DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Time is 3 - 3.38 pm on Monday the 6th of September. Detective Inspector John O'Connor from the Source Unit calling Witness F on mobile phone, Nicola Gobbo.

WITNESS F: Hello.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Nicola, John O'Connor.

WITNESS F: Oh, my God, how are you going?

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Good. Yourself?

WITNESS F: Pretty shit, actually.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Oh, I'm sorry to hear that - - -

- WITNESS F: Oh, look, I'm looking forward to to Thursday and to hopefully ..... my holes - so that I can walk again.
- DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: All right, well, all the best with that. Nicola, I just want to clear up a - a thing in relation to the

WITNESS F: I know, you were wrongly advised as usual.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: It was an internal

misunderstanding. So if you want to engage with

I can facilitate that for you.

WITNESS F: Mm.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: I don't know the intricacies of but I can organise if you need to if you wish to meet with or speak to them, I can organise that so - - -

WITNESS F: Why phone - why can't I just pick the phone up and ring A4th PO myself.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Because we - well, my understanding is that your - you wish to have a contact with Victoria Police and that contact is myself.

WITNESS F: Oh, look, I'm .....

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: I'm only - I'm only going -Nicola, I - - -

WITNESS F: ..... it's not your fault - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: No.

WITNESS F: - - - you were wrongly informed and .....

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah, I'm only going on the instructions been provided to me by my superiors - - -

WITNESS F: Yeah, I know, I know, that's why I said I'm not going to have a go at you 'cause you - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: No.

WITNESS F: Frankly, you're just the poor bloke who's inherited the pile of shit which is me and, like, it's really unfortunate because God forbid if something should happen - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: So - - -

WITNESS F: - - - you'll be the first point of call, which is most unfortunate - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yep so - - -

- WITNESS F: - for you more than anyone else but - -
- DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: In in one of your conversations that you've left on the - -

WITNESS F: Yeah.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: - - - answering - answering machine you said that you wished to speak to Do you want to do that or not?

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WITNESS F: I do want to but the - but what I've been told is, well, sorry, first of all, John, the - I have terminated my solicitor's instructions in relation to all of this because - and I - I mean I don't care, I assume you're recording this so I'll just say how it is. But if Sandy 's told you anything about me, I'll just tell you how it is. Those retarded idiots that act for - act for Victoria Police do nothing but waste my time and money by writing idiotic letters. So there's no more solicitor's letters because every time they send something, which just repeats the same garbage that they've been spewing out for 12 moths, it costs me a fortune to reply to it. So there's no more of that any more.

If they've got something to say that's new or that takes into my account my I'm all for it. Having said that, the reason why I've said to you, "Well, yeah, I do wanna pursue some form I'm I'm I'm I'm," is because I - I - I have been labelled an informer in an open courtroom and I don't know where the attack may or may not come from. But what I've - what I always said to Shane O'Connell was, "I'm not the police and I'm not in a - I may not accept what you say, but I'm not in a position to argue with it." So you guys say, "A risk assessment has been done and you're in the highest category of danger, blah blah." I can't argue with that.

But at the moment, I can't run if someone was trying to shoot me because I can't walk. I can't drive a car legally or, I mean, I physically can, but I'm not insured

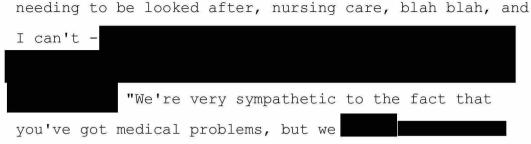
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to so I'm not supposed to be driving. And I've got
surgery scheduled Obviously I'm going to a
hospital in and I'll
be there for four or five nights. I - I want to be able
to move forward with when I'm in
a position to, but there seems to be no point in getting
you stuck in the middle of it, even if it's just
facilitating some form of contact or meetings or
whatever. The position remains the same

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Well, that's, well, Nicola, that's - that's - - -

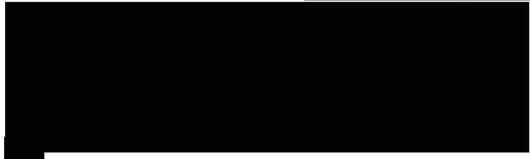
WITNESS F: - - - which is - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yep.



you've got medical problems, but we them."

So it seems to me that it's just a pointless waste of time, yours more so than mine, because I don't have - I don't do anything every day 'cause I'm just stuck on a couch. But it's a waste of your time to arrange some meeting where they're just gunna say the same thing, which is, "Yes, you are a candidate. Yes, you're endangered. Yes, you should do this." And then I say to them, "Well, would it - would I be able to see my oncolgist? Or would I be able to go and have surgery?" And they say, " we concentrate the set things. Too bad, so sad." I don't want to - late yesterday I went to visit my father's grave,



But I can't - I - I can't - I can't change my whole lifeand - and give it up if I can't have medical care, John. Simple as that.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah, well, Nicola, my - as I said before, I'm not - the way - the way it is -

- I don't know any - anything really about it so all - all my instructions are is that if you - I can facilitate contact if you want to do that. If you want me to do that, I will do it. If you want to wait until after your surgery, I can do that after that. It is - it is up to you. I'm just here as - as a conduit But it's a decision, it's not

my decision, it's a decision - - -

WITNESS F: No, no, no, listen, I get that and I understand - I really do understand that you are in a very difficult position, which is why I'm not gunna have a go at you. Because this - I don't know what unfortunate mishap occurred that you've ended up with the pile of shit which is me because you have and it - I mean, it's a terrible thing from your point of view. And I know it's your job and all the rest of it, but still a nightmare. If - I would be grateful if you could contact whoever it is at

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah - - -

WITNESS F: - - - and ask them - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: It'll be - it'll be, yeah, I'll contact the - the boss yep, and what would you - - -

WITNESS F: Yeah, and ask them - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: What do you want?

WITNESS F: - - - whether or not their position has changed since I met A 4th PO

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: So whether or not their position has changed, all right.

WITNESS F: Yeah. And their position is, so - so you know, is,

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in the position where I'm in a certain level of danger this week or this month and - and next month or next week it might've changed. They're just saying it is what it is and it's permanent and it might fluctuate but it's never gunna be - it's never gunna go away. But what A 4th PO said to me was, fully understood, very sympathetic about the need for immediate and ongoing medical care, but when I said to him, "Well,

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DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: All right.

WITNESS F: And I'm - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Well, I - - -

WITNESS F: - - - again - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah, well, what - well - - -

WITNESS F: - - - no criticism of him, it may be that - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yep.

WITNESS F: He didn't because of the court case or because of God knows what.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: All right - - -

WITNESS F: But - - -

- DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Well, Nicola, I don't I don't - I - I appreciate that you've had conversations with them. I don't need to know any of that. All I need to do is I'll - I'll contact - I think the protection is Superintendent Geoff Alway and I'll - - -
- WITNESS F: Then don't worry about it. I don't wanna speak to him.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yep.

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> DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: All right, I don't - I didn't well, I've - I'm - I'll report - I'll speak to him, he he may delegate it to another person, I don't know - is A 4th PO still at

WITNESS F: Yes, he is.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: But - and then I'll - I'll get - get back to you. O.K.?

WITNESS F: That'd be terrific. I've got a meeting with A 4th PO in relation to someone else so I, you know, I've got his contact details. I do wanna have a - a meeting with them because, you know, I - I would be a fool if I didn't expect what I'm being told, what I've always been told. And, you know, I've been called an informer in an open courtroom repeatedly.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Right.

WITNESS F: There's a court case that's going on at this minute, obviously not in court right this minute, but I'm about to have the subpoena argument where I will feature significantly because I'm all over the surveillance logs from giving your office information last year and

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DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: All right. Well, I'll - I'll -I will - I will contact - will contact them and how long WITNESS F: The surgeon said if there's no skin grafts, there's skin grafts, so I'm hoping just four, John. DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: All right. WITNESS F: ..... DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Well, do you - if I - if I ring you this time next week with a reply, we can go from there? WITNESS F: Beg your pardon, sorry? DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: I'll ring - if I ring you next week, 'cause you're going into or the aren't you? WITNESS F: No, no, DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: WITNESS F: Monday.

- DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Monday. All right, well, I'll try and - I'll - I'll try and make some contact - or I will make some contact and then I'll be back to you this week. O.K.?
- WITNESS F: So that would be good, yeah, I mean I I if you think that it would be a waste of your time to, like you said don't need to know the ins and outs of what has or hasn't been said before - the only reason I raise it, John, is because you saying any of it to them might save them time. But then again why should I consider about wasting their time .....
- DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: No, all I'll be all I'll be doing - -

WITNESS F: I get your point .....

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Nicola, all I'll be doing is passing on - - -

WITNESS F: - - - not to have to be involved in .....

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah, but all I'm here to do is pass on your request, O.K.?

WITNESS F: Yeah, well - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: And I - and I will do - - -

WITNESS F: And my request is .....

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: I will do that - - -

WITNESS F: - - - who wants unforced action, particularly in light of some things they have heard in the last week.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: All right, well, you - I'll get you - I'll speak to witness protection and then I'll be back to you. O.K.? But this - just in relation to - to saving toing and froing in relation to if there is to be a meeting - it would be fair to say at least a week to 10 days before you'd be in a position to be able to meet?

WITNESS F: Oh, no, no. Let's assume I'm

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yep. So some time after that?

WITNESS F: I'll meet them - I'll meet them on Monday. I've got - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: All right.

WITNESS F: Other than - other than a multitude of doctors' appointments - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yep.

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> DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: All right. I'll - I'll be back to you in the next few days. All right?

WITNESS F: All right. And I think, look, I think having those stupid solicitors that keep - unfortunately they keep sending letters that say - and obviously you didn't even know that you were nominated as contact person, which was in their letter - they keep sending letters saying, "You're in danger, you should join you need to for your own good, and, by the way, if you don't, then it's your problem." They are gravely mistaken, because you can't send a letter to someone saying, "We've told you to join and if you don't, too bad if someone shoots you." The responsibility is always gunna be on Victoria Police so the solicitors - that's why I've cut 'em out, they just waste time and money. I, you know, in an ideal situation, John, I would like to be gone - I don't mean physically gone, as in dead - I mean, physically gone from all of the things that - that continue to pose a threat to me and continue to cause a problem for Victoria Police.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: All right.

WITNESS F: And - - -

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WITNESS F: I - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Nicola, I will - - -

WITNESS F: And in an ideal situation - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yep.

WITNESS F: - - - health taken into account, if I could be living somewhere else, I'd be doing it tomorrow. Which would be better for Victoria Police and better for me.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Nicola, I will contact and I'll be back to you. O.K.?

WITNESS F: All right. Can you ask one other thing, John, and I don't know who to speak to about this. I have been told - I have to tell you this 'cause you're the contact and I have no-one else that I'm supposed to ring or can ring, for that matter. This was for the investigator in April 2009 on for that matter. This for the investigator's - investigator's for the investigator's - investigator's for the investigator's I don't mean illegal, I mean a for the investigator is pathologists, surgeons, oncologists, hospital, you name it.

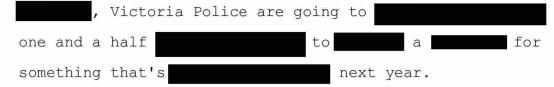
Now, I've been told that for some reason best known to Victoria Police, they have chosen the Wit F 0609101604 003

on Thursday, sorry, on Friday afternoon	at 4
o'clock. I - given that it is - I understand	it's the
that the goes	to, 'cause
I've got all the paperwork . Is	there some
reason why I can't just take over the	,
John?	

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: I'll ask

and it's another - it's another area that I'm not an expert in so - - -

WITNESS F: Yeah, I know, and I'm sorry to bug you with it, but I mean, if you said to me, "Look, you've - here's this, you know, here's such-and-such, ring him," I'll do it. But it seems to me that you've just been apportioned - I shouldn't keep saying that I'm a pile of shit, but I mean, I am the biggest mess known to mankind and you've inherited it so - I don't know who to ring about it, but the arrangement last year was, "Here's , don't abuse it, but do not, you know, keep on in case there are threats or contacts or whatever. But without including your use as surname." I've always abided by that, but unfortunately, you can imagine, after 18 months how many people have Not crooks, but doctors and so forth and I this don't know how I'm supposed to go and get a \_\_\_\_\_, ring everybody and say, "This ," and I won't have after is a 4 o'clock on Friday either because they've - instead of and take over the allowing me to



DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah, oh, look, again, Nicola, I'm not an expert in that. I will - I will - - -

WITNESS F: So, yes, oh, look, I'd be grateful if you could ask somebody somewhere if I can do that because I don't - I'm not gunna for after 4 o'clock on Friday. My after 4 o'clock on Friday. My and I don't for a sume you've for isn't with me and I don't for a sume you've for a sin't with me and - and for that I mean, I - this has been for a and - and for that links - oh, I don't - look, I don't really care about - I mean for a single for a mostly it's medical people and I don't know why they'd wanna do this to me - just to be arseholes, I suppose.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: I will make an - I will make an inquiry and then I'll - I'll be back to you. I will ring - contact **content of the set of th** 

WITNESS F: That would be terrific and - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: All right, well you - - -

WITNESS F: John, one other thing, insofar as the provision of information I am not in the business of wasting your time, as you would know from the past, I hope, but is -

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DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: If - it's up to you, Nicola, you can speak to me or you can ring Crime Stoppers.

WITNESS F: Oh, listen, I'm not gunna ring Crime Stoppers and You - you must be - I mean, that's as idiotic as them sending me a letter saying ring triple O. Why - the reason I'm asking is not - not from the value point of view for me, it's - there are things that I've become aware of that may or may not assist you. I don't care. If I don't say anything, so be it, so - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Well, if you - if you - - -

- WITNESS F: If you want, all I'm saying is, if you want to listen to it all, I'm happy to tell you it, but if you don't, then I won't.
- DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: No, I'm I'm happy I'm happy to listen to it, but just to let you know that any information you provide I may or may not act on. All right?

WITNESS F: Yeah, that's O.K., but that's always been the case. DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yep.

WITNESS F: It was always the case when I was speaking to Wit F 0609101604 003

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Mm.

WITNESS F: It's not up to me to determine the value or otherwise - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yep.

- WITNESS F: - of what I'm saying. It might be the piece of jigsaw puzzle that helps you or it might be something you already know. In my case, it was a case of I get told about somebody being responsible for someone's murder, you may as well know that I relieve my conscience.
- DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: All right. If you want to share that information with me, that's fine.
- WITNESS F: All right. Well, are you if you're gunna speak to the powers that be about **the second second**
- DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Oh, I'll be I'm like well, possibly, tomorrow, yeah. I dunno, I have to speak to the powers to be, first, so - - -

WITNESS F: O.K. Well - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: But, Nicola, I just want to make Wit F 0609101604\_003

WITNESS F: Yes.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: You're not gunna - we're not gunna enter into a relationship that you previously had with this unit.

WITNESS F: I don't want to, John.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: All right. Just making sure you're well and truly aware.

WITNESS F: Listen, you don't need to say that, John.

- DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: If you yeah, but if you wanted - if it's like any public-minded citizen, and I'm not trying to be patronising here, Nicola - any public-minded citizen, if you choose to provide us with information then we'll assess it - may or may not act on it.
- WITNESS F: I have no issue with that. Look, the reality is, I didn't - I wasn't motivated by greed or by my own need to get something from Victoria Police on the 15th of September 2005 when this stupid, idiotic path that I took began. But my motivation hasn't changed, my position hasn't changed and leave aside - forget about something new - if it's something new, I don't wanna know. But people still unfortunately - I still hear things, and obviously I've got an ear to the ground, John, about my

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own safety because, you know, having been declared an informer in an open courtroom, there's not a lot of way back from that. And there's not a lot - there's not a lot that you can actually do about it unless I'm living somewhere else and - and hidden away from most people, to the extent that I can.

But when it comes to something that - that your office has already put in motion and in - in this case, you know, where some successful operation has been run and 40 people got arrested, or a current thing where I have already provided information, it's not something new, and I don't want the relationship I had before there's not a chance of that in the world happening so thank you for pointing it out, but it won't happen. But when it comes to clearing up things and finishing them, I'm all for that, and that's what I'm talking about.

- DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: All right, well, I'll be back to you in the next few days.
- WITNESS F: That would be good and I'm sorry I couldn't answer when you rang, but I won't have a conversation with you when there's someone else, for obvious reasons.
- DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: All right. I'll be back to you in the next few days. O.K.?

WITNESS F: Thanks, John.

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WITNESS F: See ya.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: The time is 3 minutes past 4.

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