

From: Trichias, Peter
Sent: Wed, 23 Apr 2014 09:59:47 +1000
To: Lee, Ilona
Cc: Gleeson, Steve; Lardner, Peter
Subject: RE: Witness F - In Confidence

Ilona,

See below points, will discuss in person as to what is required.

Thanks,
Pete

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From: Lardner, Peter
Sent: Wednesday, 23 April 2014 9:56 AM
To: Trichias, Peter
Cc: Gleeson, Steve
Subject: RE: Witness F - In Confidence

Hello Pete,

Given the issues you have raised a fully catalogued response does not appear possible within the timelines we are working to. Thus, are we able to get the timeline for just the key issues; being;

- Creation date of relevant component of Purana
- First date Purana is believed to have engaged in contact with the subject person and summary of the circumstances
- Last date Purana is believed to have engaged in contact with the subject person and summary of the circumstances
- The operation names that the subject person was involved in, a guide as to the date range of those operations and a summary of the operation scope

Also was the subject person engaged directly with another work area to facilitate asset confiscation or if that did occur was it by way of Purana members being the contact with the subject person.

A guide as to when the above could be completed would be appreciated.

Thanks

Peter Lardner

From: Lee, Ilona **On Behalf Of** CRIME-PURANA TASK FORCE-TIO-OIC
Sent: Wednesday, 23 April 2014 9:13 AM
To: Gleeson, Steve
Cc: Lardner, Peter; Preston, Lee; Trichias, Peter
Subject: FW: Witness F - In Confidence

Good Morning Mr Gleeson,

I hope you are well.

As per your request , Please find below the preliminary results of searches conducted on ISYS and Interpose.

ISYS on Purana Holdings Only

1179295- Nil Hits

21803838 - 104 Hits in 39 Documents

Theses documents are predominantly affidavits, and TSU applications and are specific to the number provided.

"Witness F" - 77937 Hits in 11600 Documents

As Lee has discussed in the below email the issue with this search is that ISYS will not recognise F as it's own entity so the returned results could be based on **witness, witness F** or **witness and a word starting with F**. Unless the title of the document specifically lists Witness F, a manual review of each hit would be required to determine its relevance.

For clarity please see below screen shot for example of how ISYS returns results . The highlighted line is what is shown in the preview pane at the bottom of the screen shot. In the case of PDF the original document has to be opened to see the actual content. *NB The results have been de-identified

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A search using Windows explorer also experienced the same issues and after running at least 4 hours yesterday still had not completed its search.

Interpose

No results on **1179295** , **21803830**

ADV(NEAR((WITNESS,F) , 1, TRUE)) - (This means global search on Witness and F within 1 word in the exact order) on the Crime Command Holdings which I have access to (this is broader than just Purana Holdings) I get return of results of ;

80 Document Shells- These range from Intelligence Products , 47, Memos , Applications from Specialist Support Services.

8 Events

4 Exhibits

7 information Reports

6 Investigations

17 Search Warrant Entities

23 Tasks

4 Witness statements

Each will need to be individually reviewed to determine the relevance to witness F.

*Please note - an Interpose search was conducted on the entity proper and a return of 177 Document Shells, 14 Events shells , 15 Exhibit shells, 127 Information reports , 11 Investigations, 9 search Warrants , 17 Statement shells was achieved. It is not known how many of these crossover with the other Interpose search. An ISYS search was also conducted which yielded 2784 Hits in 764

documents. Again it is unknown how much crosses over with the previous ISYS search and individual review of each will be required .

As to how long that material will take to review I am unable to provide an answer as I am not sure of the size or content of the individual documents. Needless to say it will not be a short term proposition.

I hope this will assist you. If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to call.

Regards

Ilona

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From: Gleeson, Steve
Sent: Tuesday, 22 April 2014 2:27 PM
To: Preston, Lee
Cc: Lardner, Peter; Trichias, Peter
Subject: RE: Witness F - In Confidence

Thanks Lee and I will discuss the concerns you have with the steering group tomorrow.

To give this some more context, are you able to broadly categorise the nature of the hits you are getting?

For example when we spoke earlier you mentioned numbers of I.Rs etc. Can you specify the types of material and numbers involved in which the references are being identified?

What I am hoping is that it may be possible (at least to meet present imperatives) to provide a word picture of the searches conducted and the indicative results, and the likely time that it might take to reduce this to spreadsheet in a chronological order.

SG

From: Preston, Lee
Sent: Tuesday, 22 April 2014 2:17 PM
To: Gleeson, Steve
Cc: Trichias, Peter; Karam, Donna
Subject: FW: Witness F - In Confidence

Hi Steve,

I have created an Interpose Document with search results attached

<https://interpose.protected.internal:4443/imig/startup?pType=RSP&pID=5445505>

There are a large number of results under the entity name in Interpose. I am unable to export this information easily to a manageable format in an excel spreadsheet. The easiest way to provide these search results is to give you access to my results list.

I am unable to conduct an ISYS search on the phrase "witness F" as ISYS does not recognise "F" as a word. I am making further enquires in relation to this matter.

I conducted a search for "witness F" via explorer, there is a large number of documents, when this search is complete it will be attached to interpose document.

I will not be in the office again until Friday. L/S/C Donna KARAM will also be able to assist with access to interpose documents.

Lee PRESTON

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From: Trichias, Peter
Sent: Thursday, 17 April 2014 3:03 PM
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Subject: FW: Witness F - In Confidence

Lee,

Further information, to discuss in person.

Pete

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From: Gleeson, Steve
Sent: Thursday, 17 April 2014 9:02 AM
To: Trichias, Peter
Cc: Ranasinghe, Kalhari; Lardner, Peter
Subject: FW: Witness F - In Confidence

Peter,

As discussed.

I perceive your difficulty will be the issue of obscurity in terms of the actual origins of any SDU information provided to Purana. Any indication from SDU that information being passed on to Purana was derived from a source is often (from what I have observed to date) as good as you may get and the difficulty will be linking any such instances to this particular source.

I would anticipate that a search of your indices under the actual name for this informer may not register any hits (although I may be wrong), other pseudonyms such as source registration numbers 21803838 or 11792958 may ring some bells. Source has also been dubbed "Witness F".

To some extent I think you would need to go by gut feel on this and if you sense that information Purana may have received via SDU has originated from this source then please list same in the spreadsheet. The period we have been directed to focus on is quite expansive (Sept 2005 to Feb 2014).

I also acknowledge that there may have been various instances of information originating from this source being passed verbally from SDU to Purana personnel and it will be problematic for you to << File: PURANA - Involvement Chronology_Updated 17.04.14.xls >> ow both identify and account for any such instances.

Would also suggest your response includes a qualifier at the start to give context to the above issues in terms of the limits of what you may now do in regard to identifying such records.

Please call if you wish to discuss

Steve Gleeson

Superintendent Steve Gleeson APM Ph [REDACTED]
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From: Ranasinghe, Kalhari
Sent: Thursday, 17 April 2014 8:14 AM
To: Gleeson, Steve
Subject: FW: Witness F - In Confidence

Steve,

Attached is the spreadsheet as Peter requested.

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Please let them know that they are most welcome to make any amendments to the spreadsheet as required.

Kind Regards,

Kal

From: Lardner, Peter
Sent: Wednesday, 16 April 2014 4:35 PM
To: Trichias, Peter; Ranasinghe, Kalhari
Subject: Witness F - In Confidence

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Hello Peter T,

As per discussion I have been tasked to prepare a document in relation to Witness F's involvement with Victoria Police. This includes a chronology for the respective investigations.

Can you please:

- Facilitate a search of Purana Taskforce holdings in relation to Witness F
- Provide a chronology of any direct involvements Purana members had with Witness F
- Provide an electronic catalogue of the documents contained within Purana that relate to any direct involvement Purana members had with Witness F.

If such documents do not already exist in some other form then please create in an excel spreadsheet.

I require any material by Thursday 24 April 2014.

Kalhari Ranasinghe is working on this matter with me.

Kal - Please provide a template excel spreadsheet to Peter T.

Regards

Peter Lardner

Superintendent Peter Lardner / Ph. [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] /
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