up brief, they
25 copied shouldn't have had access to. Now,
26 that's just one of about 50 mistakes that are just as
27 dangerous in that document.

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29 MR BUICK: Mm'hm. All right. Well, that brings me to my next
30 point. Right. And that is, as I've indicated to you,
31 I've - I've asked that you be removed from the

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1 prosecution. O.K.

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3 MS GOBBO: Yeah.

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5 MR BUICK: As you know, the Commonwealth are of the view that
6 they want the best - best evidence in. What the
7 Commonwealth aren't across is - is background, O.K., and
8 your relationship with Victoria Police, they're not
9 across that. There's some discussions going on at the
10 moment as to whether they - they should be made aware of
11 that so as they can conform themselves about the decision
12 to withdraw you. O.K. Because just us requesting it
13 might not suffice why you want her withdrawn. Well,
14 there - there may need to be some background given to
15 them. If that background is - is going to be given to
16 them, it may well be given at assistant commissioner
17 level to Canberra. O.K.

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19 MS GOBBO: Yeah.

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21 MR BUICK: And then it may resonate down once a decision is
22 made. And that's because it's the view by a number of
23 people - well, in fact, over and above that, it's the
24 view of some people that to discuss or refer to you in
25 any shape or form during this or any other prosecution is
26 likely to lead to the exposure of material that shows
27 that there - there wasn't of your relationship
28 with one mob of Victorian Police handlers. O.K.

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30 MS GOBBO: Yeah.

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1 MR BUICK: And your engagement by Petra.

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3 MS GOBBO: But if I never said anything about that

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5 MR BUICK: There's - there's documentation in existence that
6 seems to indicate you were tasked to engage Paul Dale.

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8 MS GOBBO:

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10 MR BUICK: I - I - you've said that before and I've got no
11 reason to - - -

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13 MS GOBBO: The only - only from late 2008.

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15 MR BUICK: Well, it goes back before then.

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17 MS GOBBO: Yeah, I certainly saw him before then and the police
18 are aware of what - of me having all contact with him was
19 - they were - they were aware of.

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21 MR BUICK: Yes.

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23 MS GOBBO: But I don't remember being tasked to specifically
24 say or do anything. I might have, but not - just not - I
25 did a lot of stuff. I don't remember it all.

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27 MR BUICK: Yeah, I know. I know. This - this
28 documentation and it's the view by - of - of
29 some that that's relevant to his defence.

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31 MS GOBBO: Well - - -

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2 MR BUICK: Can I just clarify. This is in your statement that
3 we looked at today. He asked you to - you went and saw
4 him at the custody centre.

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6 MS GOBBO: Yeah.

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8 MR BUICK: And he - he asked you to act for him in his bail
9 app.

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11 MS GOBBO: Yes, but he'd - he'd rung me as soon as he got
12 arrested.

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14 MR BUICK: Yeah.

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16 MS GOBBO: And to - and to - wanted me to act for him full
17 stop.

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19 MR BUICK: Yes.

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21 MS GOBBO: I'm the one that said, "No, you got to ring Tony
22 Hargreaves," blah blah.

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24 MR BUICK: Yes. Because you were acting for Andrew. Is that
25 right?

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27 MS GOBBO: That's right.

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29 MR BUICK: And - and you say you had a conflict, or you - you
30 were acting for Andrew.

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2 MR BUICK: You might. I just don't know - - -

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4 MS GOBBO: Do you want to know one of the twisted ironies of
5 all this? There's two really big ironies for me. One
6 was that I was convinced - forget about how and by whom,
7 my reason of my decision to assist police in general, my
8 motivating factor wasn't money and it wasn't some, you
9 know, psychopathic desire to put all these people in
10 gaol, it was really driven by a fundamental kind of
11 desire to do the right thing in the context of feeling
12 used by people because all I was doing was getting people
13 - not just getting them off. Drug dealer after drug
14 dealer after drug dealer. It made me sick. And I know
15 that might sound the biggest load of crap to you, but
16 that's the reality.

17 The second thing was that it took a fair amount of
18 either insanity or courage to agree to do anything
19 and largely overlooked something
20 that everyone has gone and forgotten about. But one of
21 the - the biggest irony of all was that one of the things
22 that played on my mind in the decision to

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24 MR BUICK: Just quieten down a little bit.

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26 MS GOBBO: One of the things that played on my mind in the
27 decision to make my statement was I didn't want anybody -
28 see, when I spoke to Cameron and Sol, I thought if I
29 don't say anything what's going to happen?
30 This will all play out and absent me people will think
31 that I was involved so I thought, O.K., I may

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MR BUICK: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: But anyway, he - he didn't know the full extent of anything. And you're right in what you say, they should never have been told because of course they're witnesses and that puts me in danger 'cause they're gonna be asked questions.

JASON: Mm.

MR BUICK: That's right.

MS GOBBO: And, "Oh, the answer is I'll just claim public interest immunity." Well, wonderful, that's great. You may as well just take it out - out of the Herald Sun. And the irony of all this is that I might sit here diagnosed with two psychiatric illnesses and a variety of other problems and my life is fuckin' wrecked but the irony of ironies is I am still here being told about crimes that someone would be very interested in.

MR BUICK: Well, let's - - -

MS GOBBO: What a fuckin' irony that is.

MR BUICK: Let's talk about that in a little while. Let's go. We'll go and see these people and we'll come back.

MS GOBBO: Hang on a second. No-one ever rings from a blocked number unless it's really important. My sister.

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MR BUICK: Thanks very much. Two - two other people in their
offices, both they're both on

MS GOBBO: God, they're evil things. These ones are better
than the ones, though.

MR BUICK: Hi.

KRISTA: Hi.

MR BUICK: How are you?

KRISTA: Hello, Nicola.

MS GOBBO: Hello. How are going?

KRISTA: How are you? Nice to see you, it's been ages.

MS GOBBO: It has been a long time.

KRISTA: How are you?

MS GOBBO: Hello, hi. It's been ages since I've seen you.

KRISTA: Yeah, yeah.

MR BUICK: Hello.

KRISTA: Hello.

MS GOBBO: Mm'hm.

KRISTA: - - - against Paul Dale. And we we wanted to just sit down with you and have a chat about that and I suppose to impress upon you how important you are to us and to - just to talk about how we can facilitate that too.

MS GOBBO: Well, I don't know that that - I don't know that you're going to be happy to be to hear this but I'm not going to give evidence.

KRISTA: Right. And why's that? What - - -

MS GOBBO: Well - - -

KRISTA: What's your - - -

MS GOBBO: Leave - leaving aside for one moment the way in which I came to be a witness - - -

KRISTA: Mm.

MS GOBBO: - - - and the agreement that was reached and the terms of that and how it happened. Leave that to one side for a moment.

KRISTA: We don't know any - any of that stuff so - yeah.

MS GOBBO: I've a little bit but leave that to one side.

with our prosecutor as well, who's Chris Beale, at any point down the track then - then that's something that we can arrange as well.

MS GOBBO: Well, I think the starting point is that there are - it's not a discussion I want to have right now but there's an enormous amount of material that could be subpoenaed that will cause me irreparable damage of which I am very scared of coming out.

KRISTA: O.K.

MS GOBBO: And the only reason I ever agreed to give evidence in the first place - - -

KRISTA: Mm.

MS GOBBO: - - - with Victoria Police was on the basis that I was assured I would be protected by the provisions of the Act.

KRISTA: Mm'hm.

MS GOBBO: there isn't - I can tell you there is - it doesn't matter whether I go to gaol. I'm not going to put myself in a position where I have even a half per cent chance of that stuff coming out. Boris has an idea of some of what that might be and I'm not understating when I say it would lead to me being killed. Am I, Boris?

MS GOBBO: I don't know. I'm sorry to interrupt but I think the problem is that if I were acting for Dale and I was cross-examining me, one of the first things I would ask would be a very simple question. "When's the first time you spoke to the police about my client?"

UNKNOWN FEMALE 3: Mm.

KRISTA: Mm.

MS GOBBO: And the answer to that question, I may as well kill myself for what will come out.

UNKNOWN FEMALE 3: I'm grateful for you having alerted us to it. That's something that we'll need to - to discuss at the relevant time with VicPol as well.

MS GOBBO: Again, leaving aside my health concerns - and when I say - the day that Boris knocked on my door and said, "Hi. You're a witness again," - - -

KRISTA: Mm.

MS GOBBO: - - - I have lived in a heightened state of stress and fear ever since and I tell you, there's not a night that goes past that I don't think about this. I'm not going to put myself in a position where there's any risk of that stuff coming out, even if it means I go to gaol 'cause that's a safer option.

MS GOBBO: - - - interaction with medication.

JASON: Yeah.

MR BUICK: Can you just tell me, though, 'cause - - -

MS GOBBO: Yeah.

MR BUICK: - - - I'm not as clever as, you know, the rest of you. What's the current prosecution that is - is the issue?

MS GOBBO: World's biggest ever importation of ecstasy.

MR BUICK: And who's up on that?

MS GOBBO: Higgs, Karam, Barbaro. The highest level of organised crime dealers.

MR BUICK: So they've all - - -

MS GOBBO: Now, you - I can tell you, you - you, being the ACC, and VicPol and the AFP didn't have a fucking clue about that. I actually had the shipping documents. I got my hands on 'em and that's how you found the world's biggest ever single seizure of ecstasy in the world. Now, you think I'm going to risk those people - - -

MR BUICK: No, no.

MS GOBBO: - - - finding out? No fuckin' way.

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MR BUICK: Are these the people that we were going to speak about?

MS GOBBO: No.

MR BUICK: O.K., all right. So are you speaking to someone else about those people or have you?

MS GOBBO: What do you mean, in terms of them - - -

MR BUICK: Provision of the shipping documents.

MS GOBBO: That was for the thing they're pinched on.

MR BUICK: How long ago was that?

MS GOBBO: That was when I was with ^{Sandy White-O}

MR BUICK: O.K. So still - O.K. So it's not - not - - -

MS GOBBO: That's - that's - - -

MR BUICK: - - - recent, it's - - -

MS GOBBO: No, no, no.

MR BUICK: - - - from back then.

MS GOBBO: That's - that's a - - -

MR BUICK: That's not reassuring but - - -

MS GOBBO: It's fact though.

MR BUICK: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: And that's how I know that he is poking around at
the moment.

MR BUICK: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: And he doesn't - I guess if I was in his position I
wouldn't care. I would want anything I could to
discredit me or to muddy the waters or to - if I can't
discredit me, which he won't be able to at the end of
the day - - -

MR BUICK: Yeah, I was gunna ask about that.

MS GOBBO: - - - I would want - I would want something that
could cast doubt on the way in which I came to be giving
assistance so I think that's where it comes from.

MR BUICK: Correct me if I'm wrong but lawyers day in day out
give advice to their clients about - being the best
interest of their client given the circumstances and the
evidence against them - - -

MS GOBBO: To plead.

MR BUICK: - - - to plead.

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MR BUICK: So it is - it is more than just - - -

MS GOBBO: The answer to your question is it's far more than just that.

MR BUICK: O.K. And - and I imagine that there will be people upset with you about that and I'm not talking about crooks who might think, "I was with her in 2006 and if she's been speaking since 2004, what's she said about me." I don't - I don't mean that sort of person. I mean barristers.

MS GOBBO: Oh, yeah, that's why - you tell me a lawyer I can tell in Melbourne my current problem. Tell me one. I don't trust any of them.

MR BUICK: Do people like ^{Sandy White-O} obviously know about this sort of stuff?

MS GOBBO: Yes.

MR BUICK: Because they were the conduit

MS GOBBO: Yes. One of the topics I gave - I actually - I actually did this - you'll laugh - this document. I called it "Lawyers, Drugs and Money" and it's about lawyers who acted for underworld figures and drug traffickers who laundered money. I've still got the document and it was a who's who of people that were being paid money directly from drug trafficking and - it

MR BUICK: No, I don't think - I don't think he needs to.

MS GOBBO: I'd be grateful if you didn't tell him everything
'cause he's a gossip as well.

MR BUICK: Well, I - because I don't know - I don't know
everything so - - -

MS GOBBO: Well, there's - therein lies the problem, doesn't
it?

MR BUICK: And we - and we don't have a subpoena yet so - - -

MS GOBBO: I think that's more important, that you don't have
a subpoena so you don't - you don't yet have to sit down
with me and say, you know, here's this thing they're
asking for, what could come out of this.

MR BUICK: And that's what I want to do when we do get it.

MS GOBBO: Yeah.

MR BUICK: O.K. Because I don't understand, and I'm not as
clever as you and you're pretty sharp - - -

MS GOBBO: I used to be, not any more.

MR BUICK: - - - why you couldn't dance around them in the
witness box, not lie but you know when a question's
loaded and you know when it's a question leading - - -

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MS GOBBO: Yeah.

MR BUICK: Are they going to use it?

MS GOBBO: Well, it's never been finished.

MR BUICK: O.K.

MS GOBBO: It's done. They were filling in the blanks and then everything fell apart so I don't know what happened.

MR BUICK: Righto.

MS GOBBO: I don't know. Is that prosecution being pursued or not?

MR BUICK: It's still a live investigation - - -

MS GOBBO: Yep.

MR BUICK: - - - so I imagine when they can they will.

MS GOBBO: The problem with that - the problem with that statement was that - that I was tasked to do things, which was a very rare occurrence in five years. But I was actually asked to - to meet Waters and tell him specific things, which obviously no-one told me what the purpose of me saying those things was but they had - apparently they resulted in the goal as far as some TIs concerned. So when I drafted that statement I had - it had to be - there was no way to make the

MR BUICK: And to your knowledge, has that changed, that number?

MS GOBBO: Not that I'm aware of. I don't know what happened. Boris, no-one ever gave me a sign-up sheet. I don't know.

MR BUICK: You never signed - physically signed up - - -

MS GOBBO: Of course not.

MR BUICK: - - - with a statement of responsibility - - -

MS GOBBO: No.

MR BUICK: - - - read to you?

MS GOBBO: Never.

MR BUICK: Oh, well. They probably assumed you had a fair idea.

MS GOBBO: I didn't have that procedure.

MR BUICK: Nuh, all right.

MS GOBBO: The only - - -

MR BUICK: Well, it is a new procedure, I don't know.

MR BUICK: Peter Smith-O

MS GOBBO: Can you imagine having some deranged informer who's seeing three different lots of people in one night and three different crews and rings up at 3 o'clock in the morning saying, "Listen. There's a lab." "Where?" "Well, actually, I know it's next to [REDACTED]" "What suburb?" "[REDACTED]" "What street?" "Hang on a minute. Give me 10 minutes, I'll get back to you." That was how things were working. I drove him insane but good results.

MR BUICK: That was [REDACTED] lab ---

MS GOBBO: Yep, that was all me.

MR BUICK: --- or [REDACTED] lab, I should say?

MS GOBBO: Yep, that was all me - and Preston
pill-pressing and importations along the way. Anyway,
what I want to - maybe I'll ask these people on Thursday.
But I want to - I want to disappear before the media
report anything. So can you please ask if I can call
..... you know, in the first week so I can be gone
in the second week of the committal. 'Cause we're - I'm
working on two possibilities. Possibility one is that
somehow you can actually protect me, in which case I'll
answer questions, or option number two, which is you
can't protect me and I won't say anything.

idiot's going to ask sort of open questions that'll cause problems.

MR BUICK: I can't speak for people like ^{Sandy White-O} here but what if ^{Sandy White-O} was to prepare an affidavit in such a way that satisfies the magistrate that we're not going to go there but he doesn't really understand why?

MS GOBBO: What do you mean? How could he - how could he say that without declaring what I was?

MR BUICK: Well, there's different terminology and method that could be used, I'm sure, in an affidavit, and - and the significance of the need for protection made blatantly clear.

MS GOBBO: Why wouldn't you just - why couldn't you just steer clear of that whole informant issue and just say, not - not dishonestly say that there was - there were ongoing investigations in which I'm relevant? It's not - - -

MR BUICK: Well, there you go.

MS GOBBO: It's not dishonest.

MR BUICK: That's what I'm - this is what I'm talking about, wording like that, you know.

MS GOBBO: Yep.

MR BUICK: That - that might suffice.