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Petra Taskforce

Weekly Update: 07 September 2009

Op. LORIS

Investigation relating to double murder of Terence and Christine HODSON.

Update (as per Interpose) –

Brief served on solicitors for both Collins and Dale within time frames. Further SD transcripts to be provided; audio served.

Form 10A received from defendant – DALE. 25 witnesses requested, including [REDACTED] and Witness F.

- Witnesses AHMED, HAYNES and [REDACTED] added to the 10A.

Form 10A received from defendant – COLLINS. 18 witnesses requested.

Committal date - 9 March 2010. Booked in for 3 weeks.

Subpoena received at office on 24 August 2009 from solicitors representing Collins, subpoena available for perusal. Required to assess subpoena prior to Friday mention and give advice to court in relation to what we would be prepared to provide, refuse, or sanitise. Will require adjournment to complete full assessment of subpoena and give advice to court.

Issue concerning Gerard MacGuire has arisen with witness F.

Special Mention heard on 28 August 2009; adjourned to further mention on 1 October 2009. Required to give advice to court on that date as to what will be provided and what will be objected to. Defence for Collins instructed to provide new more specific subpoena that will be argued on 1 October.

About 10 percent of current subpoena content agreed to and will be provided prior to 1 October.

Barrister Ron Gipp briefed and appeared on 28 August.

Request for unsworn member to be attached to Petra in relation to subpoena management; liaising with Crime operations Support re same.

Still no subpoena from Dale. Advice is that Dale has been refused funding by TPA.

Issue

Information received that barrister Chris Dane has possession of IR 44 and that he gave copy to [Person 5] at Port Phillip. Information arose as part of review of material on hand.

Inquiries re possibility of [REDACTED] hearing of both persons.

Dale Bail Application

Application for bail refused by Justice Byrne in Supreme on 10 August 2009. Found that he was an acceptable risk in relation to witnesses.

Dale is still in Acacia. Corrections are currently exploring options to have him moved. Legal representatives have written to Minister in relation to the Human Rights Charter and the comments of Justice Byrne.

Have received application to Court of Appeal from Hargreaves on behalf of Dale. Seeking leave to appeal on grounds of error at law by Justice Byrne in that he reversed the onus to the defence in relation to 'unacceptable risk.' Matter being considered currently by OPP as to whether court has jurisdiction to hear appeal.

[REDACTED]

- Ongoing negotiations continuing with [REDACTED] in relation to the provision of [REDACTED]
- Issue in relation to [REDACTED] raised by [REDACTED] in that he has received a demand from [REDACTED] for [REDACTED]. This is in contravention of understanding that amount has been placed into suspense account until after [REDACTED] has given evidence.
- Matter resolved. [REDACTED] will retain money in suspense account until advised by Victoria Police.
- [REDACTED] has [REDACTED] and is back at home [REDACTED]
- Have liaised with Purana in relation to [REDACTED] of [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] has been bought up in trial by defence in relation to providing a statement in relation to [REDACTED] involvement or lack of involvement in murder of [REDACTED]. Advice given to Purana.
- Visited [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] on 01 September; still happy with Petra.

Witness 'F'

- Witness relocated to "permanent" location post Broadbeach.
- Op. QUEAZY commenced re threats to Witness F (see below)
- Witness travelled to Melbourne on 02 September 2009 and will remain in Melbourne until Tuesday 08 September 2009.
- Formal letter served on witness on 27 August 2009.
- Witness F has advised that she will be replying by letter to D/C Walshe today's date. Has sent preliminary letter advice to D/C Walshe on 01 September.
- Witness has made various comments and threats since service of letter; none have come to fruition at this time.
- Second statement adjourned off at this time. Statement taker S/D Davey on 2 weeks leave, unable to obtain statement prior to leave commencing.

*cc to meet with firm to formulate response to F letter by due date.
consider engagement of consulting firm*