

Royal Commission into the Management of Police Informants.

STATEMENT OF RONALD WILLIAM IDDLES

1. My full name is Ronald William Iddles and I am a retired Detective Senior Sergeant of Victoria Police.
2. I previously made a statement dated 3 June 2019. When I made that statement, I did not have reference to my Victoria Police Diaries or any other documentation. I have now had access to them, and this statement is to clarify dates and another matter.

Briars Taskforce.

3. With reference to my Diary I was at the Briars Taskforce from 14 April 2007 to 29 February 2008.

Knowledge Ms Gobbo was informer 3838

4. In my first statement at paragraph 25 I detailed when it was that, I became aware Ms Gobbo was an informer indicating February 2008. In preparation to giving evidence I have viewed certain documents and I believe the meeting in the foyer at the Office of Police Integrity with ^{Sandy White-O} was early June 2007.

Interaction with Ms Gobbo

5. On 14 January 2008 at 2.30 pm in company with Inspector Waddell we attended at Ms Gobbo's office. Ms Gobbo had been recorded on telephone intercepts speaking with David Waters (Ex police officer) who was a person of interest in relation to the Chartres – Abbott murder. The purpose of seeing Ms Gobbo was to ascertain if she had any information which would assist the investigation. At the time she was not acting for David Waters as he had briefed Warren Peacock. Inspector Waddell took notes and then later prepared Briars Information Report (301)

Bali


6. In paragraph 7 of my original statement I indicated I went to Bali to obtain a statement from Ms Gobbo. We left Melbourne on Sunday 24 May 2009 and returned on Friday 29 May 2009.



7. In Paragraph 14 it refers to the taking of the statement over two days but in fact it was over three days, 25, 26 and 27 May 2009.

Draft statement of Ms Gobbo.

8. On Thursday 27 June 2019 early afternoon I was contacted by Anthony Dowsley from the Herald Sun and Chip LeGrand from the Age in relation to the 'draft Gobbo' statement which had been tabled at the Royal Commission.
9. I was asked about a direct confession in the statement where Mark Perry had confessed to Ms Gobbo to arranging the murder of Chartres – Abbott. I told both journalists that to the best of my recollection it was not in the 'draft' statement, and that I had not seen the draft statement since I returned to Melbourne.
10. On Friday 28 June 2019 I sent an email to Mr Howard Rapke, a solicitor assisting the Royal Commission. I informed him the statement we took in Bali to the best of my recollection did not have a confession in it.
11. On the same day at 2 pm I was contacted by Inspector Wayne Wolsche from Victoria Police and I explained to him I had no recollection of there being a confession in the 'draft' statement.
12. On the same day at 2.17 pm I was contacted by Mr Howard Rapke in relation to the confession in the 'draft' statement. He read the portion that related to the confession out to me. From memory it read something like this. *"I was in the office of Jim Valos and there was another guy there. Jim introduced him to me as Mark Perry. Whilst Jim was on the phone, Mark Perry said to me he was responsible for arranging the murder of Chartres – Abbott Mr Gregory Jim Valos has a different recollection of the event."*
13. I informed Mr Howard Rapke that was not in the 'draft' statement and it was never said by Ms Gobbo. Had it been said, I would have ensured a statement was taken from her just in relation to Mark Perry and not worried about the other issues around David Waters.
14. This would have provided the first piece of direct evidence implicating Mark Perry and would have been substantial.
15. To establish whether the confession was in the 'draft statement' I have spoken to numerous people and of those spoken to no one recalls such a confession ever being mentioned or discussed.



16. On Monday 13 January 2020 I attended at the Landow Taskforce Office where I was granted access to documents which are referred to in statements of Stephen Waddell and Assistant Commissioner Cornelius.
17. There is one note and two documents which make some reference to the Perry confession.
18. VPL.0100.0058.1180

Notes of Assistant Cornelius dated 1 June 2009. Statement sufficient to charge Perry and Waters.

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Briefing update for Briars dated 7 September 2009. *Examination on notes and recordings reveal no inconsistency with the draft statement with exception of issue in respect to Perry confession.*

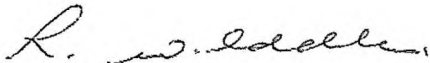
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Witness Summary not dated.

21/05/2009 Witness tells investigators Perry made direct admission to witness in Valos office.

Meeting on return from Bali.

19. In my original statement I indicated attending a meeting as set out in paragraph 23. That meeting took place 3 June 2009 at the St Kilda Road Police Complex



Ron Iddles OAM,APM

Dated 11 February 2020