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Sandy White-O

O.K. The time is 6.35 pm on Wednesday the 21st
of September 2005. It's ^{Sandy White-O} and ^{Peter Smith-O} about to
see Source 3838 at our request; second meeting. Hi.

MS GOBBO:

Sandy White-O

Good. How are you, Nicola?

MS GOBBO: Yeah, I had time to have a cigarette.

Peter Smith-O

: Bad for you anyway.

MS GOBBO: Yeah, such is life. I'd like to see what's bad for
you. Hey, did some people get arrested in Port Melbourne
this afternoon?

Peter Smith-O

: I heard something on the radio but that's all I've
heard.

MS GOBBO:

Sandy White-O

: We would have heard it on the radio as well
possibly. One of them yeah, I think -
actually the news, now it was - - -

MS GOBBO:

Peter Smith-O

: Well, they certainly didn't say any names. Was he
just fishing or did he - did you think it was somebody

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that he knew?

MS GOBBO: It's always someone they know. They're
just - why would you care? Sorry but why
would you care, really?

Peter Smith-O

What was the matter you had today?

MS GOBBO: The young fellow who killed the taxi driver.

Peter Smith-O

Oh, right. I heard that referred to on the ABC
news at one stage.

MS GOBBO: Yeah

Peter Smith-O

: Yeah. 20, did he get?

MS GOBBO: No, no, no, just the plea.

Peter Smith-O

: Oh - - -

MS GOBBO: He hasn't been sentenced yet.

Peter Smith-O

: Oh, right, O.K.

MS GOBBO: But he threatened to kill a witness during the
committal.

Peter Smith-O

: That's right, yeah. That was potentially a bad
move, you'd suggest.

MS GOBBO: Well, you know what, this is - I feel very strongly about this kid, in the sense that he's 16 and he gets - you know, the usual kind of sixth sibling of 11 Muslim Lebanese. Dad's like Homer Simpson, just a waste of space.

Sandy White-O

Lebanese Homer Simpson.

MS GOBBO: No - he is, dad. Dad's like - you should see him.

Sandy White-O

: Just like I said.

MS GOBBO: He looks like a Lebanese version of Homer. But anyway, you know, I come from a migrant family where I was taught hard work was

Sandy White-O

Yep.

MS GOBBO: These people are here. They're not working. God, anyway, don't get me started on that. But anyway, I mean, part of my outrage about all this is look at the amount of money I've paid the ATO. None of these people are paying. Anyway, he's - so he's got a drug problem.

Sandy White-O

: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: And he's - he's got real learning difficulties and his IQ is that of an occasional piece of furniture.

Sandy White-O

Yep.

MS GOBBO: My - my client. And he's at year 8 at a high school and no-one can see. Like, his family are a waste of time.

Peter Smith-O

: Year 8? How old is he?

MS GOBBO: He was at year 8, right. He gets asked to leave at the end of year 8.

Peter Smith-O

Right.

Sandy White-O

: Asked?

MS GOBBO: Imagine if you're a parent and your kid is asked to leave school because he just can't hack it.

Peter Smith-O

: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: As his behaviour deteriorates - sorry, as he can't cope with school, his behaviour gets worse.

Peter Smith-O

: Mm'hm.

MS GOBBO: He's using - he starts off like they all do, chroming, cannabis - - -

Peter Smith-O

: Mm'hm.

MS GOBBO: - - - amphetamine, intravenous amphetamine, then heroin, and his crimes escalate to be able to pay for his drugs.

Peter Smith-O

: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: At 16 he's been on probation a couple of times from the kiddies' court and he's - finally he cops a YTC sentence. He goes to YTC for two and a half months.

Peter Smith-O

: Mm.

MS GOBBO: Comes out, keeps committing - but just pissy crimes, like burgs and obtaining property by deception, thefts and whatever.

Peter Smith-O

: Yep.

MS GOBBO: Nothing of great - you know, nothing that would suggest escalating violence or a predisposition to that. Anyway, by 17 and a half, he's obviously had a few outstanding police matters because eventually he gets charged and put in custody. Some spastic goes and does a plea for him and he, at the age of 17 and three-quarters, goes to Fulham Prison.

Peter Smith-O

: Yep.

MS GOBBO: Now, how no-one could have got him YTC is beyond me at 17 and a half as I say adults. It's not me being the defence lawyer exaggerating, really the charges weren't that which could have been easily dealt with by a YTC sentence. According to the family, some spastic from Legal Aid does that, but anyway, so you

can imagine probably what happens to him in Fulham Prison as an illiterate, spastic 17 and a half year old. Needless to say, the psych material tended to - they suggested [REDACTED] and - - -

Sandy White-O

: Mm'hm.

MS GOBBO: - - - post-traumatic stress disorder, heroin use in gaol, blah blah blah. Falls between the cracks. Gets out of Fulham, straight back into what he was doing before, no intervention, no help, no nothing, and he was thrown out of the psychiatric facility three days before the murder. On the morning of the murder, eh took himself into the Royal Melbourne Hospital and said, "Please help me," tried to kill himself again.

Peter Smith-O

: Mm'hm.

MS GOBBO: You know what their notes say? They - they're trying to some outreach service. The notes say, "Note, suicidal ideation and homicidal tendencies."

Peter Smith-O

: Correct.

MS GOBBO: So the warning signs are all over the place. Police have been alerted, I think it was two days before, that he discharges himself as an involuntary patient, so I think the proper - the involuntary status, police have to be notified.

Sandy White-O

Yep.

MS GOBBO: I don't exactly know what section of the Act or Acts
..... anyway, he - he wanders around after - he's
last sighted at the Royal Melbourne Hospital at 7.30 in
the morning and by 10 o'clock that night, he's killed the
taxi driver.

Peter Smith-O

What was the motive for the killing?

MS GOBBO: None at all.

Peter Smith-O

: Was there any theft?

MS GOBBO: He didn't have the money to pay the taxi driver.
But why - why he stabbed him 27 times, no-one can
explain. I couldn't tell - explain to the judge. I
went out to the - - -

Sandy White-O

You did the plea, did you, today?

MS GOBBO: Yeah. I went out to the gaol yesterday afternoon to
try and get some semblance of instructions from him.

Sandy White-O

: Yep.

MS GOBBO: I may as well as stayed in my office and banged my
head against the wall.

Sandy White-O

: What, he didn't want to talk or he just couldn't
explain himself?

MS GOBBO: He just can't. He just can't. He can't articulate himself. He literally has a problem like

Sandy White-O

Yeah.

MS GOBBO: But, you know, no doubt 14 or 15 years in gaol will do him good 'cause he's found some new friends at Port Phillip Prison.

Sandy White-O

: Yeah

MS GOBBO: No, he's just a - no excuse for what he did at all but - - -

Peter Smith-O

But you want to get appointed. What sentence would you give him?

MS GOBBO: What sentence would I give him? I don't want to be appointed.

Peter Smith-O

: Didn't you say that the other day?

MS GOBBO: No, if I could, I would because of how my life's changed.

Peter Smith-O

Yep.

MS GOBBO: Um - - -

Peter Smith-O

: O.K. Well, just for the sake of the argument, if you were?

MS GOBBO: I dunno. You know, it's really hard. I don't -
gaol's not the answer for some people.

Sandy White-O

Mm'hm.

MS GOBBO: But at the same time, I'm a firm believer in if you
really want to change, you can. You don't - you can't -
you know how you say - I say to some people on their
third or fourth time I'm appearing for them, I stand up
and spout this crap about rehabilitation and this, that
and the other.

Sandy White-O

Mm'hm.

MS GOBBO: If you really want to do something and you really
want to change - talk about the pot calling the kettle
black, then you do it.

Sandy White-O

‡ Mm'hm, yep.

Peter Smith-O

But the key word there of course is "want to".

MS GOBBO: That - that - well, that's right. Something has to
change in your life to either give you a desire to or a -
an absolute reason to.

Sandy White-O

That fella you're talking about doesn't sound
like he's got the intellect to want to change.

MS GOBBO: And no structure, no support, you know, a waste of

space of a family. I shouldn't say that. His - a couple
- his brothers, a couple of his brothers are pretty
straight.

Sandy White-O

Yep.

MS GOBBO: And, you know, they intervene in the only way they
know how which was really to get quite violent.

Sandy White-O

: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: Not - I'm not saying that's necessarily
but the way that they thought it was appropriate to
actually - - -

Sandy White-O

Sure.

MS GOBBO: - - - shape him up and get him off the gear - but
then again, you know, I can't - I can't - I can't
understand how bad it would be to be in the grip of
heroin.

Peter Smith-O

Mm.

MS GOBBO: I've only - I've had pethidine and morphine
..... before and I remember both times being in
agony, extreme pain and IV injection and then about
30 seconds later saying, "What hospital are we going to?"

Sandy White-O

: Mm.

MS GOBBO: I was that quickly - - -

Peter Smith-O

: Mm.

MS GOBBO: - - - flying. And I remember my mother saying to me
- 'cause my mum used to be a nurse - I remember her
saying to me, "Pethidine is below morphine but both of
them are below heroin - - -"

Peter Smith-O

: Yeah, yeah.

MS GOBBO: - - - or the purity of heroin. She used to nurse in
the prison ward, so - - -

Peter Smith-O

: Oh, really?

MS GOBBO: So she knows - years ago.

Peter Smith-O

: In Victoria?

MS GOBBO: Yeah.

MR: Well, I've had the benefit of pethidine during
a knee reconciliation and - - -

MR: Did you like it?

MR: I loved it. It's just the greatest excuse for
a sleep. You just - - -

MS GOBBO:

MR: sleep forever.

MR: Not - not St Kilda Road, if that's what you're
thinking.

MS GOBBO: a bit close

Sandy White-O

That's right, we should be right.

MS GOBBO: You can make a noise using

Sandy White-O

: Yeah, I - to be honest, we did consider that as
a legitimate place to see you but - - -

MS GOBBO: Well, no-one would - no-one would think twice
..... drive in.

Sandy White-O

: there's also other policemen that
could see us there and might wonder why - - -

MS GOBBO:

Sandy White-O

Ha ha, I think you know where we are. Now,
you've got a - an appointment to see your sister or - - -

MS GOBBO: No, I've got to catch up with her later because
.....

Sandy White-O

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MS GOBBO:

Sandy White-O

So what time have you got to get away?

MS GOBBO: Oh, I don't

Sandy White-O

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MS GOBBO:

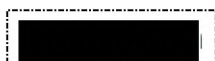
Sandy White-O

..... * we've got to inspect your car and
stuff, so - - -

MS GOBBO: I can always ring

Sandy White-O

You got a pen?





Yes.

Sandy White-O

:

MS GOBBO:

Sandy White-O

: No, if you just come up with ^{Peter Smith} in a sec.
It's on the  Road side . Did you
get my board? No, it's on the floor open the
door for you, just sort of - - -

MS GOBBO: No, no.

Sandy White-O

- - - wait - wait till he

MS GOBBO: getting

Sandy White-O

| Oh, normally they're pretty good but - - -

MS GOBBO:

Sandy White-O

: Yeah, I think they're - they'd be better in
Sydney I wouldn't have a clue in Sydney.

MS GOBBO:

Sandy White-O

: You know if you go past a street where, you
know, like, you missed a turn or it's one-way, there's no
choice. There's no choice.

MS GOBBO: I've been - I've been in a - - -

Sandy White-O

|: anyway.

MS GOBBO: - - - friend's car that has it and it - it is very,
very good, but I'm a spastic. I don't know
yeah, I've written it down, turn this, turn that.

Sandy White-O

|: Oh, O.K.

MS GOBBO: I'm a spastic.

Sandy White-O

: Yeah. And I think this is the last time - it's
not to muck you round but - - -

MS GOBBO: I don't - - -

Sandy White-O

: - - - we - it's early days. We're checking.
It's different

MS GOBBO: I risk you laugh. I was sick
all weekend.

Sandy White-O

We'll have to talk about that too then.

MS GOBBO: And paranoid. I reckon someone's tampered with my
front door. Then I don't know who it would be or whether
it's a - you know, the doorknob's gone out a bit and I
have a fundamental lack of trust in

Sandy White-O

: Probably experience teaches one that. What
about - does anyone else have access to your place?

MS GOBBO: Only my - only my mother.

Sandy White-O

: Right.

MS GOBBO: Who wouldn't go there without saying that she was
going there - - -

Sandy White-O

: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: - - - for something.

Sandy White-O

: There's no - - -

MS GOBBO: And a spare key obviously in case, you know, I get -
lose my keys or something.

Sandy White-O : Yeah. So you've got one hidden, have you, or
she's got it?

MS GOBBO: No, she's got it.

Sandy White-O She's got it, right.

MS GOBBO: But it is hidden, yes.

Sandy White-O : Right.

MS GOBBO: But, no, no.

Sandy White-O So there's no, like or whatever
that - - -

MS GOBBO: No, no way, no way.

Sandy White-O Currently?

MS GOBBO: Nuh. And even the body corporate manager doesn't
have a key.

Sandy White-O : Right.

MS GOBBO: 'Cause I don't trust him either 'cause after two
years doesn't even know my name. I don't
think he just mispronounces it. A magistrate

lives in my building.

Sandy White-O : Which one?

MS GOBBO: Mr Monet, Mr Monet.

Sandy White-O : O.K. I'm hopeless with picking who's - who's
who, different faces.

MS GOBBO: Well, you know, I didn't even recognise him until
one day, it was in the courtyard, and he goes, "Oh," you
know, blah blah blah. I thought, "Oh, God, it's you.
You live in the same building."

Sandy White-O : Excuse me. Oh, how many of those do you go
through a day?

MS GOBBO: Depending on

Sandy White-O : Lately then.

MS GOBBO: Oh sorry.

Sandy White-O : I think you've - you might be overstating our
intelligence.

MS GOBBO: get my grocery receipts, you'll know.

Sandy White-O : excuse me for a second.

Peter Smith-O want these on?

Sandy White-O

No, thanks.

Peter Smith-O

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MS GOBBO: You're - you are tell me if
 you're listening to my phone calls, you would have
 laughed. About 10 minutes before I left, Tony rang me
 and said, "Oh, what are you doing?" I said, "I'm busy."
 somewhere. He said, "I might have to catch up
 with you." I was gunna say

Peter Smith-O

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MS GOBBO: He did say that. I said, "I can't do it tonight."
 "What time will you be finished?" I said, "I dunno,
 about 8.30, 9 o'clock." "Oh, too late for me."

Sandy White-O

: Too late?

MS GOBBO: Mm.

Peter Smith-O

You don't - you've had meals with him, you say?

MS GOBBO: Not - not - - -

Peter Smith-O

: As opposed to once, but, you know, in between
 an - - -

MS GOBBO: No.

Peter Smith-O

: - - - adjournment period or something?

MS GOBBO: Oh, not this year, no, definitely not, no, not even
- probably not even last year, the year before, but - no,
I - I really have steered right clear of him in that
context because - well, for a variety of reasons, and
partly because [REDACTED] on the scene.

Sandy White-O

Mm.

MS GOBBO: but the - that - that translates to, "I
want to talk to you about something." It's not - - -

Peter Smith-O

O.K.

MS GOBBO: It's not, "I just enjoy the pleasure of your
company."

Peter Smith-O

Right.

MS GOBBO: It'll be about something.

Peter Smith-O

O.K. Related to the other call?

MS GOBBO: Well, I dunno. It could - it could have been.

Peter Smith-O

O.K.

MS GOBBO: He only rings me from the one number and he knows or
assumes that that number's being

Sandy White-O

: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: Or he may know. I dunno. He's got connections in all sorts of places.

Peter Smith-O

: Well, hopefully we'll find out about those things. Have you got the recorder, ^{Sandy White-C} We need to discuss the recording of conversations. I mean, we touched on it last time and didn't do it the first meeting. There was other people there as well.

MS GOBBO: Yep.

Peter Smith-O

: But, yeah, we - basically we can talk - literally I think it's - it's a protection measure for everyone concerned, I think.

MS GOBBO: Well, it's not protection for me. It might be for you.

Peter Smith-O

Well, it certainly is for us, but I mean, obviously we

Sandy White-C

..... it is for you and I - I guess I'm not gunna go and try and sell the whole concept but at the end of the day, one of the big problems we've had historically with people who had information that we want to use is oftentimes they're promised things and the police just can't deliver.

MS GOBBO: But I don't want anything.

Sandy White-O

No. Well, that's - - -

MS GOBBO: What do I want?

Sandy White-O

That's ideal for us, but by the same token down the track, if you do say, "Well, the police promised this, they promised that, promised the other," you know there's a record there of what was said.

MS GOBBO: Yeah, but - - -

Sandy White-O

You might not think that serves you much but - - -

MS GOBBO: Why would I want to disclose to anyone ever in Victoria or Australia that I'm speaking to you?

Sandy White-O

At this point of time, I can't see any reason why you would want to do that but experience - - -

MS GOBBO: But how would - how would I ever?

Sandy White-O

Well, you've dealt with police for long enough, you've dealt with people that have worked with the police often enough to know that those sort of relationships often start for the right reasons and end up usually somebody is - not usually, but occasionally somebody is dissatisfied, so - - -

MS GOBBO: Yeah, I guess more so though where people are -

people have said, you know - or have got out on bail or have said, "Indemnify me for whatever I've done," or, "Give me a suspended sentence."

Sandy White-O

Mm.

MS GOBBO: It's in those - it seems to be more recently in those circumstances, but I know what you mean.

Sandy White-O

: Yeah. Look, it's really so there's a clear record of the conversations. You're a little bit unique - not entirely unique but insofar as the fact that most of our clients are people who have got a big hammer hanging over their head and they need some help. You're not in that category at all and you obviously are a lot better educated.

MS GOBBO: I'm just concerned about my - I'm only concerned about my safety.

Sandy White-O

Yeah.

MS GOBBO: And - and this being - I'm not able to be somehow found out about by anybody. I mean, those two blokes that were there, Dale Flynn I do trust. Those two other blokes, no.

Sandy White-O

Yeah. Well, all I can say to you on that score is as time progresses, you - you will make your own judgment, whether you think you're being professionally or not.

MS GOBBO: And likewise you will with me.

Sandy White-O

Yeah, exactly. But - - -

MS GOBBO: And I understand that's a learning - that's a - for any situation, it's a trust-building thing.

Sandy White-O

Yeah. I'm sure Tony would say trust has got to be earned and can't be given and it's essentially right. But, look - - -

MS GOBBO: Which is - - -

Sandy White-O

- - - nobody else is going to be involved in this with the exception of one other person in my eyes.

MS GOBBO: Yep.

Sandy White-O

.....: Right. There won't be any investigators from MDID, there won't be any investigators from St Kilda Road, there won't be any other policemen involved in the relationship with you unless you choose to speak to Steve or Dale or - - -

MS GOBBO: Not a - - -

Sandy White-O

: - - - Stuart or any of those people and I'm advising you that you don't.

MS GOBBO: Not a chance.

Sandy White-O

From last Friday, all those people - - -

Peter Smith-O

That's it.

Sandy White-O

- - - are out of the loop. The way that we meet
you will be - it'll - it'll day, it'll be a
different occasion and we won't be take
certain precautions to make sure that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] for example - - -

MS GOBBO: Yeah.

Sandy White-O

- - - or - or people see us meeting
see us meeting.

MS GOBBO: Yeah.

Sandy White-O

And that might seem a little bit over the top on
occasions but it's for your security we get to
go home in a reasonably secure sort of fashion. You're
the one that's at risk. So, yeah, we'll take all those
steps to make sure that things don't go bad.

MS GOBBO: What about in terms of, like, daybooks and diaries
and things? If, you know - I always worry about them
being subpoenaed, looked at.

Sandy White-O

|: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: Accidentally you give that page, my name's in it.

Sandy White-O

Yeah.

MS GOBBO: That sort of stuff.

Sandy White-O

Your name doesn't appear anywhere. That's -
that's the first thing. I'm not gunna explain how the
system works.

MS GOBBO: And I'm not asking you.

Sandy White-O

: But I'll - I'll give you that guarantee that
your name is not going to appear anywhere.

MS GOBBO: And likewise, I'm not putting this in my diary.

Sandy White-O

: Well, that's a matter for you. I mean, you
don't even know who we are, I suppose, so it's not - - -

MS GOBBO: That's right. It was just out of - imagine me
saying to someone, however to come, "I met
with these two people. They didn't even give me real
names. I don't even know if they were police." They'd
just think I was the greatest imbecile walking.

Sandy White-O

| Well, that's not the reason behind it but I can
see what you're saying.

MS GOBBO: Seriously, they would think I was a complete
spastic.

Sandy White-O

Yeah. So really what - what we're gonna
do - - -

MS GOBBO: I guess eventually you'll tell me
.....

Sandy White-O

Well, who we are is - yeah, maybe that might be
the case, but here we are and we're people that have been
entrusted to make sure that you're managed properly and
to - to - - -

MS GOBBO: It sounds like

Sandy White-O

| Yeah, exactly.

MS GOBBO: Yeah.

Sandy White-O

Exactly.

MS GOBBO: And I just hope that all the links - however many
links there are - are people that my clients can't get to
or haven't got themselves AWOL somewhere, and I don't
know the - I really don't know the answer to that 'cause
I don't know who are on their payroll.

Sandy White-O

: I'd like to be able to sit here and say to you
that that's just not possible but - - -

MS GOBBO: Oh - - -

Sandy White-O

|: - - - I couldn't say that in all honesty.

MS GOBBO: He's a bloke who knows lots of things about - he just has avenues - I don't even know where he comes up with information or knowledge, but it just astounds me.

Sandy White-O

Well, we've taken certain steps because made some overtures to a number of people rumours - - -

MS GOBBO: Of course.

Sandy White-O

| - - - so we've taken steps to sort of stop all that so we're quite the knowledge of you talking to us is limited to a - to an extremely small group and anybody that thought that you might talk to the police are now under the impression that you've [REDACTED] somebody that was just trying to fish for information from police.

MS GOBBO: Oh, well, that wasn't the case at all.

Sandy White-O

No, but we said to them we - - -

Peter Smith-O

No, but hopefully they'll think that now though.

MS GOBBO: Pardon?

Sandy White-O

We can't - - -

Peter Smith-O

| Hopefully anyone else who knew about it will think

that now.

MS GOBBO: Oh, O.K., yeah.

Sandy White-O

: Do you understand what we're saying about - - -

MS GOBBO: Yeah, I do.

Sandy White-O

We can't afford to have policemen saying, "Oh, Nicola Gobbo's made an approach to talk about Tony Mokbel." We just can't afford that.

MS GOBBO: Jesus Christ.

Peter Smith-O

Mm, yeah, understand - - -

Sandy White-O

: So any policeman that did think that now thinks that Nicola Gobbo is working for Tony Mokbel, trying to find out

MS GOBBO: that's an even worse rumour to be around but - - -

Sandy White-O

: Well - - -

MS GOBBO: - - - I can't control what people think.

Sandy White-O

- - - that one was already out there. That has been out there for quite some time.

MS GOBBO: It's quite the - it's been quite the opposite

though.

Sandy White-O

: I know we touched on this the other day
but - - -

MS GOBBO: Oh, well, that's because he promotes that rumour
too.

Peter Smith-O

: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: You know he's got a Jekyll and Hyde side? No, he
really is, like Jekyll and Hyde. Last week I was ready
to kill him; yesterday he was quite nice.

Peter Smith-O

|: Hopefully we'll be easier to deal with.

Sandy White-O

: Past tense.

MS GOBBO: and I still think it was him that ripped
my letterbox off.

Sandy White-O

: So the course of today and maybe
tomorrow, depending on your availability a few
days and, yes, just try and pick your brains about what
you know about the whole Mokbel family. The other day
when we spoke, you obviously had a lot of information and
you did most of the talking, then it all sort of spilled
out, but there's a lot of things you said that we'd like
to follow up on.

MS GOBBO: Well, ask. I mean, I've got nothing to hide about

it, so ask away.

Sandy White-O

: Well, what we'll do is we'll just probably go back to the start and work out chronologically from there but I'll - - -

MS GOBBO: But I guess you've got to work through whatever sources or avenues you've got to see whether anything that I'm saying is correct or incorrect or where it's come from.

Peter Smith-O

: Oh, that's for us to worry about. I mean, we just - you let us know what you know about the particular aspects of the activities, what you know, what you - what you believe or what you feel and - and we'll take it from there. You don't have to worry about - - -

MS GOBBO: No, I'm not going to.

Peter Smith-O

_____: Don't worry about anything like that. I mean - - -

MS GOBBO: No. And - - -

Peter Smith-O

: Tell - tell the truth as you know it and we'll - we'll - we'll sort the rest out, but - - -

MS GOBBO: And in - I suppose over a period of time you'll get to a point where you think, "She's definitely not here fishing for him."

Peter Smith-O

O.K., good. But the - I think it was mentioned

last time - or ^{Sandy White-} just said it now - we - we don't -
you won't be meeting investigators. We don't
investigate. We'll be talking to you.

MS GOBBO: O.K.

Peter Smith-O : Any action that - that police take from that will
be information obviously passed on to our office and
it'll be done in such a way that - well, the person who
gets information will not even know that it came through
a person giving information to police. It'll be very
sanitised and - and certainly obviously to protect you,
even to protect the fact that someone's - someone else is
involved.

MS GOBBO: Yep.

Peter Smith-O : So that's - I think it's important that you - that
you know that that's how we - how we operate.

MS GOBBO: I assumed that you'd have to do something like that
because - - -

Peter Smith-O : Yeah, yeah.

MS GOBBO: - - - otherwise it could be - it could be something
tracked back to me.

Peter Smith-O : Yeah, yeah.

MS GOBBO: And I meant what I said last week, I would just -

this goes against lots of things that I believe in, but
at the same time I'm doing it because of the things I
believe in - - -

Peter Smith-O

Mm.

MS GOBBO: - - - which have got lost along the way, but I would
be murdered, very - just no question about it. Even it
took years to track me down, I hid somewhere, it wouldn't
matter.

Peter Smith-O

Yep.

MS GOBBO: Because this is a person who has - who - I've always
said that that is what he will do to me.

Sandy White-O

: So there's a lot of questions I could ask about
that but I don't want to jump ahead of ourselves.

Peter Smith-O

: No, let's try and start at the beginning.

Sandy White-O

So I'll turn the tape-recorder on and we'll just
start working back through the history of it.

Peter Smith-O

: Yep.

MS GOBBO: And you assure me that no-one's getting copies of
that?

Sandy White-O

I guarantee you that nobody will get copies of
this and this sits in a place that there's four people

know where it sits - five, all working - - -

MS GOBBO: Serious? Five people though?

Sandy White-O

All work in my office, all doing - all

.....

MS GOBBO: Secret schoolwork.

Peter Smith-O

: And there's - there's a lot more to the security aspect than we're going to tell you.

MS GOBBO: I don't want to know.

Peter Smith-O

: But - but it's highly, highly secure.

MS GOBBO: I've got because it just sounds absurd, but anyway - - -

Sandy White-O

: Ask away. We'll answer it if we can answer it; if we can't, we'll tell you we can't.

MS GOBBO: No, just - I'm just saying, look, just look at it from another point of view. You talk to two people, you don't even know who they are, don't know real names, don't know where they're from and they're saying to you, "Don't worry, trust us. It'll be O.K."

Sandy White-O

.....

Peter Smith-O

: All right. Based on the assumption that you're

crazy - - -

MS GOBBO: I have got I

Peter Smith-O

As of of last year?

MS GOBBO: Yeah.

Sandy White-O

: how'd you find that out

MS GOBBO: I

Sandy White-O

! being now, so - - -

MS GOBBO: Blood - yeah, blood clot, blood clot to the brain.

Peter Smith-O

Mm.

Sandy White-O

: So is there any other sort of damage?

MS GOBBO: When I am really, really tired, the side of my face

.....

Sandy White-O

! : Yep.

MS GOBBO: And I get - repeat myself, like, repeat
the words and I get much more tired than I used to and
I'm not supposed to expose myself to stress.

Sandy White-O

Right. Well - - -

MS GOBBO: But I'm doing a good job of it.

Sandy White-O

Yeah.

MS GOBBO: And the only other thing is I used to have a very, very pinpoint memory of - you know, I could remember dates, specific conversations with, you know, the details, the nitty-gritty. The period before my stroke, I can remember - like, I could remember the fact of something but the - the dates or the years or the details a bit out of kilter and I've had that - that's - I never had that problem before my stroke. My neurologist just says, "Look, it's something that may never improve. Your brain - it was the equivalent of a Mack truck hitting your brain and we can't explain why - why you - why you recovered enough to completely speak and be as articulate as you used to be, but equally we can't explain why the part of your brain that was hit was that which controls speech, but at the same time you've got memory issues and the effect of slurring words," not from drinking but from being exhausted.

Sandy White-O

| Yeah.

MS GOBBO: So it may never change but it doesn't matter

.....

Sandy White-O

: I think you lose your memory when you get older anyway.

MS GOBBO: So they say.

Sandy White-O
:

Peter Smith-O :

Sandy White-O I know

Peter Smith-O Perhaps first can I just clear up a few - a few
housekeeping matters and I think we'll probably both feel
better for it. What- where are you living?

MS GOBBO: Melbourne.

Peter Smith-O What's the address?

MS GOBBO: [REDACTED] Street.

Peter Smith-O Right. Is that the big high - is that the
high-rise one or is that a - - -

MS GOBBO: No, it's a five-storey one.

Peter Smith-O Right, O.K. How long you been there?

MS GOBBO: A year and a half or two - nearly two years.

Peter Smith-O : No worries. And what's your home phone?

MS GOBBO: Don't have one.

Peter Smith-O . Don't have one at all?

MS GOBBO: No.

Peter Smith-O

Never had one?

MS GOBBO: Never had one.

Peter Smith-O

: O.K. So you've got the - just the one mobile?

MS GOBBO: No, two, both in my name.

Peter Smith-O

: Two, O.K. And, what, how do you differentiate the usage?

MS GOBBO: Oh, well, it originally started off that I was gunna have - it's a saga but I may as well tell you. I had an 04 - [REDACTED] which I've had for about six years or something.

Peter Smith-O

: Mm.

MS GOBBO: Then I changed to - got another number. I was on an Orange contract and Orange had this thing where you could have a home number and a - - -

Peter Smith-O

Mm'hm.

MS GOBBO: - - - Orange number and Talkzone and all this crap. They - a client of mine who worked for Orange got me to have a new number and the idea was that the [REDACTED] number was gunna be a personal mobile and the [REDACTED] number was

going to be the work number and the idea was I was going to turn the work phone off at 6.00 - this is a plan which never worked - - -

Peter Smith-O

Yeah.

MS GOBBO: - - - and the other phone was gunna be at night - really at night-time, 'cause I've never had a home phone, not - not for about - - -

Peter Smith-O

Mm'hm.

MS GOBBO: - - - three or four years. It drove me insane, having two mobiles around, madness, because people were ringing the old number, the new number, they were trying the old one on when they couldn't get the new one. It just defeated the purpose.

Peter Smith-O

: Mm.

MS GOBBO: Now I - I still use both now because I'm not on Orange any more. Now I'm Optus, but when I - the other reason why I kept the old one was because Orange doesn't go overseas, so if I ever went interstate or overseas, I couldn't take the [REDACTED] number. Now I can because it's on Optus but up until - - -

Peter Smith-O

: O.K.

MS GOBBO: - - - August last year, I couldn't.

Peter Smith-O

So you're still using both of those?

MS GOBBO: I - now I'm using both of them because - - -

Peter Smith-O

Mm.

MS GOBBO: - - - the ^{PII} phone doesn't have a hands-free. So
if I'm returning - like, I'll often return people's calls
when I'm driving and if I don't have hands-free, I use
the other one - - -

Peter Smith-O

: Mm.

MS GOBBO: - -- which is on hands-free and that's also on the
plan. But they're both in my name, so - - -

Peter Smith-O

So, sorry, what's the number that I - I don't have
then?

MS GOBBO: It's - - -

Peter Smith-O

: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: - - - - -

Peter Smith-O

: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: - - - .

Peter Smith-O

: I won't ring it.

MS GOBBO: No, you can. That's - that's - that's the number
that the Drug Squad rang when they claimed that they
didn't have my mobile number.

Peter Smith-O

O.K.

MS GOBBO: Which was I think done on purpose, but it doesn't
.....

Peter Smith-O

All right. How have you got my number recorded in
your phone? Is it under ^{Peter Smith-O} or something else?

MS GOBBO: ^{Peter Smith-O}

Peter Smith-O

^{Peter Smith-O} : All right.

MS GOBBO: I dunno why it's ^{Peter Smith-O}.

Peter Smith-O

No, I don't. If someone else looks at your phone,
how does that look?

MS GOBBO: ^{Peter Smith-O} " "?

Peter Smith-O

: Yeah, or what do you say about that to them if
they - - -

MS GOBBO: If anyone asked - - -

Peter Smith-O

If someone cracks the shits with you while they're
having lunch perhaps or whatever - - -

MS GOBBO: Yeah.

Peter Smith-O : - - - you know, the wrong person looks at it and says, "What the hell's this?" what do you say about who that person is?

MS GOBBO: I haven't even thought about anything, so - - -

Peter Smith-O : Yeah. It'd be worth doing so and it might be worth [REDACTED] - you won't offend me, whatever - whatever you think, but maybe something more appropriate or - it doesn't have to be Peter Smith-O or something - something you can remember, just - you may not even need to use it, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I must say you'd potential embarrassment.

MS GOBBO: Yeah.

Peter Smith-O The other thing I was going to mention and as Sandy White-O said, you're obviously a different kettle of fish to a lot of people we deal with, but if - if we're ringing - if I ring and you can't talk, I mean, do you want me to ask you every time if you can talk? [REDACTED] [REDACTED] - but - - -

MS GOBBO: No, I'll just say - like, the other day - yesterday when you rang me - - -

Peter Smith-O | Yeah.

MS GOBBO: - - - Tony was sitting probably 40 centimetres from me.

Peter Smith-O : That's right.

MS GOBBO: And you know how when you're talking on a mobile, sometimes people - - -

Peter Smith-O : Mm'hm.

MS GOBBO: - - - if they're sitting close enough to you, they can hear?

Peter Smith-O : Yeah.

MS GOBBO: So I'll just have to - - -

Peter Smith-O : Yeah.

MS GOBBO: - - - think of something.

Peter Smith-O

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Hopefully - - -

MS GOBBO: But

[REDACTED]

Peter Smith-O : No, no, it just can't. It'd be better if it was but at this stage, yeah - oh, well, perhaps I'll have to

say "it's ^{Peter Smith}" but whatever you - if you can - if you
can deal with that.

MS GOBBO: I'm getting

Peter Smith-O : Yeah. But, for example, if - if - when you ring my
phone, I'll - I'll just always say hello.

MS GOBBO: Yep.

Peter Smith-O | So if anyone ever did get to ring that number,
they're not going to get very far before they explain
themselves.

MS GOBBO: I don't know anyone

Peter Smith-O : No, these are - [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] that's all. I see you've got the
- you've got the Beamer registered to you. Have you got
any other cars?

MS GOBBO: No.

Peter Smith-O : No worries. Any other properties or addresses
where you - where you - that are listed in your name or
where you go?

MS GOBBO: No. I mean, I own rental properties but nowhere
I - - -

Peter Smith-O : That's the office you're talking about, the - - -

MS GOBBO: Office and [REDACTED] Street, Port Melbourne, which
is where I used to live.

Peter Smith-O : Right, O.K. And what - what address is on your
licence?

MS GOBBO: Work.

Peter Smith-O : Right.

MS GOBBO: The car's registered to work.

Peter Smith-O : Yeah, yeah, I understand.

MS GOBBO: My

Peter Smith-O : Lonsdale Street.

MS GOBBO: No, William Street.

Peter Smith-O : William Street.

MS GOBBO: [REDACTED] William which I've told

Peter Smith-O : (Coughs) excuse me. How long since you've lived at
[REDACTED] Street?

MS GOBBO: Since I lived at the old address?

Peter Smith-O

Yeah.

MS GOBBO: About 18 months ago.

Peter Smith-O

: Right. And so that's - that's a - when you own,
you're renting, renting out?

MS GOBBO: Yeah.

Peter Smith-O

: And where you live now, you're - you're buying that
or you're - - -

MS GOBBO: I've got a mortgage.

Peter Smith-O

: Yeah, yeah, no worries. But what I'm saying
is - - -

MS GOBBO: Everywhere's got mortgages.

Peter Smith-O

: - - - the - the premise - I'm trying to find out
what's in - officially in your name, whether you own a
hundred per cent of it or 1 per cent doesn't matter.

MS GOBBO: Yep.

Peter Smith-O

: Yes, yeah, all right.

MS GOBBO: I can't leave - I can't put 'em in anyone else's

name because I don't have anyone to put 'em in.

Peter Smith-O

Yeah, O.K.

MS GOBBO: I don't say that from a criminal point of view, from

a - - -

Peter Smith-O

: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: - - - self-employed insured point of view it would
be nice to have them in - - -

Peter Smith-O

: Right.

MS GOBBO: - - - someone's name rather than my own.

Peter Smith-O

: Yeah, yeah. Without getting too personal, I guess
I need to - you've obviously got your clients who are of
concern; what about family and close - close friends, not
in your sort of work circle, have you got many of those?

MS GOBBO: I've got a few very good ones.

Peter Smith-O

| Yeah.

MS GOBBO: Yeah, who are not - you know, not connected with the
law and not criminals.

Peter Smith-O

|: O.K.

MS GOBBO: Not that I know of anyway.

Peter Smith-O

: O.K., all right. Like, do they - they come to your house?

MS GOBBO: No, no-one comes to my house.

Peter Smith-O

Yeah? All right. What do you - - -

MS GOBBO: the listening devices inside my house.

They would have worn out the warrant a long time ago, if there was a warrant. No-one comes there.

Peter Smith-O

O.K.

MS GOBBO: All right, well, very rarely I drag a bloke home there, but very rarely

Peter Smith-O

: What - what - apart from - - -

Sandy White-O

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Peter Smith-O

|: Ha ha. What - apart from work - no, I won't pre-guess the answer, apart from work, what do you do with yourself?

MS GOBBO: In recent times - - -

Peter Smith-O

: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: - - - not much.

Peter Smith-O

That's how it appears but - - -

MS GOBBO: Pardon? That's - - -

Peter Smith-O

: That's how - that's how it appears from what you've
said so far, but - - -

MS GOBBO: Yeah.

Peter Smith-O

- - - surely you've got - you must go somewhere,
you do something?

MS GOBBO: Oh, drink on a Friday.

Peter Smith-O

: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: I dunno. Look, I - I think my life is - has been
right out of control since - since I got sick.

Peter Smith-O

: Mm'hm.

MS GOBBO: Before that, I was at least here, there and
everywhere. I actually socialise. I had - I
was going to the gym. It has been a long road back.

Peter Smith-O

: O.K.

MS GOBBO: And I think - look, I think the other thing is that
the cases I've got at the moment are just I
know I - I'm not working as efficiently as I used to
because I've got a million things on my mind - - -

Peter Smith-O

: Mm.

MS GOBBO: - - - and I get more tired than I used to. I recognise that, but at the same time, I dunno what happens to time every day.

Peter Smith-O

| When you're busy, that's how it goes, isn't it?

MS GOBBO: Well, true. Like, last night I got out of gaol at 7.00 or 7.00 - whatever time it was, went back to work. Some guy came who was looking at my car because - it's a long story but - - -

Peter Smith-O

: Mm.

MS GOBBO: - - - I'd like to sell the car.

Peter Smith-O

|: Mm'hm.

MS GOBBO: And then I worked until about - I think I got home at about 11 o'clock, went straight to sleep - or, like, midnight I was asleep, got up at 6.00, I was at work by 7.00.

Peter Smith-O

| Mm.

MS GOBBO: Had our first at 7.30.

Peter Smith-O

: Yeah. So your - your work schedule is - - -

MS GOBBO: It's horrific.

Peter Smith-O

: out a fair bit of your day, yeah. All right.

MS GOBBO: And a lot of it is taken up with the bullshit which is people who will not speak to me on the phone.

Peter Smith-O

: O.K.

MS GOBBO: Who've got to come and see me. Three-quarters of them are drug dealers and they don't ever - - -

Peter Smith-O

Mm.

MS GOBBO: They - like, normal people say, "I'll see you at 6 o'clock." They're there at 6.00. These people don't even turn up at 6.00, let alone ring me.

Peter Smith-O

: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: Like, their definition of "after lunch" - my definition of "after lunch" is 1 o'clock. Their definition is like that guy who rang on Saturday night. 8 o'clock he rang me.

Peter Smith-O

: After lunch.

MS GOBBO: I said, "Is this" - I did say to him on the phone, "Well, that's good, David, it's after lunch, but hello?"

Peter Smith-O : Mm, all right. So you've got a busy - - -

MS GOBBO: Anyway - - -

Peter Smith-O : - - - busy work life. It doesn't allow much for socialising by the sound of it at this stage.

MS GOBBO: Well, I have to make some changes.

Peter Smith-O : Mm.

MS GOBBO: And one of the changes is to potentially find or investing in a business.

Peter Smith-O |: Yeah, you mentioned that.

MS GOBBO: And it's what my counsellor wants me to do - - -

Peter Smith-O : Mm.

MS GOBBO: - - - is to have another source of income that is not directly dependent on my brain because - - -

Peter Smith-O |: Mm.

MS GOBBO: - - - she fears that the - that's why I'm not supposed to have any stress, because the two years following a stroke is the highest risk time for another one. I'm not affected by any of the normal factors, like high blood pressure or anything like that. Just statistically - - -

Peter Smith-O : Time.

MS GOBBO: another one, without insurance.

Peter Smith-O : Yeah.

Sandy White-O : When did you actually have that stroke?

MS GOBBO: 24th of July last year.

Peter Smith-O : Mm, O.K.

MS GOBBO: That's a date I won't forget.

Sandy White-O : Yeah.

Peter Smith-O : Yeah, no doubt.

MS GOBBO: And ironically where did I end up 24th of July 2005?
Back at the Epworth Hospital.

Sandy White-O : Not related or - - -

MS GOBBO: No, no, I had an infection which then turned out to
be a lump, but they need to have surgery to be removed
but I had to be on an IV drip for four days before, three
days before it got removed.

Sandy White-O : You won't be looking forward to the 24th of July
next year.

MS GOBBO: It was ironic because the Friday was the 22nd and I went to see my GP and he prescribed me some very strong antibiotics for this infection and - and he said to me, "Look," he said, "it looks appalling. Take a stack of these pills. Go get the prescription filled, take 'em all," and he said, "If it gets any worse," because I've got a device inserted in my heart from my heart surgery, he said, "you need to go straight to the - straight to the Epworth." I said - I remember saying to him, "I can't go to the Epworth. I can't go there. This is the anniversary weekend," and that Saturday, the next night, my mother drove me to the Epworth. They said that was my not going anywhere.

Sandy White-O

: What's - the device in your heart, is that to do with your stroke?

MS GOBBO: Yeah. I had a hole in my heart and an aneurism in my heart and they think that the clot came off the aneurism but no-one can really be sure and no-one can explain why it happened when it did. So they - I had heart surgery late last year and they inserted an umbrella-like device - - -

Sandy White-O

|: Mm'hm.

MS GOBBO: - - - which opened up and sealed the aneurysm and the hole.

Sandy White-O

|: Right. That stays there forever, I take it?

MS GOBBO: Yep, but a bit experimental because no-one knows -
it's only been done for 10 years so no-one knows long
term.

Peter Smith-O

: I was just about to say, rather than think about
the first anniversary, you need to be thinking about
looking forward to that 10th year anniversary.

MS GOBBO: I need to make changes in my life.

Peter Smith-O

Mm. O.K. Just to get - to get an idea of your work
environment - I know it's [REDACTED] we'll be -
we'll be meeting you there or going there, so - - -

MS GOBBO: Mm'hm.

Peter Smith-O

- - - how many people in your office have you got
there?

MS GOBBO: No, no, just me.

Peter Smith-O

: Just you, yeah.

MS GOBBO:

Peter Smith-O

You mentioned a girl at one stage I think last
time. Have you got a girl that works for you or - - -

MS GOBBO: My receptionist?

Peter Smith-O

Oh, just a receptionist, is it?

MS GOBBO: Yep.

Peter Smith-O

Does she do a number of - a number of people in the building, so she's

MS GOBBO: Yeah, 'cause people that ring from - or people that ring that general number will get put through to either my office number - - -

Peter Smith-O

: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: - - - or if I'm not there, mobile.

Peter Smith-O

O.K. That's probably enough about you at this stage, unless you think there's anything we need to know about you in particular that you may not - that's of importance to us about - no. Think about it. Think about it and - so obviously there's a - a main person we need to talk about. Now, just when you're talking about different investigations or matters that have happened to him, with - with - well, I don't know how - how good

Sandy White-O

| is but I'm briefed to a minimal degree to get the general idea of who is some of the players in a particular job and things like that. But - but keeping in mind we weren't the investigators involved in those - in those jobs, so if you need to give us detail to clarify certain points, you know, feel free to do so, but without getting bogged down, just keep in mind we're not the guys who do the jobs. We need to - we can go and

check things of course but are you saying - you say that in a simplistic way, a lot of your troubles go away if he goes in, Tony goes in.

MS GOBBO: Um - - -

Peter Smith-O : We'd be happy to facilitate that but we'd be - we'd be also looking to maximise that.

MS GOBBO: Is that why he can drive at 200 kilometres an hour down the road every day and nobody pinches him 'cause it's not worth it?

Peter Smith-O : Oh, well, you'd think if some Toggies was there, they'd pull him over, surely.

MS GOBBO: No, no, no, his answer to that is he knows he's off. He says, "I know my car's off, I know I'm off because normal people can't drive like this but I can because they're not gunna pinch me 'cause they need to be out, following me."

Peter Smith-O : But then if he gets pulled over and booked, what's he gunna say?

MS GOBBO: Who know?

Peter Smith-O : "They were watching me, so they pulled me over."

MS GOBBO: Probably try and bribe the copper

Peter Smith-O

Mm, all right. Let's talk about him. He's on bail, a million, a million bail. Who put that up, his brother's wife? Is that right?

MS GOBBO: Yeah, not - not originally, but now, yes.

Peter Smith-O

: He's got - he's got these conditions.

MS GOBBO: Yep.

Peter Smith-O

: Is he - he's sticking to those, is he?

MS GOBBO: Well, I dunno about the "not commit further offences". That's

Peter Smith-O

That's - that's - that's fairly loose, that one, I think.

MS GOBBO: But, yeah, I think - look, as far as I know he is, because every time he wants to go interstate or change his address - - -

Peter Smith-O

: Mm.

MS GOBBO: - - - he does - we end up doing bail variations.

Peter Smith-O

Yeah. But he has to because of his high profile, doesn't he?

MS GOBBO: Yeah. I mean, when he - he's only - I think he's only failed to report or forgotten to report once or

twice and both times - - -

Peter Smith-O : Mm.

MS GOBBO: - - - he's rung me straightaway - - -

Peter Smith-O : Yeah.

MS GOBBO: - - - as soon as he - like, the next morning or as soon as he remembers.

Peter Smith-O : Mm.

MS GOBBO: And I've rung the informant.

Peter Smith-O : What is it with his - his - it appears to me, a person a bit on the outside of just - say - say just with the media, he's a bit of a self-promoter, isn't he? Isn't he?

MS GOBBO: Egotistical?

Peter Smith-O : I'm - I'm asking. I dunno. Is that - is that the word for him? What's he - - -

MS GOBBO: Yeah, but I think arrogance is and I've seen both sides of him. He's really he goes through the megalomaniac kind of - a very frightening individual - - -

Peter Smith-O : Mm.

MS GOBBO: - - - to like a little lamb.

Peter Smith-O : And what - what makes him change?

MS GOBBO: I don't know. I - - -

Peter Smith-O : There's no - nothing obvious, it's just a - - -

MS GOBBO: Yeah, I just think, like, sometimes when you - like,
I dunno, human motivation when you want something.

Peter Smith-O : Mm'hm.

MS GOBBO: When you feel needy, when you feel vulnerable. I
don't think he can read. I've sat with him many times
when - and I've had to get instructions
transcripts, and I really don't think he can read. I
think he relies upon other people telling him wants in
something or the detail.

Peter Smith-O : What's his - just a few general questions first, if
you don't mind. What's his family life like?

MS GOBBO: Well, he's separated or divorced. He's got a son
and a daughter, 12, 13, something - - -

Peter Smith-O : With - with him or not?

MS GOBBO: No.

Peter Smith-O

: No.

MS GOBBO: With his ex.

Peter Smith-O

: Yep. What's her name?

MS GOBBO: Carmel.

Peter Smith-O

: Right.

MS GOBBO: And he's got - he lives with his girlfriend or
de facto, Danielle McGuire.

Peter Smith-O

: Right.

MS GOBBO: And she's got a - - -

Peter Smith-O

Heard that name somewhere, yeah.

MS GOBBO: - - - 11-year-old daughter.

Peter Smith-O

And is he the father?

MS GOBBO: No, no.

Peter Smith-O

: No, O.K. So, sorry, how long's he been with
Danielle, about?

MS GOBBO: Be for about - when he was arrested on 24th of
August 2001, I think he was with her for about - after
Mark Moran was murdered 'cause she was with Mark before

Tony.

Peter Smith-O

Mm.

MS GOBBO: He was murdered in June 2000, so - - -

Peter Smith-O

: O.K.

MS GOBBO: - - - some - some time late 2000. But in between that, she went to gaol for 18 months for drug trafficking.

Peter Smith-O

: O.K. And what does - does she do anything?

MS GOBBO: Work?

Peter Smith-O

Yeah.

MS GOBBO: Oh, she's recently been doing hair extensions.

Peter Smith-O

: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: No idea. It's called Hollywood Hair or something like that.

Peter Smith-O

Do you know what area?

MS GOBBO: No, I think - I don't know. I've never seen a business card, but she goes mobile, like, home to home. I don't think - I don't think - well, not that I know of, there's no shopfront.

Peter Smith-O

|: Yep, O.K. And does Tony Facebook chat?

MS GOBBO: To her?

Peter Smith-O

Yeah.

MS GOBBO: I don't think so. I don't think so, not where I'm
concerned but I don't - I mean, I don't know first -
first-hand - - -

Peter Smith-O

|: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: - - - with him, but from what I hear - - -

Peter Smith-O

Yeah, that's what I'm asking you, yeah.

MS GOBBO: Yeah, from what I - - -

Peter Smith-O

: Does he - he gets around town or does he - - -

MS GOBBO: From what I hear - - -

Peter Smith-O

: - - - have - got other girlfriends that you know
about?

MS GOBBO: No, no, but if you believe the rumours, I'm one of
them - - -

Peter Smith-O

: Right.

MS GOBBO: - - - and it's not the case.

Peter Smith-O

Yes.

MS GOBBO: And [REDACTED] one of them.

Peter Smith-O

: Right.

Sandy White-O

She is?

MS GOBBO: Well, if you believe the rumours.

Sandy White-O

Rumours.

MS GOBBO: Yeah.

Peter Smith-O

: What - what do you think of that?

MS GOBBO: I think there's probably some - - -

Peter Smith-O

Something perhaps in it?

MS GOBBO: Probably.

Peter Smith-O

: Right.

MS GOBBO: But have I seen it with my own eyes, no.

Peter Smith-O

: Yeah. But it - have you seen them out together
anywhere or would they be - - -

MS GOBBO: Um - - -

Peter Smith-O - - - alone or in groups?

MS GOBBO: I haven't seen them out together but I know they have been.

Peter Smith-O : You've heard about that? They've been seen somewhere?

MS GOBBO: I've heard and I've heard from her.

Peter Smith-O Oh, O.K. What about any other specific people, females-wise that he would - he would see perhaps?

MS GOBBO: I dunno. There was someone he's been - he went out with a few weeks - or not a few weeks, about a couple of months ago because he said to me that his girlfriend's girlfriend - - -

Peter Smith-O | Mm.

MS GOBBO: - - - caught him there and - - -

Peter Smith-O : O.K.

MS GOBBO: I understand he said - 'cause he said to me, "If anyone ever asks you for a line, say that you had dinner with me" - at some - I can't even remember what restaurant it was and I said, "Why?"

Peter Smith-O

: Mm.

MS GOBBO: And he said, "Oh, because Danielle's girlfriend,"
 who's never - apparently is someone who's never met me,
 doesn't know what I look like - - -

Peter Smith-O

|: Mm.

MS GOBBO: - - - and whoever he was with, he introduced whoever
 he was having dinner with as me.

Peter Smith-O

: Which wouldn't help the rumours about you seeing
 him - - -

MS GOBBO: No.

Peter Smith-O

|: people just hear but don't see it.

MS GOBBO: It is - it's his ego.

Peter Smith-O

Mm'hm.

MS GOBBO: There's people in Port Phillip Prison who tell me
 that it is still a very strong rumour out there.

Peter Smith-O

|: Mm.

MS GOBBO: This is, like, three years later, that I was
 sleeping with him when he was in gaol.

Peter Smith-O

|: Oh - - -

MS GOBBO: That's just an amazing thing. I dunno how you're capable of doing that in professional visits in rooms that are bugged and taped, but nevertheless - but part of that is he allows that to fester.

Peter Smith-O : Mm, O.K.

MS GOBBO: For whatever reason I don't know, but - - -

Peter Smith-O : What does he - in a - in a general sense, what does he do with himself? What's - we'll talk about the - what he's really up to shortly but how - what - how would he fill in a typical day? Is it all to do with the drug business or has he got other interests at - - -

MS GOBBO: God only knows.

Peter Smith-O : Don't know.

MS GOBBO: Races.

Peter Smith-O : Horse racing?

MS GOBBO: Yeah, you can't ring him between certain times.

Peter Smith-O : Yep.

MS GOBBO: 'Cause he'll say to you on the phone, "Races, races, call me after the last race or I'll call you back after."

Peter Smith-O : Yeah. And - - -

MS GOBBO: I think - I think it - I know he's - - -

Peter Smith-O : Is he banned? Is he - can he be banned from
racecourses?

MS GOBBO: He is banned. He is banned from racetracks.

Peter Smith-O : Yeah, yeah. In this state?

MS GOBBO: Yeah.

Peter Smith-O : Is he? Yep. But obviously he bets on them then.
Is he - do you know his bookies?

MS GOBBO: Oh, I dunno - know specifically who he uses. I
know there's a whole variety of them.

Peter Smith-O : Right. And do you know any of the names?

MS GOBBO: No, but I've got them, got some names at work
because I sat through at ATO interview of him where there
was - a list of bookmakers talked about with an ATO
investigator.

Peter Smith-O : O.K. And what sort of dough would be going on the
horses?

MS GOBBO: Oh - - -

Peter Smith-O

: Is it - is it just horses or other - other races as well, dogs and - - -

MS GOBBO: I think it's just horses.

Peter Smith-O

: Horses, yeah. Yeah, how many - - -

MS GOBBO: I really don't know. Like, I would assume hundreds of thousands.

Peter Smith-O

: Right.

MS GOBBO: How often or how many days a week I wouldn't know but - - -

Peter Smith-O

: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: - - - I assume it's a lot of money.

Peter Smith-O

█: O.K. Have you ever been present when he's made a bet over the phone?

MS GOBBO: Yeah, but not - I don't know - I don't know whether he's ringing a bookmaker or ringing someone else to put a bet on.

Peter Smith-O

To do it, O.K.

MS GOBBO: I've certainly been present when he's spoken to either a - someone's rung him about a tip or telling him - a trainer or somebody.

Peter Smith-O

: Yep, O.K.

MS GOBBO: And every time he gives tips, most of them lose,

so - - -

Peter Smith-O

: Mm.

MS GOBBO: I don't - I don't - I must be only getting the
losing ones.

Peter Smith-O

|: What's he doing - well, that's the
question as a matter of fact, the appropriate words
there, what's he doing?

MS GOBBO: I - I wouldn't know the ins and outs of what he's
doing but I assume, and I'm - and I say I don't know, as
in I don't know first-hand, he wouldn't tell me, but I
assume from things I hear and things I see that he is
..... involved in.

Peter Smith-O

: Yep.

MS GOBBO: For example, there is a - a guy called

Peter Smith-O

|: Jamou?

MS GOBBO: J-a-m-o-u.

Peter Smith-O

Right.

MS GOBBO: Who is a former client of mine charged with some -
he's got a trial in March next year, so a stupid car
rebirthing, panels stolen, motor vehicle charge - - -

Peter Smith-O

Mm.

MS GOBBO: - - - that - that was a Land Cruiser of 60 grand, so
it's in the County Court.

Peter Smith-O

: Mm'hm.

MS GOBBO: I did his committal. But his name was on a search
warrant, a Commonwealth Crimes Act search warrant which
was for an importation of some chemical which is a
precursor to P2P which, according to the material, is a
precursor chemical to manufacture ecstasy.

Peter Smith-O

: O.K.

MS GOBBO: It was a clever importation because it was in - it
was a solvent that was imported from China and apparently
if you convert the solvent or you put it through some
process - and clearly I'm not a chemical expert - - -

Peter Smith-O

No.

MS GOBBO: - - - it - it becomes methyl-3, whatever it is - - -

Peter Smith-O

: Mm'hm.

MS GOBBO: - - - which is a precursor.

Peter Smith-O

Right.

MS GOBBO: Or has the similar - has the same chemical properties as P2P. Anyway, this guy, the fellow I act for is a guy called Steven Spaliviero.

Peter Smith-O

: Spali - - -

Sandy White-O

: Spaliviero?

MS GOBBO: S-p-a-l-i-v-i-e-r-o.

Sandy White-O

: S-p-a-l-i-v-i-e - - -

MS GOBBO: R-o. He became a stalker for a while but he seems to have dropped off recently.

Sandy White-O

Of you?

MS GOBBO: Yeah. He's bailed to Sydney, thank God, because if he was bailed to Melbourne, he'd be on my doorstep every day.

Peter Smith-O

: Mm'hm.

MS GOBBO: And the only reason he's not ringing any more is because I said, "You're an idiot. You are so - so likely to be under surveillance and being listened to. Stop ringing me, talking about stupid things on the phone." When I say "stupid things", honestly, my - I would - if

you attached a blood pressure monitor to my arm, I look at - sometimes I look at the phone and look who's ringing me and my blood pressure I reckon would just go up because of the fear about who is ringing and what stupidity they're going to say on the phone.

Peter Smith-O

: But if I can give you some medical advice - - -

MS GOBBO: Yep.

Peter Smith-O

: - - - if you're worried about your blood pressure when that occurs - - -

MS GOBBO: No, I'm not - no, I'm not - I'm not

Peter Smith-O

You can't help what people say.

MS GOBBO: No, but - you can't, but I'm horrified thinking of somebody listening to it. I'm not the one committing the crime.

Peter Smith-O

Mm.

MS GOBBO: But you listen to what they say and I think - - -

Peter Smith-O

Yeah.

MS GOBBO: - - - "Oh, oh." Anyway - - -

Peter Smith-O

Anyway, back to Mr - - -

MS GOBBO: - - - the warrant, right. So there's a Crimes Act Commonwealth warrant for Mr Spaliviero who gets arrested in a truck on the way to Wodonga on grand prix weekend this year - - -

Peter Smith-O

Mm'hm.

MS GOBBO: - - - with a truckload of this solvent. The AFP arrest him. They charge him. I get asked to look at the charges because they're quite interesting because this - - -

Peter Smith-O

Mm.

MS GOBBO: - - - chemical is in fact not a narcotic and it's not a drug of dependence. So the AFP have charged him with aid and abet an importation of a tier 1 good. The actual solvent doesn't fit into it being a tier 1 good and they've also charged him with possession of articles with the intent to manufacture and a trafficking charge, both of which they can't prove because this - it's an amazing importation.

Peter Smith-O

Of gear.

MS GOBBO: That's right, very, very clever. Anyway, the solicitor at the time asks me if I can have a look at the - there was a remand summary and a warrant 'cause he's too lazy to investigate anything himself. So I play on the Internet - 'cause I don't understand P2P and - - -

Peter Smith-O

: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: - - - whatever. Anyway, I read the warrant and the -
can't remember which warrant it was 'cause they executed
a whole lot of warrants in a whole lot of places with
Crimes Act - Commonwealth Crimes Act warrants, they
always put, you know - it's - they're much more telling
than - - -

Peter Smith-O

: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: - - - any other warrants because they've got, you
know, the three - three categories it has to satisfy.

Peter Smith-O

: O.K.

MS GOBBO: And the details of any name - and it's got about -
this warrant had about 12 names on it and Jeffrey Jamou
is one of the names. Tony spoke to me after those guys
were arrested - must have seen it on the news or whatever
they had on whatever news.

Peter Smith-O

: Mm'hm.

MS GOBBO: Or how - yeah, I don't think he was

Peter Smith-O

Yeah.

MS GOBBO: Whatever. He rings up and he says, "Oh, ah, ah, can
you speak to Jeff," meaning Jeffrey Jamou.

Peter Smith-O : Mm'hm.

MS GOBBO: And I said - - -

Peter Smith-O : Sorry, who at that stage is your client?

MS GOBBO: Yes.

Peter Smith-O : Yes.

MS GOBBO: I have done the

Peter Smith-O : Or your - he's already your client, yep.

MS GOBBO: Yeah, I can't remember some time last
year.

Peter Smith-O : Right.

MS GOBBO: Anyway, Jeffrey's co-accused is a guy called Sam
Younan.

Peter Smith-O : Younan.

MS GOBBO: And - - -

Peter Smith-O : How do you spell Younan?

MS GOBBO: Younan, Y-O-U-N-A-N.

Peter Smith-O : Oh, right, yep.

MS GOBBO: He's his co-accused in the car, so - - -

Peter Smith-O The car thing which happened a couple of years ago.

MS GOBBO: Yeah.

Peter Smith-O
 Yeah.

MS GOBBO: So Tony says, "Can you talk to Jeff?" I said,
 "Fine." Jeff comes to see me and he - and Jeff says,
 "I've been speaking to this guy called Eric Chang," or
 Chan. Now, Eric Chang or Chan - I can't think
 which - - -

Peter Smith-O : Mm'hm.

MS GOBBO: - - - which spelling it is, is also named on the
 warrant and he appears, from my point of view, to be -
 although I dunno for sure - - -

Peter Smith-O |: Mm.

MS GOBBO: - - - the China - the man connected to the actual
 Chinese producer of this product.

Peter Smith-O : Was he the only Asian name on the warrant?

MS GOBBO: Oh, from memory. It's a long time since I looked at
 it.

Peter Smith-O

_____ : But anyway, yeah, O.K.

MS GOBBO: Anyway, Jeff comes to see me.

Peter Smith-O

: Mm.

MS GOBBO: And he says, "Oh," you know, "am I gunna be arrested?" I said, "How would I know? But your name's on the warrant."

Peter Smith-O

: Mm.

MS GOBBO: "And chances are, you don't need me to tell you, but when people's names are on the warrant, they're on there for a reason." It's not just - - -

Peter Smith-O

: Yeah, "Cops know something about you, mate."

MS GOBBO: That's right.

Peter Smith-O

: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: And he - obviously he had - I had rung him up and said, "Oh, by the way, Jeff, come and see me 'cause your name is on a search warrant."

Peter Smith-O

: Mm.

MS GOBBO: He had, through Tony, come to see me. I just assumed back then - this is going back to late last - this year, that he's - you know, people don't have an

interest in asking about some court case unless they've got some vested interest or some involvement in it - or in my experience they don't. Now, the current rumour is that Jeffrey and Sam are cooking for Tony.

Peter Smith-O

: O.K. Where's that rumour come from?

MS GOBBO: That rumour comes from [REDACTED] who is a client of mine and [REDACTED]. I don't - I assume that he's [REDACTED] whilst on bail but I'm not with him 24 hours a day, so I don't - - -

Peter Smith-O

: No, no.

MS GOBBO: And nor would he tell me if he was.

Peter Smith-O

: No. Are you thinking they're [REDACTED]
he's - [REDACTED], [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]?

MS GOBBO: Yeah, the rumour is that [REDACTED] Sam and Jeff are, as well as [REDACTED].

Sandy White-O

: Is that from the same source, from [REDACTED]?

MS GOBBO: Yep.

Peter Smith-O

: And do you believe that - well, have you got any knowledge to indicate they would have the expertise to do that?

MS GOBBO: Not off - not - oh, not Sam. Sam is just a drongo, a spastic, he really is, but Jeffrey's quite clever and Jeffrey knew about - I think - I think Jeffrey had been - one thing that Jeff was worried about was emails that he'd sent to Eric. Now, I don't know whether the police ever found any emails or what - I don't even know what warrants there is on this Eric guy 'cause he's not on the brief, he's not charged, and it's the AFP. No-one they really don't have much of a clue sometimes. But this was the third importation. There were two previous shipments of this stuff which had come into Sydney and not Melbourne and I dunno what involvement Jeff had with it but he was ranting and raving when he came to sort of see me about the fact that it could never be proven to be a drug of dependence. So I just - I got the - I walked away thinking, "I really don't want to know because it seems to me that you must be somehow be the middle man or importing or doing something."

Sandy White-O

Are you talking about Spaliviero or - - -

MS GOBBO: No, no, no, Jeff.

Peter Smith-O

Jeff Jamou.

Sandy White-O

|: Jeffrey's ranting and raving, O.K.

MS GOBBO: Yeah, yeah. No, I later end up acting for Steven and doing his bail application.

Peter Smith-O

But you're saying that that may make Jeff a bit smarter than the average bear.

MS GOBBO: He is smarter than the average bear. Now, I dunno, because it isn't in the hand-up brief from the AFP, whether there were emails or what investigation they did when they charged a guy called Gregoriades who was in the truck with him on the way to Sydney.

Peter Smith-O

: Mm'hm.

MS GOBBO: So they haven't - as far as I know they haven't charged anybody else, but it seems - I think it's an ongoing investigation because - - -

Peter Smith-O

Right.

MS GOBBO: - - - they keep sending us new material and new statements but then that's usual with the AFP, so - - -

Peter Smith-O

: Mm. So it actually got picked up in Victoria, you're saying?

MS GOBBO: They followed them. They picked 'em up - - -

Peter Smith-O

.....: Right.

MS GOBBO: - - - before they crossed the border, I think for obvious reasons.

Peter Smith-O

: Yeah. Did they - but hang on, which way were they

going?

MS GOBBO: To Sydney.

Peter Smith-O : But didn't you say the gear came to Sydney?

MS GOBBO: Pardon? No, no. The - the product came - the first two shipments came to Sydney.

Peter Smith-O Yeah.

MS GOBBO: The third one came to Melbourne.

Peter Smith-O |: Right. How long before - how long after it would hit - hit Melbourne did they get picked up, do you know?

MS GOBBO: I've got a feeling - it's a long time since I - it's a long - it is a while since I read the brief but I think it was only, like, a day - - -

Peter Smith-O |: Mm.

MS GOBBO: - - - between - - -

Peter Smith-O _____: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: - - - when it arrived at the warehouse - - -

Peter Smith-O O.K.

MS GOBBO: - - - and when they, you know, quite coincidentally

just happened to be in Melbourne for the grand prix and decide to hire a truck.

Peter Smith-O

: I remember reading something in the paper.

MS GOBBO: It was on the front page of the paper, yeah.

Peter Smith-O

: Yeah, grand prix, of course, O.K. So Spalivieros?

MS GOBBO: Spaliviero.

Peter Smith-O

: Spaliviero and Younan. Now, I'm just - I'm a bit lost, how we get back to Tony's interest in these people.

MS GOBBO: Well, this was an example which was
Jeffrey Jamou back in - I mean, why on earth is this bloke ringing me up saying, "Can I come and talk to you?" and then comes to see me and wants to know about what evidence there is against someone else and whether I think he's gunna be arrested?

Peter Smith-O

Tony's asking you these things?

MS GOBBO: Tony is asking, "Can I speak to Jeff?"

Peter Smith-O

: Oh - - -

MS GOBBO: And Jeff comes to see me.

Peter Smith-O

: I see, so he's - right. Mm'hm. Have you see any other or know of any other connections between Tony and

Jamou? It's an obvious one, I know, but - - -

MS GOBBO: I think their - I think their connection goes a long way back because when Jeff was charged with this Land Cruiser thing, it might - might have been late 2002 or some time in 2003, I remember Tony ringing me about it and saying, "Oh, a friend of mine's just been arrested by the Stolen Motor Vehicle Squad and they're saying they won't give his car back and they're saying the car's stolen and he's in the" - like, "having a filing hearing and why is he having a filing hearing? How come it's not just a normal court case?" and then - I mean, I didn't get - he had a solicitor. I didn't get involved.

Peter Smith-O

: Mm.

MS GOBBO: And then months later I ended up drafting a form 8A and then doing a committal which I think was early last year.

Peter Smith-O

: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: So I'm - there, I dunno where he
me - - -

Peter Smith-O

█: Yep.

MS GOBBO: - - - or what their real connection is but they've known each other at least a couple of years.

Peter Smith-O

█: O.K.

MS GOBBO: This Jeff bloke hangs off him. Does Jeff have a real job? Not that I know of.

Peter Smith-O : Jeff Jamou hangs off Tony?

MS GOBBO: Yeah, worships him.

Peter Smith-O : So he's not a very good judge of character.

MS GOBBO: No.

Peter Smith-O : All right. What about - - -

MS GOBBO: Sam and I, we used to talk but I can't talk to him any more because he's just a disgraceful human being. He and I had a huge fight at the Magistrates' Court about a year ago because he also was caught in relation to some some BMW shells that he had and these were shells that were being imported. It was part of a - you know, that car rebirth - - -

Peter Smith-O : Rebirth, yeah.

MS GOBBO: - - - things and the - that Stolen Motor Vehicle Squad has got a lot of spastics in there.

Peter Smith-O : Mm.

MS GOBBO: They seized these shells but not charged him and it was about - like, they seized the shells under a warrant,

then they said they were holding them for forensic testing and they said, "Oh," you know, "you'll be charged" Sam started jumping up and down wanting his shells back.

Peter Smith-O

: Mm.

MS GOBBO: And the police kept saying, "Yeah, we're gunna charge, we're gunna charge, we're gunna charge." And I got asked - a brief to do some application to get the shells back.

Peter Smith-O

: Mm.

MS GOBBO: Turned up to court and I explained to this - well, it turned out to be a really good detective sergeant - can't remember his name - but I said to him - I'm being screamed at by this lunatic, Sam Younan, who wants his shells back, "Can you please charge him?"

Peter Smith-O

: Mm.

MS GOBBO: He said, "Well, it's still - we're still preparing the brief. It's getting bigger and bigger," because obviously they had a lot of investigating to do and it turned out to be much, much bigger. And the long and short of it is that Sam sacked me because I refused to have him charged and arrested that day.

Peter Smith-O

: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: I understand Theo Megazis now acts for him.

Peter Smith-O : O.K. Well, but - but Jeff, what - what do you know about him?

MS GOBBO: Not a great deal.

Peter Smith-O : Apart from what he said, what - what's his - where does he hang around? Where's he from? What's he - - -

MS GOBBO: I think he's from Coburg.

Peter Smith-O : Mm'hm.

MS GOBBO: And he hangs off Tony.

Peter Smith-O : Yeah.

MS GOBBO: As to exactly what he does and doesn't do, I really don't know.

Peter Smith-O : Yeah.

MS GOBBO: I know that he has - he has been given a - at least according to [REDACTED], he has been given a class on how to manufacture speed before and it's based really on [REDACTED] telling me these things - - -

Peter Smith-O : Yeah, that's O.K.

MS GOBBO: - - - that - that I assume - and if you assume why

- I mean, see, why would - why is [REDACTED] telling me this stuff? I don't even want to know this. I'm not - - -

Peter Smith-O

: Mm.

MS GOBBO: I'm not - - -

Sandy White-O

: Was [REDACTED]

MS GOBBO: Yeah.

Sandy White-O

[REDACTED] - - -

MS GOBBO: Yeah. I'm not sitting around and actively trying to ask this sort of stuff.

Peter Smith-O

No.

MS GOBBO: I don't know why they want to tell me.

Peter Smith-O

: But they tell ya, yeah.

MS GOBBO: No, I wonder why I'm being told. I - it crosses my mind, whether someone is trying to set me up, telling me things or - it's not a crime for me to know those things.

Peter Smith-O

: I mean, there's all different factors that potentially could be at work, couldn't there?

MS GOBBO: And some - - -

Peter Smith-O

| I mean, it could be just male ego or could be the -
the safety of the relationship with the legal profession,
professional person. Who knows? They may - maybe the
fact - - -

MS GOBBO: Maybe it's a - maybe it's a test. Maybe it's a
trust thing.

Peter Smith-O

Maybe if it had been a male - male barrister, they
wouldn't have said it. I don't know.

MS GOBBO: Maybe.

Peter Smith-O

|: I don't know.

MS GOBBO: Maybe it's a throw-off. I dunno.

Sandy White-O

Did [REDACTED] say when he did that?

MS GOBBO: No, he - not specifically, no. I can ask him, if you
like.

Peter Smith-O

: Put that on hold. O.K. Tony's tight with Jeff at
least for some years?

MS GOBBO: Yep.

Peter Smith-O

He's inquiring about these people. [REDACTED]
activities are possibly on ice because he's on bail.

MS GOBBO: Yep.

Peter Smith-O

: And these two, Jeff and Sam - - -

MS GOBBO: Yep.

Peter Smith-O

- - - are possibly - having been taught [REDACTED],
are now in there.

MS GOBBO: No, having been taught [REDACTED].

Peter Smith-O

Having been taught [REDACTED] are now, you think,
potentially working with Tony?

MS GOBBO: If - if - yeah.

Peter Smith-O

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

MS GOBBO: [REDACTED]

Peter Smith-O

- - - [REDACTED]

MS GOBBO: [REDACTED]

Peter Smith-O

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

MS GOBBO: Well, according to - again, according to [REDACTED] he
is and, you know, Lanteri doesn't work. If I didn't
work, it'd be hard to pay for fake breasts for some

chick. I dunno how much they cost but I assume a fair bit; a brand new car.

Peter Smith-O : For whom?

MS GOBBO: Mark.

MR [REDACTED] This is what he's done recently?

MS GOBBO: Yeah, got a brand new ute.

MR [REDACTED] Mark was caught the first time, wasn't he, cooking cocaine?

MS GOBBO: No, moving not cooking. Mark he's like a runner.

Peter Smith-O : What sort of car he bought, sorry, a ute?

MS GOBBO: Yeah. The rego's [REDACTED].

Peter Smith-O : [REDACTED] - - -

MS GOBBO: A.

Peter Smith-O : - - - A. I hate it when they do it.

MS GOBBO: Why?

Peter Smith-O | : I don't know. It just annoys me.

MS GOBBO: They bought the numberplate [REDACTED] as well.

Peter Smith-O

: Really?

MS GOBBO: Mm.

Peter Smith-O

: Who? Lanteri has?

MS GOBBO: I think it's look it up. Whoever's name
it's in, it's - it's there. He was gunna try and buy
KAYAK and operation names.

Peter Smith-O

_____ : So are you talking about Lanteri or Tony?

MS GOBBO: Tony, but he wouldn't put it in his name. It's in
Mark's name.

Peter Smith-O

: And is Furana O.K., yeah?

MS GOBBO: No, or not that I know of anyway.

Peter Smith-O

: I don't even know if it's funny.

MS GOBBO: It's not, really not.

Peter Smith-O

: O.K. I'm just trying to get my head around these
things. So, yeah, so [REDACTED] has also mentioned that
Lanteri is cooking for them. He - he's - what other -
what other signs of wealth is he - is he - apart from
breasts and a car, what other - - -

MS GOBBO: I don't really - look, I don't really see him very
often - - -

Peter Smith-O

: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: - - - to know, but he - he can't - oh, he's living
in some - I don't think he's living in his bail address.

Peter Smith-O

: Yes.

MS GOBBO: I hear he's living in the Docklands somewhere.

Peter Smith-O

Right. As in high-rise?

MS GOBBO: Yeah. Well, I've never been there but - - -

Peter Smith-O

But you - yeah.

MS GOBBO: - - - I know that, for example, ^{Solicitor 2} been there
because she's told me and he's told me. I have warned
him about not changing his address

Peter Smith-O

: And who's he living with, the girlfriend?

MS GOBBO: No, I think they split up.

Peter Smith-O

: O.K.

MS GOBBO: I don't - I really don't know, so - - -

Peter Smith-O

: Ah - - -

MS GOBBO: As I understand the situation, he finds this chick,
 he buys her some expensive piece of jewellery and then
 pays for the fake tits and then I dunno what happens.
 They split up, she dumps him, who knows. He consoles
 himself with Zarah.

Peter Smith-O : Oh, yeah?

MS GOBBO: And, you know, it's just not - look, it's not normal
 to not have a job and to be able to afford this

Peter Smith-O : Yeah. What was the jewellery, do you know?

MS GOBBO: I dunno, no.

Peter Smith-O : Do you know - so did you know what her name was or
 first name or anything?

MS GOBBO: Oh, I did get told it but I wouldn't have a clue
 now.

Peter Smith-O : And so if he was in a place in - in Docklands, what
 name would he put that in?

MS GOBBO: Oh, God knows.

Peter Smith-O | He'd obviously be careful about his own but - - -

MS GOBBO: Mm.

Peter Smith-O

: - - - someone - you'd think a place like that,
unless you knew the owner, would have to be - have some
sort of - - -

MS GOBBO: It might be in Emidio Navaroli's name because he's
the - he's the guy who buys Tony's cars and - - -

Peter Smith-O

: Emi - - -

MS GOBBO: Emidio his name is.

Peter Smith-O

Do you know who that person is, ^{Sandy White} 'cause
I - O.K., I don't.

Sandy White-O

: I'd be interested to hear

Peter Smith-O

: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: The - the - the Versace money man.

Peter Smith-O

: O.K. Sorry, can we - can we just stick with
Lanteri at the moment. What - yeah, O.K., so he's living
in a high-rent joint and he's bought a new
car.

MS GOBBO: Yeah.

MR [REDACTED]: Anything else money-wise has he - - -

MS GOBBO: No, you just can't - - -

Peter Smith-O

_____ Is he a - is a racehorse man as well or - - -

MS GOBBO: Not that I - not that I know of, but - - -

Peter Smith-O

_____ : Yeah.

MS GOBBO: - - - he's - I mean, every time - I've never seen him in the same clothes twice.

Peter Smith-O

Is he a suit man?

MS GOBBO: No, he just wears a sort of casual - casually dressed.

Peter Smith-O

: Restaurants?

MS GOBBO: Again I don't really know because I've only - like, very rarely would I see him these days.

Peter Smith-O

: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: It was ironic 'cause one - one night about - I got back from I got back from Bali on the 1st or 2nd of July, some - whatever date I got back. Maybe it was the 11th. I can't remember. Anyway, the night I got back from Bali, I hadn't slept on the plane. The plane landed at 6.00 in the morning and I ended up having to go - came straight home, got changed into a suit, went to work and I had to go to court for some lunatic who'd been wrongly released from prison - - -

Peter Smith-O

Mm.

MS GOBBO: - - - by - because of a stuff-up on warrants.

Peter Smith-O

: Mm'hm.

MS GOBBO: And I remember I hadn't had any sleep and I was - I had the - I had the flu and my ear hadn't equalised. I couldn't even hear properly. [REDACTED] rang me and said, "I urgently, urgently need to speak to you," and I said, [REDACTED], I can't. I've left work. I'm on the way home. I'm sick." He had just been - had just [REDACTED] with his [REDACTED] or was in the process of [REDACTED] with his [REDACTED].

Peter Smith-O

This is July this year, you're talking?

MS GOBBO: Yeah.

Peter Smith-O

: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: And she - as I understand it, she [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and put his clothing out on the street and - - -

Peter Smith-O

: Mm.

MS GOBBO: - - - got his ex-wife to [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. It was all a saga and that - he said to me, "It's really, really important that I see you.

It's" - I said, "Is it really important tonight?" He said, "Yes, it is." And I said, "Well, I tell you what, I am driving towards Port Melbourne." Now, he does not - he hasn't been to my house. He doesn't know where I live.

Peter Smith-O : Mm'hm.

MS GOBBO: I said to him, "Drive to Port Melbourne. I'll meet you at the R Bar." Now, he didn't know that I happened to live - - -

Peter Smith-O : Mm.

MS GOBBO: - - - a hundred metres from the place. And I think - I would - I think that's the first time I've ever been there with him or ever met him there 'cause it would normally be in the city - - -

Peter Smith-O : Yeah.

MS GOBBO: - - - or underneath my office, but it was 8 o'clock at night, and only because I felt sorry for him and he said it was really, really important. I thought, "Oh - - -"

Peter Smith-O : Mm'hm.

MS GOBBO: "maybe it really is." Turned out to be all he wanted to do was talk about how his clothes had been put on the front nature strip and what to do about the

ex-wife and just crap and it wasn't important, but the reason I'm telling you this - - -

Peter Smith-O : Yeah.

MS GOBBO: - - - is because when we walked in the door, there was ^{Solicitor 2} having a candlelit dinner with Mark Lanteri and we just - I just started laughing. And they said, "Why don't you join us for dinner?" I said, "We're not here for dinner. We're going to pick up a coffee," which is exactly what we did because [REDACTED] wanted to tell me all about the situation.

Peter Smith-O : O.K.

MS GOBBO: ^{Solicitor 2} | the next day told me that she'd been comforting Mark because he - he'd paid for the fake tits and some very - apparently very expensive bit of jewellery and the chick had left him and whatever.

Peter Smith-O : O.K.

MS GOBBO: How come you're shaking your head?

Peter Smith-O | Oh, just with - I mean, that sort of present, you know it's going to walk out on you, surely? It's - anyway, it wasn't really a present for her anyway, was it?

MS GOBBO: What do you mean?

Peter Smith-O

: It was a present for him.

MS GOBBO: Fake tits? Oh, yeah.

Peter Smith-O

Does Lanteri - - -

MS GOBBO: Do you reckon - do you reckon you could see tits as
proceeds of crime?

Peter Smith-O

: And if you did, what would you put them in?

MS GOBBO: Good question.

Peter Smith-O

: Does Lanteri have family that he cares about or
sees?

MS GOBBO: He's got a - I know he cares about his mum.

Peter Smith-O

_____: Yep. Where's she?

MS GOBBO: I dunno - oh, no, he used to live - he used to be

.....

Peter Smith-O

: O.K.

MS GOBBO: somewhere.

Peter Smith-O

|: O.K., Heidelberg.

MS GOBBO: Heidelberg

Peter Smith-O

: Um - - -

MS GOBBO: And he's got a sister who - as to your question of whether he cares about them - - -

Peter Smith-O

Yeah, yeah.

MS GOBBO: I really dunno.

Peter Smith-O

: Yeah, O.K.

MS GOBBO: He has given - been given very strong advice by me - - -

Peter Smith-O

Yeah.

MS GOBBO: - - - for at least the last two years of "get a job" because he - you know, his charges have been settled to a point where he would be probably eligible for a wholly suspended sentence if he has the ability to show a judge the evidence that he's being - - -

Peter Smith-O

"I have a useful life and if you put me out there, I can do it," yeah.

MS GOBBO: And then he's been on bail for three and a half years without being charged with anything and he's - you know, I've said to him, "Get a job, do some voluntary work, do some charity work." But what he's doing, I don't - I really don't know.

Peter Smith-O

: Yep, O.K.

MS GOBBO: You can only - - -

Peter Smith-O

Got his phone number?

MS GOBBO: - - - lead a horse to water; you can't make it
drink.

Peter Smith-O

|: Yeah. Got his phone number?

MS GOBBO: Yeah.

Peter Smith-O

In your phone?

MS GOBBO: Yeah. Do you want it?

Peter Smith-O

: Oh, yeah, I reckon.

MS GOBBO: You would have it anyway, wouldn't you?

Peter Smith-O

: I don't know.

MS GOBBO: You're not gunna tell me anyway, I guess.

Peter Smith-O

|: That was an honest answer. We kind of find out
what you - what you know.

MS GOBBO: I've just turned it off, so - - -

Peter Smith-O

Yeah. Would he think the police would be aware of

this number?

MS GOBBO: He changes it reasonably often, so maybe.

Peter Smith-O

: O.K. And how long since you've spoken to him on that number or you've rung him on it?

MS GOBBO: Oh, maybe two weeks, three weeks.

Peter Smith-O

Does the number come up when he rings?

MS GOBBO: Yep

Peter Smith-O

: When he changes the number, does he tell you or only - only if he needs to ring you and you see it's a different number?

MS GOBBO: No, he will ring

Peter Smith-O

: He will advise you that he's changed it?

MS GOBBO: Yeah

Peter Smith-O

: Do you want a drink of water or anything or a cup of tea?

MS GOBBO: No. [REDACTED].

Peter Smith-O

: And he's had that about how long now, you reckon?

MS GOBBO: Oh, a couple of months, I'd say.

Peter Smith-O

_____ : Have you got any of his previous numbers there?

MS GOBBO: No. No, I usually - - -

Peter Smith-O

_____ Override.

MS GOBBO: - - - just

Peter Smith-O

: Yep.

MS GOBBO: I'd be - I was gunna be in my - if you CCR my phone,
you'd be able to - but there'd be a million of 'em. I
wouldn't even have a clue whose number they are?

Peter Smith-O

: Yeah. We'll get that other chap, but Lanteri
..... he's reporting on bail, is he?

MS GOBBO: Yeah.

Peter Smith-O

Of course he is.

MS GOBBO: One day a week.

Peter Smith-O

_____ : Apart from that, if I wanted to find him, where
would be the best place to look?

MS GOBBO: Coffee shop.

Peter Smith-O

: Which one?

MS GOBBO: I assume that it's either what used to be known as
TJ's in Brunswick, Sydney Road, Brunswick.

Peter Smith-O

: TJ's I've heard of, yeah.

MS GOBBO: Which is now called Belfiore Restaurant. It's
across the road from the police station. I've only been
- I've been there once.

Peter Smith-O

: O.K.

MS GOBBO: But not for about two years, or some place they all
keep referring to as "the coffee shop" which - - -

Peter Smith-O

That coffee shop.

MS GOBBO: - - - I tragically have never been to "the coffee
shop".

Peter Smith-O

: It's not the same place?

MS GOBBO: No, but the coffee shop is somewhere very close and
they are all there every day, every night playing cards.

Peter Smith-O

: Right. That's in Sydney Road as well, is it?

MS GOBBO: I think so. There was a - there was an occasion
where somebody drove me, one of them - I had to go - no,
I had to go and get something signed by Milad and I went
to his butcher shop which is at Brunswick Market and I
think he might have been - he drove me and he was

pointing out, "Oh, that's where the coffee shop is."
It's somewhere in - I think it is in Sydney Road or on a
corner somewhere. I can't - I don't even know what the
name of it is - - -

Peter Smith-O

: From - - -

MS GOBBO: - - - 'cause it's only known as "the coffee shop".

Peter Smith-O

: From the other coffee shop, is it - - -

MS GOBBO: Walking distance, I think.

Peter Smith-O

: Yeah. Was it towards the city or away from the
city, remember?
Dunno.

MS GOBBO: I really can't remember.

Peter Smith-O

: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: But I assume it has a name. That's just what it's
called.

Peter Smith-O

: Yeah, yeah.

MS GOBBO: Anyway, to answer the question, where would he be,
he would be there.

Peter Smith-O

: Mm.

MS GOBBO: Or he would be - I understand he goes to the gym at
- at Fitzpatrick's which is up there.

Peter Smith-O
| : Dunno.

MS GOBBO: Some gym in Essendon, Moonee Ponds, somewhere.

Peter Smith-O : O.K.

MS GOBBO: I've never been there, so - - -

Peter Smith-O : O.K.

MS GOBBO: - - - I understand that's where he trains with
.....

Peter Smith-O : Yep, all right. If he happens to change numbers,
can you let us know. Too many names for me to keep track
of. The - anything more about Lanteri, Mark, at this
stage? We don't want to get too bogged down with this.
Did you break into your computer?

Sandy White-O : Jesus

Peter Smith-O : What's the other name of the guy you don't know you
mentioned before?

Sandy White-O : Emilio.

Peter Smith-O : Emilio.

MS GOBBO: Yep.

Peter Smith-O

: Sorry, what - where does he fit in again?

MS GOBBO: He is a man who is a money man for Tony.

Peter Smith-O

| Right.

Sandy White-O

: Hang on, sorry, can I just get you to hold for
one minute.

MS GOBBO: He owns a Versace shop in - or runs it - - -

Peter Smith-O

Runs one, yeah.

MS GOBBO: the shop. He owns a business in Chapel -
no, Toorak Road.

Peter Smith-O

| Mm'hm.

MS GOBBO: Near the corner of Chapel Street.

Peter Smith-O

|: This Versace, is it - or they sell Versace goods?

MS GOBBO: They sell Versace goods.

Peter Smith-O

: Solely?

MS GOBBO: I don't actually know the name of it.

Peter Smith-O

: O.K.

MS GOBBO: But he is presently the subject of a brand new restraining order issued by - issued in the Supreme Court by from which we have been paid - that is, me and Con Heliotis have been paid legal fees.

Peter Smith-O

: Yep.

MS GOBBO: It's never been - there never seems to have been a question over where the money was coming from to pay legal fees because as far as our inquiries were, it was legitimate money, not laundered money - - -

Peter Smith-O

: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: - - - from that shop.

Peter Smith-O

: Mm'hm.

MS GOBBO: But in - three weeks ago, the Supreme Court issued a restraining order in relation to Emidio's - one of Emidio's bank accounts.

Peter Smith-O

: Mm'hm.

MS GOBBO: And that is the subject of what all these recent - Friday's conference, today, yesterday's conference is all because of.

Peter Smith-O

All right. And what more do you know about him or do you suspect about him?

MS GOBBO: He's very close to Tony but he's someone who would probably crumble with a fair amount of pressure put on him.

Peter Smith-O

: As in if he was gunna be charged or was charged?

MS GOBBO: Yep, yep. He's - I've seen him. He's scared of Tony. I've seen Tony screaming at him and he's scared of him. I don't - look, I really - I - I don't understand the ins and outs of their relationship other than at some point, some money was provided to - I can't remember if it was provided to Emidio or provided from Emidio - from Emidio, I think - to Tony.

Peter Smith-O

: What sort of dough?

MS GOBBO: Half a million or a million dollars.

Peter Smith-O

|: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: The bottom line is that there's a bank account that Emidio has which - - -

Peter Smith-O

: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: - - - in which - which Tony uses to gamble from.

Peter Smith-O

Right.

MS GOBBO: And - - -

Peter Smith-O

: As his own, sort of thing? What - - -

MS GOBBO: Well, that's the question of what's - that is
 exactly what's in front of us whose money
 really is it?

Peter Smith-O

: Yep.

MS GOBBO: And if it's lawful money, is it from
 someone else?

Peter Smith-O

: yep. We did actually have something
 else

Sandy White-O

: Who's - who's actually taken out the restraining
 order? Who's pushing that?

MS GOBBO: The DPP.

Sandy White-O

Right. Commonwealth or state?

MS GOBBO: State. I assume that this is as a consequence of
 certain hearings that may have taken place or taking
 place at the place we're talking about.

Peter Smith-O

Right.

MS GOBBO: It's a criminal offence to

Sandy White-O

|

Peter Smith-O

: Yeah, O.K.

(TELEPHONE RINGS)

Peter Smith-O

: Got to get it?

Sandy White-O

:

Peter Smith-O

: We turned our phones off on silent
..... anyway. If you need to answer any phones -
yeah, we put ours on silent - feel free.

MS GOBBO: The only person who'd be calling to my private
number at this time would be probably police with
someone.

Peter Smith-O

If you want to get it, it's up to you.

MS GOBBO: No, it's fine. Anyway, why they've only does very
recently

Peter Smith-O

Do you - do you talk to Emidio?

MS GOBBO: Yeah [REDACTED]

Peter Smith-O

O.K. What - - -

MS GOBBO: And I know that because he approached me to see
whether I could appear for him.

Peter Smith-O

: Yeah. And - and did you?

MS GOBBO: No, [REDACTED]

Peter Smith-O

: Right. Who did?

MS GOBBO: Remy van de Wiel.

Peter Smith-O

: O.K.

MS GOBBO: He tried to get Con Heliotis [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Peter Smith-O

MS GOBBO: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Peter Smith-O

: O.K. Do - do you know much about Emidio, ^{Sandy White} ? I
wouldn't mind knowing a bit more about him if you can
give us a - give a bit of a word picture. What sort of a
- I know he's got the - got the shop. How old is he?

MS GOBBO: Oh, late 30s.

Peter Smith-O

: Why are they using him?

MS GOBBO: I don't know. I really don't - I've never - I've

never been told how they know each other, except it's -
clearly they've known each other for a long - well, it
seems like a long time.

Peter Smith-O

Have you been to the shop?

MS GOBBO: I've been there once, yes.

Peter Smith-O

Is it a big joint, classy joint, a lot of dough,
you think or - - -

MS GOBBO: Yes.

Peter Smith-O

: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: I don't own a Versace suit but - - -

Peter Smith-O

: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: - - - I am told that they're about three grand
apiece. Carl Williams and - who's standing trial next
week will be appearing in front of a jury in brand new
Versace suits every day.

Peter Smith-O

: From which shop?

MS GOBBO: His shop.

Peter Smith-O

: Right.

MS GOBBO: Zarah Garde-Wilson doesn't have anything else in her

wardrobe but Versace suits. Have a look at mine. On the other hand, I have not got a

Peter Smith-O

: Right. So - - -

Sandy White-O

You're not - you won't be in court at all for those - that matter in relation to Williams, will you?

MS GOBBO: I can't - I don't - I can't be.

Sandy White-O

No.

MS GOBBO: 'Cause of witness.

Sandy White-O

: Yeah.

Peter Smith-O

: Yeah.

Sandy White-O

: But ^{Solicitor 2} will be there the whole time, will she?

MS GOBBO: Oh, yes.

Sandy White-O

Yeah. But she's not instructing, is she?

MS GOBBO: Yes.

Sandy White-O

: Oh, is she?

MS GOBBO: Oh, yeah. This is the highlight of her professional career to date.

Sandy White-O

Mm.

Peter Smith-O

: Um - - -

MS GOBBO: I saw her this afternoon. She's so excited about it.

Peter Smith-O

: What aspect is she excited about?

MS GOBBO: Getting him off.

Peter Smith-O

: Right. I don't know much about her. Is she a bit of - does she like her face in the media, does she?

MS GOBBO: Um - - -

Peter Smith-O

: All depends.

MS GOBBO: Well, not since - not since she got charged.

Peter Smith-O

: No. That was bad.

MS GOBBO: Not since she got charged.

Peter Smith-O

: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: Look, I had very little to do with her before she was charged, I mean very little to do with her.

Peter Smith-O

: O.K.

MS GOBBO: But the day she was arrested by Purana, she rang me.
She said she didn't have anyone else to call.

Peter Smith-O

: Perhaps we'll come back to her at some stage.

MS GOBBO:

Peter Smith-O

: Yeah, yeah. Obviously she was stuck with - - -

MS GOBBO: Anyway but she's - - -

Peter Smith-O

: Well, with - on the surface - - -

MS GOBBO: - - - acting - she's acting for Emidio as well.

Peter Smith-O

: Right. On the surface of Emidio's business, what -
what retail shop makes that sort of money?

MS GOBBO: Oh, I have no idea and, like, you'll see he used to
have a place called Bogard's which was like a kind of
coffee/café/cigar place at the Jam Factory.

Sandy White-O

: Who? Sorry, who had that?

MS GOBBO: Emidio. He sold it last year and he sold it to a
bloke - how funny's this? He sold it to a bloke for whom
a did a committal earlier this year. His name escapes
me, but some bloke who was charged with a - he was
charged with extortion or blackmail or something. I just
can't even remember. Oh, Benny, Benny someone, Benny -

can't think of his surname. Zarah briefed me. I can check the name but - it will be in my fee book, but I can't remember - - -

Peter Smith-O

Mm'hm.

MS GOBBO: Anyway, he apparently bought Bogard's from Emidio. Whether Bogard's actually ever made any money or didn't - - -

Peter Smith-O

Mm.

MS GOBBO: - - - I really don't know. I - I had certainly went there a couple of times, not - not necessarily even when Emidio was there, because it's the only place in the Jam Factory you can have coffee and a cigarette.

Peter Smith-O

: Oh - - -

Sandy White-O

|: Sorry, what was it, a café or something?

MS GOBBO: Yeah, it's right at the back and it's a - it's the only place in that complex which has got a - I dunno what licence you have to have, but it's got a smoking section.

Peter Smith-O

: Do you know all the places in Melbourne that have those?

MS GOBBO: Well, that's cruel.

Peter Smith-O

: I'm not a smoker. So how long - how long has he

had the shop then, only since selling that or he had it before then?

MS GOBBO: No, he had it - I - I've only been there - I went there to the opening. It was about - not long after - not long after Tony got bail, so it must have been late 2002. As to what level of - - -

Peter Smith-O

| Mm.

MS GOBBO: - - - sales it does or how profitable it is - - -

Peter Smith-O

Yeah.

MS GOBBO: - - - I really don't know, but I mean, I wouldn't buy a suit from there.

Peter Smith-O

: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: Not even with the discount I could probably get.

Peter Smith-O

|: Yeah. Have you got his phone number?

MS GOBBO: Yeah, Emidio. I might just copy the SIM card. He is [REDACTED]. As far as I know, he's had that number since I've known him which is about as long as I've - as long as Tony's been on bail, which is - oh, no, I met him some time in 2002.

Peter Smith-O

_____ Is he hands-on running that business or is he the - just the - - -

MS GOBBO: Yes.

Peter Smith-O

Yeah.

MS GOBBO: He is, and his wife Michelle was - runs it day to day.

Peter Smith-O

Yep.

MS GOBBO: Yeah, Emidio is very - I think he trains at - sometimes trains at the gym with Tony.

Peter Smith-O

..... Right.

MS GOBBO: And he lives around the corner from Tony's mum, somewhere in - near Canberra Street, Brunswick.

Peter Smith-O

: O.K. But - - -

MS GOBBO: Has a - drives a really nice black - he's got a black Porsche.

Peter Smith-O

: Personalised plates?

MS GOBBO: Not that I - I've never seen it, so I don't know. I know that Zarah was looking at it one day. She was driving it 'cause she was going to buy it or something.

Peter Smith-O

Mm. What's - but Emidio's, at least on occasion, scared of Tony?

MS GOBBO: Yes.

Peter Smith-O

: What's Emidio's - what are Emidio's vices?

MS GOBBO: Vices?

Peter Smith-O

Mm, that you're aware of.

MS GOBBO: None in - really - I'm not really - - -

Peter Smith-O

: I mean, I dunno - - -

MS GOBBO: Well, I don't socialise with the bloke. I really
don't see him

Peter Smith-O

No, no, whether you know from first-hand or whether
you - something someone's said to you. I mean - I mean,
you're talking Versace clothes shop, Toorak Road,
Porsche. You could guess the potential vices that might
be involved there, I'd be thinking.

MS GOBBO: Yeah. No, not - not what I've seen.

Peter Smith-O

: O.K.

MS GOBBO: No, I wouldn't say - I've never seen him - never
heard him talk about drugs, never seen him use anything.
I don't know that he necessarily moves in those circles.

Peter Smith-O

: Mm'hm.

MS GOBBO: But I equally don't understand how Tony's one of his dearest friends and what ever joined them together in the first place.

Peter Smith-O

: Mm'hm.

MS GOBBO: Or how they knew each other.

Sandy White-O

You said Tony was screaming at him one day.

Peter Smith-O

Mm.

Sandy White-O

What was that all about?

MS GOBBO: Well, the other - two Sundays ago - three Sundays ago, naturally I was at work because and - - -

Peter Smith-O

: Got to cut down on that.

MS GOBBO: I know, but every one of these crooks know where to find me on the weekend 'cause I'm always at work, which is better than them trying to track me down anywhere else but anyway, he - Tony rang me and he said, "Oh, where are ya?" I said, "At work. What do you reckon?" "How long will you be there for?" Cant even remember what I said. I said, "Probably till late." He said, "I might drop past." Now, that often means he won't even ring back, let alone turn up.

Peter Smith-O

Mm'hm.

MS GOBBO: But sometimes it does actually happen. He turned up at 7 o'clock and about - I reckon about 15 minutes or 10 minutes later - and he wouldn't come upstairs. He wouldn't come into my actual office 'cause no - no-one will actually come in there.

Peter Smith-O

: Why not?

MS GOBBO: Because it's been - I believe it's got listening devices installed in it.

Peter Smith-O

:

MS GOBBO: Well not that long ago and they wouldn't go up there, so - - -

Peter Smith-O

: They're scaredy cats.

MS GOBBO: And they were some very confidential information.

Peter Smith-O

|: Yep.

MS GOBBO: But anyway, about 15 minutes later, Emidio turns up.

Sandy White-O

: Emidio or Tony?

MS GOBBO: No, Tony comes first, then Emidio came, yeah. And - hang on, this is

(TELEPHONE RINGS)

Peter Smith-O

: Another one? Yeah, go for it.

MS GOBBO: Hello? Yeah. Yeah. Yeah. All right. I'll be
..... be about an hour, so I'll meet you - I'll -
I'll come there. O.K. See you. No, that's all right,
it's just my sister.

So, yeah, he turns up and then he says, "Emidio is
coming," and I said "Why?" He said, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Peter Smith-O

: Mm.

MS GOBBO: He turns up about 10 minutes later and I said,
"Look, you're not supposed to be here while he's
discussing this," [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] or - and I - I said to Emidio, "I'm more
than happy to give you advice about the [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] and so forth - - -"

Peter Smith-O

: Mm.

MS GOBBO: "- - - but I can't discuss what you might say with
him."

Peter Smith-O

: Mm.

MS GOBBO: And I can't - equally I couldn't - [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Peter Smith-O

: Mm.

MS GOBBO: "- - - two weeks ago," because he might have told -

[REDACTED]

- long before he
turned up to see me. Anyway, the issue with Emidio was
that he had - he was jumping up and down saying, "How
dare they? [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] - which he didn't have with him, by the way,
and he says he's got it. I said - 'cause I said, "Well,
what's it about?" I said, "The first thing is I might
not be able to appear for you [REDACTED]

Peter Smith-O

: Mm'hm.

MS GOBBO: I didn't say the reason why that's - - -

Peter Smith-O

: Yep.

MS GOBBO: [REDACTED] "I don't have it with me."

And then he started crapping on about how, you know, he's
outraged about the fact that it said on the front of the
[REDACTED] and, "How dare they say,
'I'm a money launderer,'" blah blah blah.

Peter Smith-O

: "I'm a legitimate businessman."

MS GOBBO: Pardon?

Peter Smith-O

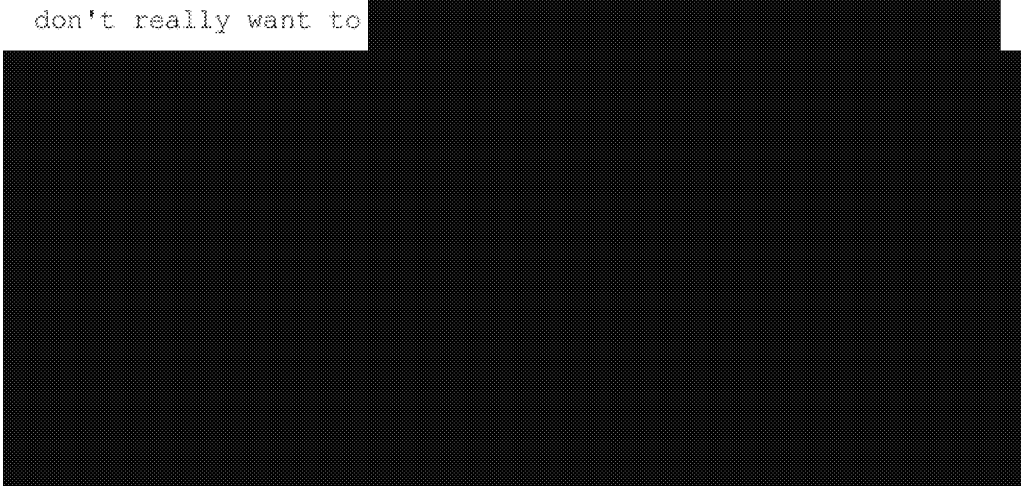
"I'm a legitimate businessman."

MS GOBBO: That's what he was saying basically. "I choose who my friends are," and, "This is guilt by association," blah blah blah.

Peter Smith-O

_____: Mm'hm.

MS GOBBO: He then - and then Tony started yelling at him because he started - Emidio starting saying, you know, "I don't really want to



Peter Smith-O

Mm.

MS GOBBO: He then - he'd got this tape with him and - an audiotape and he said, "Oh, I need you to listen to this," and I said, "Why? What is it?" He said, "It's an interview that was conducted by the Australian Taxation Office," and I said, "Is it a formal record of

interview?" He didn't understand what that was. He said, "Yes." But anyway I got out of him the fact that it was a - a proper caution at the beginning of it.

Peter Smith-O

Mm'hm.

MS GOBBO: And he said, "I need to - I need - if you're going to - if you're going to come today you should listen to this to hear what is there 'cause I need to make suer that what I say [REDACTED] is the same as what I've told the ATO." I said, "Uh, uh, uh, I don't care what you've told the ATO, it's not on oath. You can't be charged with perjury for what you've told the ATO in an interview. Put the tape in the bin and whatever the truth is, that's what you - that's what you say."

He started saying, "Oh, but if I'm asked" - I'm not - it's not that I don't want to say this - - -

Peter Smith-O

: Mm.

MS GOBBO: I don't - I really - he started to try and say, "But if I'm asked about this being or if I'm asked about that or if I'm asked about this, I really don't know what I'm going to say," and, "Maybe I should say" - whatever. That's when Tony started yelling at him, saying, "You just say what you have to say. We'll talk about this," blah blah blah. Tony knew enough to take him away from me and - - -

Peter Smith-O

[REDACTED] Mm.

MS GOBBO: - - - have that discussion in my presence or in the
foyer of my building, bearing in mind that there's
probably bugs there as well, and if there are, it'll all
be - it'll all be recorded. Anyway, so then what
happened was I rang up the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

- he hasn't had a lawyer before because he's
never been charged with a crime, so the only lawyers he
really knew were - he had some civil litigation - - -

Peter Smith-O

: Mm'hm.

MS GOBBO: - - - over - with Village Roadshow which were the
lessors of the Jam Factory

Peter Smith-O

: Yep.

MS GOBBO: So he had a civil barrister. I can't - can't
remember his name and he knew Con Heliotis and he knew me
and he knows Zarah. He couldn't speak to Zarah.

Peter Smith-O

Mm.

MS GOBBO: She apparently was [REDACTED] but as I say, I never saw it 'cause he didn't bring it that night. He - I said, "Look," he won't be - probably won't be able to have me, "but I'll ring [REDACTED] anyway". I did ring for him. They said "no". I rang him back the next day and said, "I can't go for you. Speak to Con, try Con," and Con rang and they said, "No, you can't come here either," although he hasn't been there for any of these people that I know of. Then again, he could have been there himself for all I know.

Then I think I rang [REDACTED] back, trying to say to them, "Look" - oh, no, I did ring. I rang [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Peter Smith-O

Yeah. I was wondering if you were going to say that, yep.

Sandy White-O

What, you could hear that?

MS GOBBO: No, no, I'm not saying - - -

Sandy White-O

: You just know

MS GOBBO: It was obvious. And in the end, Remy - Remy
van de Wiel went because he's in the same building or the
same floor as Con.

Peter Smith-O

: O.K.

MS GOBBO: As to the ins and outs of what he was after and what
he said, I don't know.

Peter Smith-O

: Yep.

MS GOBBO: I never listened to the ATO tape that he had with
him because my view was and remains, "Who cares what you
told them? You can't be charged for what you told them

[REDACTED] "

Peter Smith-O

: How old was the ATO tape, do you remember? Was
that a recent thing or not?

MS GOBBO: Last year, I think he said. I didn't even play it.
I never looked at it.

Peter Smith-O

_____: No, no.

MS GOBBO: And I presume that was something to do with whatever
money he's turning over or - - -

Peter Smith-O

: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: - - - got another account somewhere.

Sandy White-O

: Why couldn't Con do it for him?

Peter Smith-O

: Wasn't allowed.

MS GOBBO:

[REDACTED]

Now, I don't know

why that is because they let me go down there.

Peter Smith-O

|: It's the way it works. No-one can tell you

why - - -

MS GOBBO: I don't really - - -

Peter Smith-O

| - - -

[REDACTED]

MS GOBBO: That's right.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

but

anyway - - -

Peter Smith-O

|: Mm.

MS GOBBO: - - -

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

..... whatever.

Sandy White-O

How do you spell Emilio's surname?

MS GOBBO: N-A-V-A-R-O-L-I, Navaroli, I think.

Peter Smith-O

: So I think when his name first come up tonight, is

he the one you said if he was under pressure from

charges, he would crumble?

MS GOBBO: Yes.

Peter Smith-O

Was that - are you thinking - well, what - what do you think those charges might be if - if he was under - - -

MS GOBBO: I don't know what it was. I don't know whether - to what extent he is laundering money but my view is that he probably - - -

Peter Smith-O

: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: - - - has been. The reason I say that is it's just - it is just absurd to think that you'd go and get an SLK, SLK 65 - - -

Peter Smith-O

: Mm'hm.

MS GOBBO: - - - which apparently are 600,000 or a 580,000-dollar motor vehicle. You hire purchase it and the rumour has it that a hundred grand was paid as the deposit money.

Peter Smith-O

: Mm'hm.

MS GOBBO: The balance is on finance. The payments on the car must be 10 grand a month.

Peter Smith-O

: This is Tony you're talking about?

MS GOBBO: This is - Tony drives it but it's in Emidio's name.

Peter Smith-O

Right.

MS GOBBO: Now - - -

Sandy White-O

: What's the - what sort of car is it?

MS GOBBO: It's an SLK - - -

Peter Smith-O

SL - - -

MS GOBBO: - - - 65 AMG with the numberplate [REDACTED] which is a
taunt to the police of "Are you there? Are you watching
me?"

Peter Smith-O

: How long's he had that?

MS GOBBO: Maybe late last year. I remember him having
it - - -

Peter Smith-O

: Yeah. It's still around.

MS GOBBO: Pardon?

Peter Smith-O

[REDACTED]: It's still around.

MS GOBBO: Yeah, but I remember him having it before his
Commonwealth committal which was November.

Sandy White-O

: Is that in - sorry - - -

MS GOBBO: It's in Emidio's name.

Peter Smith-O : Emidio's name.

MS GOBBO: As far as I know it is, yes.

Sandy White-O

: And what did you say about the cost of it?

MS GOBBO: It's a 560,000 or 580,000-dollar car. I know my - I pay off a car that's financed. I think the finance on mine is 80 grand or 90 grand - 80 grand, I think it is, but my payments are - per month are about \$1300 a month or 1200.

Peter Smith-O

: Mm.

MS GOBBO: So you just work it out. I mean, I don't even know what the exact payments are, but on a half a million dollar car, it would have to be - - -

Peter Smith-O

: He's not paying 400 - - -

MS GOBBO: It must be like 10 grand a month or something.

Sandy White-O

But they paid a hundred grand deposit?

MS GOBBO: Apparently in cash.

Peter Smith-O

: How do you know that or who told you that at least?

MS GOBBO: I'm trying to - I'm actually trying to think who did

tell me that. It might have been someone - I can't - I really can't. I know I've talked to Jim Velos about it and he had heard it. He might have told me. But it may well have come from - it might have been a Mercedes person because my - I had a car which was sold back to Mercedes.

Peter Smith-O

: Mm'hm.

MS GOBBO: But, no, no, they had sold him - that car came from Southbank Mercedes. I think it may have been them that told me. Oh, no, now I remember, it was them because they said - they were laughing about it, saying that he brought in a bag, paid a lot of cash, and then had driven out in this half-a-million dollar motor vehicle and nearly driven over a traffic island and they were laughing about how good - what a dickhead. You'd come in, get this beautiful car and then go out. But how - how - I don't understand how you would be able to satisfy someone, unless the documents were fraudulent, that you could repay that sort of a loan.

Peter Smith-O

: I dunno. Who took the cash in?

MS GOBBO: Dunno, dunno.

Peter Smith-O

: But the person who was the dickhead driving it, was that Tony?

MS GOBBO: Yep.

Peter Smith-O

: Out of the showroom?

MS GOBBO: Yep.

Peter Smith-O

: O.K. Where does Emidio live?

MS GOBBO: I think it's in the same street as Tony's mum.

Peter Smith-O

: Oh, sorry, you did say this before.

MS GOBBO: And - - -

Peter Smith-O

: Sorry, I'm losing track. Yes?

MS GOBBO: Or around the corner somewhere there.

Peter Smith-O

: O.K. And so you say he works with his wife? His
wife works in the - wife works in the shop, you think?

MS GOBBO: Yeah, his wife does.

Peter Smith-O

: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: But whether he does every day - - -

Peter Smith-O

: O.K.

MS GOBBO: - - - I really dunno.

Peter Smith-O

: And you haven't said much to indicate you know much
about his lifestyle, like, apart from - - -

MS GOBBO: Oh, I really don't.

Peter Smith-O
: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: I don't - never socialise with him.

Peter Smith-O
: O.K. Is Emidio close to anybody else you're aware
of?

MS GOBBO: Mark. He's close certainly - close to Mark Lanteri.

Peter Smith-O
: Yep.

MS GOBBO: How close I don't really know.

Peter Smith-O
: How would you think that works? Why would he be
close to him?

MS GOBBO: Gives him free clothes from Versace, I think. I'd
have to

Peter Smith-O
: Yeah, yeah.

MS GOBBO: I really don't know. Just maybe 'cause he's a
friend of Tony's.

Peter Smith-O
: Yeah, all right. So - - -

MS GOBBO: Everyone needs an Emidio. I wouldn't mind an Emidio
giving me a - - -

Peter Smith-O

Hey - - -

MS GOBBO:

Peter Smith-O

: And you would have the clothes that went with it.

MS GOBBO: if I really wanted them, I'm suer I could
ask - - -

Peter Smith-O

: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: - - - and go there on - - -

Peter Smith-O

I I'm not saying you need them but I'm saying if
you've got a Benz, maybe you would have a Versace suit.

MS GOBBO: Nothing's for free in this world.

Peter Smith-O

Yeah, but also you get what you pay for. O.K. So
I dunno how to think of it, but if we think of Tony as
the centre of the circle, we've got some people off to
one side being [REDACTED] or, if he's on ice, workwise or
not, we don't know, but [REDACTED] and perhaps [REDACTED] doing
perhaps hands-on drug work. Probably Emidio has got some
- at the very least, cash advice for cash problems there,
assisting Tony with that. Who else has Tony got round
here?

MS GOBBO: I know Emidio - look, I know he's got a credit card
that Tony uses to put thing son.

Peter Smith-O

: Oh, yeah. What sort of card?

MS GOBBO: I actually don't know what sort of card it is
but - - -

Peter Smith-O

| : Yeah. It's - it's a separate one for Tony, is it?

MS GOBBO: I think it might be Emidio's account but Tony has a
card or use - or maybe he just has access - use of the
number, as in a credit card number to book things.

Peter Smith-O

: Right.

MS GOBBO: Because - - -

Peter Smith-O

: What sort of things would he book, yeah?

MS GOBBO: Holidays. I remember him saying, "When I've done
bail copy of the itinerary to give to the
informant."

Peter Smith-O

: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: You know, that shows - - -

Peter Smith-O

: Where he's gunna be and - - -

MS GOBBO: That's right.

Peter Smith-O

- - - yep, who he's going to report to.

MS GOBBO: And I remember seeing one of - seeing one a year ago or maybe six months ago that had - was booked on a credit card in Emidio's name.

Peter Smith-O

Yeah. You still got that?

MS GOBBO: Would I still have it?

Peter Smith-O

: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: I've got a big wall of Mokbel in my chambers, so maybe.

Sandy White-O

: Where was the holiday, that holiday six months ago?

MS GOBBO: He's been to Queensland about - he's had three or four bail variations.

Peter Smith-O

: Mm'hm.

MS GOBBO: I dunno. Maybe - who knows what's - what extra's on that card or - I mean, I just - it can't be that - he must be paying, you know, things like utility bills and - I remember Emidio saying he had to pay - he paid parking tickets on credit card. Tony doesn't care about parking tickets, so I assume that all of his are paid for on that card as well.

Peter Smith-O

But - but, sorry, would Tony actually pay a parking

ticket?

MS GOBBO: No, he'd just get someone to do it for him. He
wouldn't - - -

Peter Smith-O : No, no, but he would get someone to pay? He
wouldn't just throw it away?

MS GOBBO: Nuh.

Peter Smith-O : He would get it fixed. He would get it paid
somehow?

MS GOBBO: Yep, yep.

Peter Smith-O | : Anything else specifically that you remember that
Emidio does for him or - a bill might be
useful.

MS GOBBO: Those Versace suits

Peter Smith-O Yeah.

MS GOBBO: No, nothing in particular.

Peter Smith-O | : O.K.

MS GOBBO: I know there's - I don't even know the car Tony had
before that [REDACTED] car - - -

Peter Smith-O Yeah.

MS GOBBO: - - - was also an Emidio purchase. I think it was
but I don't even know how to

Peter Smith-O : What was that?

MS GOBBO: An E55.

Peter Smith-O : O.K. You don't know if they traded it?

MS GOBBO: No, I don't. I don't - - -

Peter Smith-O : Are they personalised plates?

Sandy White-O : Was that the one that got smashed by the SOG?

MS GOBBO: No, no, no, that was the Statesman.

Sandy White-O : The Statesman. That's right.

MS GOBBO: The Kabalans' - - -

Sandy White-O : You're right, yeah.

MS GOBBO: - - - Statesman. No, it didn't have a - he used to
take the plates off, so that couldn't be - didn't have to
pay eTag fares on it 'cause naturally when you're
struggling for a dollar - - -

Peter Smith-O : Hey, you've got to watch the - the cents. What
colour was that?

MS GOBBO: That was black.

Peter Smith-O : Right.

MS GOBBO: And his other car - - -

Peter Smith-O Bugger the

MS GOBBO: The other car that he's driving - yeah, I know, I'm
- I'm silly, that's why I'm his other car, his
- the BMW that he's driving, I don't know but I think
that's in Emidio's name.

Peter Smith-O : And what's that?

MS GOBBO: It's an X5, one of those four-wheel drive

Peter Smith-O : Yep. What colour's that one?

MS GOBBO: Black.

Peter Smith-O : Black.

Sandy White-O : What do you call them?

Peter Smith-O X5.

Sandy White-O X5.

Peter Smith-O So, you know, the sort of mid-sized four-wheeler?

How long's he had that one?

Sandy White-O : He's been driving it for, like, four or five months, about - maybe a bit less.

Peter Smith-O But you don't think it's in Emidio's name, that one?

Sandy White-O : No. I think it's in Glenn Wills' name.

Peter Smith-O : O.K.

Sandy White-O : Who?

Peter Smith-O : Glenn Wills. So you're speaking to the uninitiated - - -

MS GOBBO: Mm.

Peter Smith-O : - - - who the - is Glenn Wills?

MS GOBBO: He is a man who - - -

Peter Smith-O : Wills, is it, as in - - -

MS GOBBO: Yep. Now, I don't think he's - - -

Peter Smith-O - - - W-I-L-L-S?

MS GOBBO: Yeah. He's some - I think - I think he's the guy who owned part of or all of Heat Nightclub.

Peter Smith-O

: Past tense?

MS GOBBO: Well, I think they shut it down when they took the
licence away from them

Sandy White-O

: Coburg or Coburn?

MS GOBBO: Glenn Coburn?

Sandy White-O

: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: Yeah, but Glenn Wills was somehow a partner in it or
a - - -

Peter Smith-O

: So why would - what's his relationship to Tony that
he can have his car registered in his name?

MS GOBBO: I don't know. No, I don't know. I think that -
can't even remember who I heard this from either. Glenn
was buying a new one or getting a new one and was trying
to sell his old one and I think Tony's got the old one.
Why would he not put it in his name? Because he hasn't -
can't get any assets in his name.

Peter Smith-O

: Oh, so it's - - -

MS GOBBO: So it's probably easier - presumably he's paid cash
to Glenn.

Peter Smith-O

Right.

MS GOBBO: And he just keeps it in - - -

Peter Smith-O

Yeah.

MS GOBBO: - -- his name.

Peter Smith-O

: O.K. So what else does Glenn Wills do?

MS GOBBO: I dunno. I've only met him about twice.

Peter Smith-O

: O.K.

MS GOBBO: Apparently he was a - he was a - charged [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] for a - some stupid [REDACTED] that took place in a
..... place about [REDACTED]
- years ago.

Peter Smith-O

..... O.K.

MS GOBBO: He got just [REDACTED] or something.

Sandy White-O

That name we'll come back to.

Peter Smith-O

[REDACTED]

MS GOBBO: He's be refused bail on [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

.....

Peter Smith-O

: O.K.

MS GOBBO:

Peter Smith-O

: You know, this - this obviously is going to take some time, you know. It's - and we've - we're just talking about people around him at the moment but I think - I think we need to get a fair picture of who was - who was in that circle. I - I would like to.

MS GOBBO: I don't - I don't think any of this will be new. I mean - - -

Sandy White-O

Yeah.

MS GOBBO: - - - I'm assuming - I'm assuming all this is sort of known.

Peter Smith-O

: But some of the detail maybe, you know.

Sandy White-O

What time is your sister - - -

Peter Smith-O

: Yeah, it's quarter to 9. I'm not saying stop now but - - -

MS GOBBO: No, you can keep going.

Peter Smith-O

: Yeah.

Sandy White-O

All right.

Peter Smith-O

: We were actually hoping - you mentioned to me on the phone that you might be - you're clear tomorrow as

well.

MS GOBBO: No, not any more.

Peter Smith-O

: Oh, O.K.

MS GOBBO: I was gunna - I was until this afternoon.

Peter Smith-O

: Oh - - -

MS GOBBO: I've been asked to be a volunteer for the morning -
help with the new baby barristers.

Peter Smith-O

: O.K.

MS GOBBO: So I would have been.

Peter Smith-O

: O.K.

MS GOBBO: But I assumed 'cause I've been here tonight that
tomorrow morning - - -

Peter Smith-O

: Oh, right. 'Cause as I said to you, there's gunna
be - have to be a couple of sessions, as long as you're
happy with that. We're going to have to go away and
think about, you know, how we want to focus things and -
but perhaps - perhaps now, let's just - let's just home
in on the main man and - well, you know him, we don't.
Tell us - tell us what we don't know about him.

MS GOBBO: I don't know no, I don't - I don't -

really don't spend - I used to go to the same gym as him
and I used to - and because I was - saw him every day in
that - well, not every day but quite often in that
capacity, he used to talk - - -

Peter Smith-O

: Mm.

MS GOBBO: - - - about a lot of things.

Peter Smith-O

: Mm'hm.

MS GOBBO: I still the first person that he will
..... to ask a question of when he thinks that other
people would laugh at him if he asked the question,
because he knows I won't laugh at him. Like, he was rung
- he's rung me up and said, "What's an entrepreneur?" I
say, "Why?" "Because someone's called me one. What does
it mean?"

Peter Smith-O

O.K., yep.

MS GOBBO: So he has that sort of relationship with me. He -
but at the same time - up until late last year he used to
have - Jim Velos was his solicitor. Jim and him never
got along because - it was a money thing. He used to
always be fighting about how much money Tony owed him.
So Tony virtually cut him off and just didn't speak to
him - - -

Peter Smith-O

_____ Mm'hm.

MS GOBBO: - - - and used to speak to me. Long story, Jim
decided he didn't want to speak to Tony either 'cause the
were always fighting about money, so it'd go on me and I
was basically a solicitor as well as a barrister.

Peter Smith-O : Yep.

MS GOBBO: But since Zarah's been around which is December last
year, I don't speak to him nearly as often or on those
same terms. It's more a - I mean, like, tonight, he'd
ring me saying, "Eh, are you doing anything? Come and
have some dinner."

Peter Smith-O | Yeah.

MS GOBBO: It's a very - like, it hasn't happened, but
..... so I don't want it was about but it's
something.

Peter Smith-O : Is he likely to ring you again tomorrow about that?

MS GOBBO: Probably, or he would expect me - he's got the -
he's got the concentration of a - - -

Peter Smith-O |: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: - - - someone with ADD.

Peter Smith-O |: O.K.

MS GOBBO: So I would probably have to remind him.

Peter Smith-O

_____ : If he does, would you go and do it?

MS GOBBO: Oh, I wouldn't be that keen to because I've got -
it's not - if I've got two hours to spare - - -

Peter Smith-O

: Mm.

MS GOBBO: - - - I'm not gunna go and spend it with him because
it's not relaxing.

Peter Smith-O

: Yep.

MS GOBBO: And I mean it, it's not relaxing 'cause God knows
who's watching and God knows what - where he's going to
..... what he's going to say. But it's something he
wants, it won't just be, "Let's have dinner," like you
have dinner with a friend.

Peter Smith-O

: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: It'll be something about something.

Peter Smith-O

: Mm. So from our point of view obviously we'd be
curious to I know what that was.

MS GOBBO: Well, I can't - like, I'm here, I'm not there.

Peter Smith-O

Yeah, yeah. I'm saying down the track, yeah.

MS GOBBO: So anyway, it might - it may be that his

girlfriend's away or that they're having a fight at the moment or - I really don't know because it's - - -

Peter Smith-O

So it could be up here or down there.

MS GOBBO: He may have had it - he may have already arranged a - to be having dinner with Lanteri or Zarah.

Peter Smith-O

Mm'hm.

MS GOBBO: I know they had dinner a couple of times last week or the week before which I'm - to which I wasn't invited. I don't say that bitterly that I wasn't invited - - -

Peter Smith-O

: Mm.

MS GOBBO: - - - but it may be that I was an afterthought, "Come along."

Peter Smith-O

Yeah.

MS GOBBO: But I - I really don't - I didn't

Peter Smith-O

: O.K.

MS GOBBO: Anyway, it's not the done thing to say, "Oh, by the way, who else is coming?" or - - -

Peter Smith-O

: No.

MS GOBBO: - - - it's just you would - you would think

something was strange about that.

Peter Smith-O

All right. What's - - -

MS GOBBO: And I go back in time. In the Japanese, if I asked in the Japanese tradition, when Tony was locked up, I was acting for Lanteri, Joe Parisi and Milad Mokbel - - -

Peter Smith-O

: Mm.

MS GOBBO: - - - who was also charged at that time. Tony was in custody. And I can't remember what period of time but it was in the first few months of - may have been the first six months of Tony being in custody. His co-accused were not permitted to contact one another or have contact - - -

Peter Smith-O

: Mm'hm.

MS GOBBO: - - - unless in the presence of a legal representative or for the purposes of their legal proceedings and what started off as a tradition or it became a tradition while he was in custody was rather than me speaking to Tony about whatever had happened with his case that week or subpoenas or mentions or - bearing in mind this goes back to a time when the DPP itself was adjourning the committal because of the allegations of corruption - - -

Peter Smith-O

Yeah.

MS GOBBO: - - - in relation to witnesses, so rather than me having to speak to Milad separately, Lanteri separately, Parisi separately and then Tony, then it got to a stage where I was being driven insane because every day I had four or five phone calls from the gaol from Tony, plus I had the others all on the phone as well. So eventually I said, "Once a week, come in here," and they used to come into my office and I'd say, "Everyone sit down. This is what's - this is where we're at this week. This is what's happened. This is what this person said. This is what's gonna - this is gonna be adjourned," and, "This is the next stage of Tony's next bail application," because bear in mind there were two failed applications before he got bail.

Peter Smith-O

: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: So that started off as them coming into my office. It was always 8 o'clock, 9 o'clock at night because they knew that by then, I was free of other commitments and I would always be there.

Peter Smith-O

: Mm.

MS GOBBO: Eventually that became, "Let's go down the road. We don't want to talk in your office any more," to a Japanese place that was at Melbourne Central and then has since moved to Clarendon Street, South Melbourne. So both the, "Oh" - the, "Let's - do you want to have dinner?" or, "Do you want to come for Japanese?"

translates to God knows who was gunna be there and - - -

Peter Smith-O : Mm.

MS GOBBO: - - - God knows what it was about. Might have been about the Port Melbourne thing. I don't know.

Peter Smith-O O.K. Why has he got 12 phones?

MS GOBBO: Presumably because he's committing crimes. Why would anyone - - -

Peter Smith-O : But what - - -

MS GOBBO: Why would anyone have more than one phone not in their own name?

Peter Smith-O But 12 phones is a lot of phones.
What - that's - - -

MS GOBBO: I just said "12". It might be - - -

Peter Smith-O : But let's say - let's say he's got 10 or a lot. So that's at least one - one - a different phone number for different people.

MS GOBBO: Yeah.

Peter Smith-O | : Who are the people?

MS GOBBO: I really don't know.

Peter Smith-O

: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: I honestly don't know. I have been with him before when his bag started ringing because - it's funny because he doesn't know which phone's ringing. You can see him pulling 'em out to work out who it is. I dunno who those people are, other than when that guy got arrested that he was - Darren Bednarski, the first thing he did - he said was, "I've got - I've got to get rid of some phones." I dunno. I honestly don't know who they were or where they were connected to.

Peter Smith-O

: Mm.

MS GOBBO: He has at one stage canvassed the prospect of giving me a phone so that he would be - it would be safe for him to speak to me on the phone about whatever. He - he doesn't ever talk about in detail - - -

Peter Smith-O

: Mm.

MS GOBBO: - - - about things like what he - what he wants subpoenaed, what's gonna - what will be said in court, because he believes his phone - - -

Peter Smith-O

: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: - - - or my phone is being listened to.

Peter Smith-O

Mm'hm.

MS GOBBO: So I'm not saying to the extent that he would like to talk about crime on the phone.

Peter Smith-O

Mm.

MS GOBBO: But he will not talk about any details.

Peter Smith-O

: Yep.

MS GOBBO: And if he ever is launching into details on the phone, it's because it's for a purpose, because he believes it is being listened to.

Peter Smith-O

: Yeah. What number is he using now?

MS GOBBO: The [REDACTED] number which is [REDACTED].

Peter Smith-O

: Is that a widely known number?

MS GOBBO: Yeah. That's the only one I've got

Peter Smith-O

: Has he had that one awhile?

MS GOBBO: Yeah. He'd be due to change it. The other one was [REDACTED] something, [REDACTED] - I can't - I can't even remember. I've got it written somewhere in my office. Yeah, he'd be due to change it 'cause he's had it for a couple of months.

Peter Smith-O

. Does he ring you - does he - to tell you he's

changed his numbers?

MS GOBBO: Yep

Peter Smith-O

: He rings - rings you to tell you that?

MS GOBBO: Yep. Oh, no, he wouldn't - he wouldn't say it over the phone, but he would ring me.

Peter Smith-O

His number comes up?

MS GOBBO: Yeah.

Peter Smith-O

: So it's

MS GOBBO: Yeah. I know Zarah's got another number she speaks to him on because when he changed from the [REDACTED] number to this number, I didn't have this number and I remember saying to her, "Listen, I've got a couple of messages to call him back but his phone's permanently on voicemail or on 'leave a message'."

Peter Smith-O

: Mm.

MS GOBBO: Um - - -

Peter Smith-O

Are you getting it?

MS GOBBO:

Peter Smith-O

All right.

MS GOBBO: um, ah, so I - I know that she had
 another number for him 'cause she said at times
 that - - -

Sandy White-O

: ringing?

MS GOBBO: Yeah.

Sandy White-O

Yeah. Maybe she'd answer it?

Peter Smith

Yeah.

Sandy White-O

..... your sister or - - -

MS GOBBO: (On telephone) Hello? Yes. Where - where are you?
 Yeah, whereabouts in Lonsdale Street? Yeah. Oh, O.K.
 Who are you with? Mm. So do you want to talk to me
 about something? All right. Won't be long. Bye.
 Hardware Lane.

Sandy White-O

: What, is that a restaurant, is it?

MS GOBBO: I dunno. They're somewhere in Hardware Lane.
 There's a whole bunch of 'em there.

Sandy White-O

He wants to meet ya?

MS GOBBO: Mm'hm.

Sandy White-O

:

Peter Smith-O

: Are you - are you going to - are you saying you're going to meet him or you're actually - you think you will meet him there?

MS GOBBO: No, I'll ring him back. I - I said I won't be long and I'll ring him back.

Peter Smith-O

: Well, put it this way - - -

MS GOBBO: some - yeah, there's obviously something he wants to speak to me about because it's not - otherwise it would just be a conversation on the phone.

Peter Smith-O

: So - - -

Sandy White-O

So you would just drop everything
.....

MS GOBBO: Yep.

Sandy White-O

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MS GOBBO: Yep.

Peter Smith-O

: But it has - - -

MS GOBBO: Not so much this year but in the past, yes.

Peter Smith-O

: So it hasn't happened for a while?

MS GOBBO: No, it hasn't. No, it hasn't, and - because to a degree kind of just one of - one of his side or his team.

Sandy White-O

Mm.

Peter Smith-O

: Mm.

MS GOBBO: And when I say "to a degree", it is to a degree because to some extent, like, there are things that he won't - he won't say in front of me or he won't do in front of me. Some - you might say that there's - he knows that there's a line there not to - but I think it's just a matter of being careful. Why tell anyone what you're doing - - -

Peter Smith-O

: Mm.

MS GOBBO: - - - or why tell anyone what your business is?

Sandy White-O

: Did he ask you where you were?

MS GOBBO: Yeah. "What are you doing?" and I didn't respond. You heard what I said.

Sandy White-O

|: Yeah. But earlier - - -

MS GOBBO: Yeah, he did.

Sandy White-O

: And what did you say you were doing tonight?

MS GOBBO: No, I just said I was - I didn't say anything. I just said I had to go and see someone for a couple of hours.

Sandy White-O

: Mm.

MS GOBBO: But it's all about control or - - -

Sandy White-O

: Mm.

MS GOBBO: - - - it's about - to make me think that it is about control and I dunno - I mean, I really don't know to what extent it is about what he knows or he thinks he knows or - so, I mean, dunno.

Sandy White-O

: O.K. So do you intend to go and meet him?

MS GOBBO: Well, I don't - if I did go and meet him, it would be purely out of your interests, not mine.

Sandy White-O

Mm.

MS GOBBO: Because quite frankly I have got a lot of work to do.

Sandy White-O

Mm. I guess one of the options are, you go and meet him, see what he says or go to your sister's - - -

MS GOBBO: Yeah.

Sandy White-O

: - - - and so what you intended to do and have

him come and see you at your office tomorrow.

MS GOBBO: Yeah. Well, that's - that's right.

Sandy White-O

A better sort of environment.

Peter Smith-O

: But he may be off the boil from what you say.

MS GOBBO: Pardon?

Peter Smith-O

: Well, from what you said before, he may be off the
boil by then. If he's - - -

MS GOBBO: That's right.

Peter Smith-O

: - - - if he's a bit up and down, it's
important - - -

MS GOBBO: He's always up and down. It's - it's a constant
thing with him.

Peter Smith-O

: Mm.

MS GOBBO: Unpredictable. It'll be - I mean, he wouldn't ring
back twice unless it was - there was something.

Peter Smith-O

Mm.

MS GOBBO: Now, if I was in the city, if I was in my office and
it was this hour - - -

Peter Smith-O

: Mm.

MS GOBBO: - - - and he was one block away, it would be pretty simple to say - I would have said, "Well, walk up here," or, "Come past on your way home."

Peter Smith-O

: Mm.

MS GOBBO: "'Cause you're one block away, come past." Yeah, if I don't know who was there, as in who he's with - - -

Peter Smith-O

Mm.

MS GOBBO: - - - I'd be reluctant to go because you don't know - - -

Sandy White-O

: Mm.

MS GOBBO: If you - I assume that he's under a fair bit of surveillance and I don't want to be seen in that many surveillance pictures or videos or whatever. I mean, there's - as far as being watched, I'm not particular - I'm not concerned because I'm not - I don't - I'm not being handed cash, I'm not dealing with drugs - - -

Sandy White-O

Mm.

MS GOBBO: - - - or anything like that. But it's just the - the fact of the association and I'm - it's an odd thing. Why would you be walking - why would you be going out for dinner at 9 o'clock at night? Different if there's a

group of people or different if there's, like, his solicitor when it used to be a male solicitor, different sort of situation, but I just think it's - I'm more than - much more comfortable with out in the open, daylight, morning, city.

Peter Smith-O

: Is he with somebody?

MS GOBBO: Yeah. He's with his - - -

Peter Smith-O

: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: Well, at least he's with one of his brothers.

Peter Smith-O

: Oh - - -

Sandy White-O

Is that what he said?

MS GOBBO: Yep.

Sandy White-O

And it was Milad that wasn't it?

MS GOBBO: No, Horty. Horty's been yeah, yep.

Sandy White-O

: So if you don't turn up there, what's gunna happen?

MS GOBBO: He'll ring back.

Sandy White-O

Yeah. And if you say, "I can't make it," what's gunna happen then?

MS GOBBO: No, no big deal.

Sandy White-O

No.

MS GOBBO: No big deal. He might turn up tomorrow morning. He might have other - look, I don't know what his plans are for tomorrow, so - and he's not gunna - he - he's not the sort of person who will necessarily say, "I need to speak to you about something," or, "I want to talk to you about something." Sometimes he would say - oh, sometimes he'd say that, sometimes he wouldn't. This - it might well be about what happened this morning. There was a mention in front of - in the Supreme Court. I wasn't present 'cause I was doing a plea. So it might be, "What does it all mean?" or it might be someone's put some idea in his head about a witness or about what the prosecution's doing or about God knows.

He's certainly ripe to be taken advantage of by people in terms of - I can't remember how many months ago someone had approached - and I thought it was a set-up. I thought the police - it was a police set-up at the time. Someone had approached his solicitor and - that is Zarah, and had rung up and said, "I'm" - I don't know who the bloke was but he was the husband of some - oh, hang on, was it a husband? No, brother of someone, some bloke who had been - a police officer in St Kilda Road and had access to apparently material that was going to blow his case away. And I thought this is just - this'll be some scam, some - or some police set-up.

Sandy White-O

Mm'hm.

MS GOBBO: It'll be some - - -

Peter Smith-O

Yep.

MS GOBBO: Something Zarah was dealing with whoever it was that was calling and she came and saw me and said, "What should I do about it?" I said, "Oh, I wouldn't go anywhere near it. It just sounds like you're being set up."

Peter Smith-O

Mm.

MS GOBBO: It sounds ridiculous. I know she met whoever it was and found whether this information was - was going to be reliable or - and a figure was discussed.

Sandy White-O

Mm'hm.

MS GOBBO: Like, it was either 50 or a hundred thousand. I don't know to this day whether it was a set-up or if it was some police operation or it was some bloke who was just trying to scam him out of a hundred thousand.

Sandy White-O

: Mm.

MS GOBBO: I really don't know. I don't even know whether they paid any money but - - -

Sandy White-O

: Out of St Kilda or St Kilda Road?

MS GOBBO: No, St Kilda Road, definitely St Kilda Road. And

I - - -

Sandy White-O

: And how much was the figure though?

MS GOBBO: 50 to a hundred.

Sandy White-O

: Right. And that was supposedly to help him?

MS GOBBO: Yep. And when I say he's ripe to be taken advantage of, what might happen is he might bump into some person, a lawyer, accountant gives him some idea about something and I am the person who will ring up to say either - well, very rarely over the phone, it would be to come and ask me what I think about this or what I've heard about this or do I know anything about whatever it is he's talking about. And it might - look, sometimes it's as simple as, you know, someone told him once that he could apply for a stay if - Paul Firth was charged. Well, no-one really knows exactly what happened to Paul Firth but he's no longer a police officer and it doesn't mean you can get a stay just 'cause your informant - even if your informant's charged. That's not a reason - - -

Sandy White-O

: Mm.

MS GOBBO: - - - unless the whole case is based on the credibility of - or whatever of the informant. So that

was - I mean, that's one - sometimes it's as simple and as basic as that and sometimes it alarms me because I'm sure I'm not being asked, you know, just out of interest or my concern about my friend who's facing these charges. Sometimes I think I - there's got to be more to it than this or he's got other vested interests somehow.

Sandy White-O

So if you were to go to this meeting with him tonight and he's in Hardware Lane, you don't know where - - -

MS GOBBO: Some restaurant. But, I mean, what I would do is I would walk down there. It's one block from - half a block from my office.

Sandy White-O

 : Yeah.

MS GOBBO: And there's not that many restaurants there.

There's five - probably four or five and if I couldn't follow the trail of luxury European cars, I would find them sitting - it sounds like they're outside or they might be inside the restaurant - it sounds noisy - I'd just ring up.

Sandy White-O

Mm.

Peter Smiley-O

If it hasn't happened for a while, I'm - I guess you could see that we're curious.

MS GOBBO: I'm curious. I

Peter Smith-O

: Not - not caused by present company. I've had it
all day.

Sandy White-O

Ah you may or may not ring him
tomorrow.

Peter Smith-O

Yeah.

MS GOBBO: So he runs hot and cold.

Sandy White-O

: Yeah. But if you ring him tomorrow - would it
be unusual for you to ring him and say, "Listen, what -
what was - what was that last - - -"

MS GOBBO: It wouldn't be unusual at all but I wouldn't - I'm
not in the habit of doing it.

Peter Smith-O

: Mm.

MS GOBBO: that

Peter Smith-O

Yeah.

MS GOBBO: like, for example, last night, I spoke to
him at - I spoke to him during the day. I saw him.
Whatever time you rang me, I was with him. I - I got
away from him at about, I dunno, half past 4 or something
'cause I was annoyed because the gaol had a muster at
5.00. If you're not in there before 5.00, you don't get
to see your client until 5.30 and they kick you out at
quarter to 7. And I'm annoyed because the longer I spent

with him, the longer it was till I got there. I went back to work. He tried to ring me while I was at work at 8.30, 9 o'clock, something like that. I was on the phone to some QC asking me about subpoenas for for him.

You can see why I never get anything else done with all this crap. And then he rang me at - at 10 to 10 or 5 to 10, "Where are you?" I said, "Where else would I be? I'm at work." Well, I hung up on at about 25 to 10. So I eventually said to him, "Listen, I've got to - I have got to go because I've got to - I've got to finish what I'm doing - - -"

Peter Smith-O

Mm.

MS GOBBO: "- - - and go home," and he said, "Oh, I'm already in bed. I'm watching Rove Live while I'm talking to you." I thought, "It's a nice life for some."

Peter Smith-O

: Mm.

MS GOBBO: I was trying to find a murder sentence for this morning. So he's odd like that if he's - and obviously he's not going to be sitting at home ringing me - 'cause his girlfriend believes that I'm sleeping with him which I can assure you I'm not.

Sandy White-O

Mm.

MS GOBBO: But he's not gunna - he mustn't have been with her because otherwise there's no way he would have been

ringing.

Sandy White-O

So have you got any concerns about going to meet him tonight?

MS GOBBO: No, I don't have any. I've never got any concerns about - - -

Peter Smith-O

: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: - - - meeting with him. My concerns are only God knows who's there and God knows what police organisations are watching.

Sandy White-O

: Mm.

MS GOBBO: That's all.

Sandy White-O

|: Yes.

MS GOBBO: Because truly, I dunno, I just assume that they're - and it looks odd. I mean, different if it's 7 o'clock at night or it's - or it's an occasion. Like, if it was a - not that he even did anything this year for his birthday or for the anniversary of being arrested. I can understand if it's something like that, but just out of the blue, it's very - it's odd, and I'm - I've been quite honest about that. It is very strange.

Peter Smith-O

: If - if you are comfortable with it, why don't you go and do there 'cause it might be something for us.

MS GOBBO: I'm happy to go do it but it might turn out to be nothing.

Peter Smith-O

: Mm.

MS GOBBO: It might turn out to be something.

Peter Smith-O

: Yeah. Your call, I guess.

MS GOBBO: I'm happy to go but if I'm going, I'd need to go now because by the time I get back to

Peter Smith-O

How often does it happen that he goes out with - with - say with Horty?

MS GOBBO: Pretty rarely, pretty rarely. The only other time I've seen him socially - that is Tony - is a couple of - not even - maybe a month ago, three weeks, four weeks, five weeks ago, the occasional Friday night I would not bother going anywhere. I just go home, park my car 'cause I really don't - I really don't care to drive like I used to.

Peter Smith-O

: Mm.

MS GOBBO: And walk across or down the road to some bar that's close to home so I'm not driving.

Peter Smith-O

Mm.

MS GOBBO: And a couple of times I have been at the R Bar which is not far from home, Zarah has turned up there and 15 minutes or 20 minutes later, Tony turns up.

Peter Smith-O

Mm.

Sandy White-O

: I tell you what, what if - we'll take you back to your car and if you're happy enough to go there and you feel comfortable about going there, it's probably not a bad thing, just go and see what he does want. But are you able to structure it so that you don't have to stay any more than half an hour?

MS GOBBO: Yeah.

Sandy White-O

: Like, are you able to put an excuse and say - - -

MS GOBBO: Yeah, yeah.

Sandy White-O

: - - - you're going to see your sister?

MS GOBBO: Well, I am, I have to. But she's already - I spoke to her - - -

Peter Smith-O

: Mm.

MS GOBBO: - - - at about - when I was on the way here and she said, "I'm not gunna go to sleep till midnight, so take your time."

Sandy White-O

: Yeah. Oh, well, I mean, more for our sake - - -

MS GOBBO: Yeah.

Sandy White-O

: - - - to make suer you don't get caught up
there.

MS GOBBO: Yeah. No, I'm happy - - -

Peter Smith-O

: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: I can always in - there's no difficulty with that.

Sandy White-O

: Yep. So - - -

MS GOBBO: Put it this way: I know - I don't think he was
ringing me about his court case and I don't think he was
ringing me about anything else because he rang while I
was on the phone to you at 6 o'clock, whatever time it
was, and I rang him on the way here.

Peter Smith-O

: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: I rang him back and he said, "I just wanted to know
how your plea went," and, "How'd that kid go?" 'cause he
knew the family of - Lebanese again.

Peter Smith-O

: Yep.

MS GOBBO: The family of the bloke I appeared for, because I
was talking to court with them this morning and he was

parking his car outside the Supreme Court. I don't think
he was ringing about, "How did your court case go?" and
how did - - -

Sandy White-O

Yeah.

MS GOBBO: - - - his own court case go. I think it's something
else.

Peter Smith-O

: Yeah, O.K.

MS GOBBO: And he'd always not phone.

Sandy White-O

No. Just - and this is not to get you paranoid
but just as a bit of a safeguard again - if for



MS GOBBO: Yep.

Sandy White-O

- - - down at Middle Park - - -

MS GOBBO: Yep.

Sandy White-O

: - - - and if - if Tony or anybody for that
matter - - -

Peter Smith-O

: Mm.

Sandy White-O

- - - has - says to you - - -

MS GOBBO: Yep.

Sandy White-O

: - - -

MS GOBBO:

Sandy White-O

Yeah. I - I'd - - -

MS GOBBO:

Peter Smith-O

: Yeah,

I

don't think it's happened but - - -

Sandy White-O

MS GOBBO: Yeah,

..... that.

Sandy White-O

: The same for tonight when we picked you up,

MS GOBBO: By sheer circumstance.

Peter Smith-O

Yeah.

Sandy White-O

: Yeah, things like that happen. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]MS GOBBO: I'd just have the - the most [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Sandy White-O

Yeah. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]tonight. And if they [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

MS GOBBO: No.

Sandy White-O

No.

MS GOBBO: I - I mean, that's no - if I have [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Sandy White-O

| Yep.

MS GOBBO: I'm not gunna say, "Possibly a police officer and
I'm not entirely sure of his real name."

Peter Smith-O

Mm.

Sandy White-O

: I would stay away from that probably. Well, I
mean, you would know what is [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]MS GOBBO: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Sandy White-O

: Mm.

MS GOBBO: [REDACTED] - it depends. You see, I don't know whether, you know, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Peter Smith-O

: Yeah. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

MS GOBBO: That I went to see him for - no, probably I was [REDACTED]. I mean, it's hard because for all I know, if that did happen, he might know that because some other police officer that [REDACTED] spoken to has told him. I dunno.

Peter Smith-O

: Mm. Oh - - -

Sandy White-O

: But the other day, you were walking down the straight and just pulled you in, picked you up, gone.

MS GOBBO: Yep, yep.

Sandy White-O

But the car they had was I think police-ish, was it?

MS GOBBO: Yeah.

Sandy White-O

..... O.K. So - well, that probably works
I suppose - the chances of them saying, "Well, who picked
you up on Friday night?" and, "Who picked you up today?"
there's an unlikely chance - - -

MS GOBBO: Yeah, and I wouldn't know if I'm - I wouldn't know
if I'm being followed.

Sandy White-O

[REDACTED] --

MS GOBBO: You might know but I wouldn't. Like, I really
wouldn't know.

Sandy White-O

: Yeah. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
..... [REDACTED]
.....

MS GOBBO: Yeah.

Sandy White-O

So as long as you - I think that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

MS GOBBO: I'd deny it. I wouldn't - - -

Sandy White-O

Yeah.

MS GOBBO: No, I mean, look, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] - 'cause he went off his brain when I didn't do that Darren bloke's bail application. I mean, he went off his brain. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

that is the truth of it. I'm not involved in any of that I was, and [REDACTED] - you know, I would [REDACTED] "Listen, don't put pressure on me." But he would never - he wouldn't suspect it.

Sandy White-O

Mm, all right. Just as long as you

Peter Smith-O

: Yeah.

Sandy White-O

:

Peter Smith-O

: Or - and - or [REDACTED], I guess. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] or not? I dunno how your relationship works, the dynamics, but - - -

MS GOBBO: But, um - - -

Peter Smith-O

: - - - it's something to consider if it did pop out of the blue somewhere, I guess.

MS GOBBO: Yeah. No, no, he wouldn't - he wouldn't - it's unlikely that he would ask that.

Peter Smith-O

: Mm.

MS GOBBO: It's unlikely that he would ask that because he - he just wouldn't - he would never think that I would do that and - and the reason why he would think that I would never do it is because he doesn't expose me to enough ins and outs of whatever it is he does do for me to actually be a threat to him or consider being - being a threat.

Sandy White-O

: Mm.

Peter Smith-O

But, yeah, [REDACTED]

S [REDACTED] - - -

MS GOBBO: That's - - -

Peter Smith-O

" [REDACTED]

MS GOBBO: Yep.

Peter Smith-O

You're obviously not in your work environment, no.

MS GOBBO: Yep. Oh, well - - -

Peter Smith-O

So, yes - - -

MS GOBBO: I mean, I'll cross that bridge if I came to it.

Peter Smith-O

Mm.

MS GOBBO: I mean, it's - you know, it would be difficult to explain it.

Sandy White-O

: Well, [REDACTED]
well.

MS GOBBO: Yeah, depending - if there's two people, no-one's gunna believe that.

Sandy White-O

Well, the other thing is too, just in relation to [REDACTED] - - -

MS GOBBO: Yep.

Sandy White-O

[REDACTED] - - - look, if - if [REDACTED],
[REDACTED] - you know, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] well, I mean, you talk to
policemen - - -

MS GOBBO: Yep.

Sandy White-O

- - - every day of the week. You probably don't have that many meetings with a policeman in the street or a bar.

MS GOBBO: No.

Sandy White-O

But it probably [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] to go and meet him. [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] There's
 something about that bloke." [REDACTED], "He's - I think he's"
 - [REDACTED] he's a
 bit off.

MS GOBBO: There's no big deal in doing that.

Sandy White-O

| And [REDACTED] that's all. [REDACTED]
 " [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]. It was all very clandestine. I think
 he's up to something. He was fishing about you. He's
 obviously " [REDACTED] "Oh, I
 tried to find out "

MS GOBBO: Yeah. Just that would depend on - - -

Peter Smith-O

Mm.

MS GOBBO: - - - what his questions were or his reaction was.

Sandy White-O

: But insofar as that particular meeting - - -

MS GOBBO: Yeah, O.K.

Sandy White-O

- - - I'm certain there's no way known - very,
 very certain. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]

MS GOBBO: It's funny, 'cause I don't think like that

.....

Sandy White-O

No, well, you shouldn't have to.

Peter Smith-O

: Mm.

Sandy White-O

But this is start talking about
..... when you first arrived here, you have to be
careful and it doesn't pay to be - what's the word, the
expression - can't think of the expression, but it's - it
pays to be careful with - and

Peter Smith-O

|: Complacent.

Sandy White-O

You know, it doesn't mean you should be paranoid
or - - -

Peter Smith-O

Mm.

Sandy White-O

: Anyway, enough said. Let's get you back.

MS GOBBO: I tell you what, it's a drug trafficker's
extravaganza tonight (On telephone) Hello?
Oh, they must have hung up before - maybe he's with Tony.

Peter Smith-O

Who is it?

MS GOBBO: Rob Karam.

Peter Smith-O

: You've got people to see.

MS GOBBO: You can check the records. I mean, I'm not gunna
tell you it's someone different if - - -

Sandy White-O

: Why would Rob Karam be ringing you?

MS GOBBO: 'Cause no, I dunno

Peter Smith-O

What's his number?

MS GOBBO: and three co-accused. His number is

██████ - - -

Peter Smith-O

Yep.

MS GOBBO: - - - ████████

Peter Smith-O

| ████████

MS GOBBO: Yeah. Isn't it amazing that you know the mobile
phones - you know, no-one knows anyone's number off by
heart any more. You just know - like, just press the
numbers and - - -

Peter Smith-O

No, yeah.

Sandy White-O

Just

MS GOBBO: Yeah.

Sandy White-O

:

MS GOBBO: get her to ring me.

Sandy White-O

: Yep.

MS GOBBO: haven't got money or

Sandy White-O

Oh, no, I

Peter Smith-O

The key?

Sandy White-O

: trying to cover everything.

Peter Smith

Um, yeah. I'll see you downstairs. O.K.

Sandy White-O

: catch up with - - -

Peter Smith-O

All right. Um, I'll take the key.

Sandy White-O

: Yep.

Peter Smith-O

: Yep.

MS GOBBO:

Peter Smith-O

Yeah.

MS GOBBO: that

Peter Smith-O

: Mm.

MS GOBBO: Who knows? Maybe

Peter Smith-O

We're just - - -

MS GOBBO:

Peter Smith-O

We're just trying to suggest things that improve security.

MS GOBBO: I don't think like that normally. I think it's a nervous thing. I always take this ring off and play with it.

Peter Smith-O

: Special ring?

MS GOBBO: Oh, no, it's a sentimental - it's crystal. I always take it off when I'm doing a plea

Peter Smith-O

..... parking tickets.

MS GOBBO: (On telephone) Mm'hm. Good, Rob. Yourself? No, no, no, I'm at the - I'm - I'm actually close to the city. I was just about to go O.K. Well, ring me back. O.K., bye.

Peter Smith-O

: Is he with him?

MS GOBBO: No, he's not with him but he wants me to speak with somebody. He said, "I'll ring you back," and so this is why I am utterly paranoid. He's obviously driving around 'cause in a car. Yeah, I don't actually go out there to try and attract the heavies, it

just happens to me, exactly why - - -

Peter Smith-O

They obviously think you're trustworthy to some degree.

MS GOBBO: I think so.

Peter Smith-O

But if they want to speak to someone in your type of position, why don't - and I haven't really asked about Zarah in detail yet - why don't they go to her? Why you? Why are you the choice?

MS GOBBO: Because - because she's too hot.

Peter Smith-O

: Oh - - -

MS GOBBO: And because Tony talk to her - talk to her - I dunno sleeping together, I really don't know whether that's true or not, but I suspect that he is, but I don't know.

Peter Smith-O

Mm.

MS GOBBO: I think it's more because she's very, very close to Carl and, I mean, Tony's still - I don't think - I dunno whether he's really Carl's potential threat. I mean, I don't know the ins and outs of exactly what - what their - whether they're reliant or not.

Peter Smith-O

: Sure.

MS GOBBO: But he'll ring me back.

Peter Smith-O

: Yeah. Do

MS GOBBO: It's on silent.

Peter Smith-O

: O.K. Karam rang back. He's gunna ring from another number.

Sandy White-O

Karam is?

Peter Smith-O

: Mm.

Sandy White-O

Is he with him?

MS GOBBO: No, he's not.

Peter Smith-O

: No.

MS GOBBO: No, he's - (on telephone) hello? Yeah. Good.

Yourself? No, I'm on the way back to the city. No, nothing - nothing quite as exciting. I - what, are you getting jealous? Well, I'm coming to the city. Why don't you come - come past my office? Pardon? Pardon? Oh, O.K. Well, why don't - come into the city then. Well - so? All right. Well, then put him on if I can speak to him. Oh, O.K., O.K. All right. Well, stick him on then. Good. Who am I speaking to? O.K. What happened? Did police come? Yeah. Yeah. Who are the - what - what police have left the card? O.K. Well, why don't you come and speak to me tomorrow and I can ring

the police for you? Why don't you come and speak to me tomorrow, then I can ring the police for you? Well, ring them back and see what they want, whether they want to speak to you as a witness or they're going to interview you. Just wait till what? Well, then don't ring, don't ring. But if they've left a card, they may well turn up and arrest you. I don't know what the situation is. Pardon? They might. Is it suggested or are they going to allege that you belted this - whoever this bloke is? O.K. Well, then they might turn up in the morning and arrest you. I would ring them. Yeah, yeah. Ring them now and see whether they - whoever the police officer is, whether he wants to interview you or not and then ring me back. O.K., bye. Oh, no, the phone will be on. Just ring back. O.K. See ya. (End of telephone call) That was "Where are you?"

Peter Smith-O

| Oh, did he?

MS GOBBO: He goes, "Have you been out for dinner?" I said, "No, just somewhere." [REDACTED]

Peter Smith-O

: Have you got a different phone number?

MS GOBBO: Yes. It was [REDACTED]

Peter Smith-O

| And was it - - -

MS GOBBO: I dunno whether - what's he's got some assaults ring back number.

Sandy White-O

And the cops left a card?

MS GOBBO: I'm sure he said left a card someone's in
a hospital

Sandy White-O

Ah - - -

MS GOBBO: And he wanted to know whether he should ring back.
Ordinarily I wouldn't ring back but alleged to
have if you are, then they might come in the
morning

Sandy White-O

: He sounded pretty definite.

MS GOBBO: Pardon?

Sandy White-O

|: Didn't he? He sounded pretty definite about the
- the answer to that question - - -

MS GOBBO: Yes.

Sandy White-O

: - - - "Are you alleged to have assaulted him?"

MS GOBBO: Yep.

Sandy White-O

"Yes."

Peter Smith-O

: Now, correct me if I'm wrong, but how many
barristers in Melbourne are on tap like you for these

people?

MS GOBBO: I'm not - - -

Peter Smith-O

: I thought that was the solicitor's job.

MS GOBBO: That's exactly what it is, but the - they're
..... you tell me how many solicitors in Melbourne
are actually component.

Sandy White-O

: Oh, well qualified

MS GOBBO: Yeah. Well, tell me. I'm not being a smart-arse.

Sandy White-O

: In regards to crime, there's probably not a
great deal.

MS GOBBO: No.

Peter Smith-O

: Well, there are some that are shocking.

Sandy White-O

|: it's probably not

MS GOBBO: can't and you can't leave
early. Maybe that translates to

Sandy White-O

: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: comes where he's worried police - - -

Sandy White-O

|
|

Peter Smith-O

: for him.

Sandy White-O

: waiting for to arrive.

MS GOBBO: No, he didn't sound - it sounded see,
that's - that is a perfect example of why I don't know
what I'm being - whether I'm being told the full story or
not. How can you give someone advice when you don't know
what the situation is?

Peter Smith-O

But isn't there a fairly black and white way of
doing that?

MS GOBBO: That's right. I said, "Ring, ring them back."

Peter Smith-O

Yeah.

MS GOBBO: "Find out what they want. If they want to interview
you, then fine, ring me back and I'll either speak to the
police or get a solicitor," or whatever the situation is.

Peter Smith-O

Yeah. He - he obviously didn't want to give you
his name, that bloke.

MS GOBBO: No, he didn't said it - I said, "Who am I
speaking to?" How do I know

Peter Smith-O

Yeah.

MS GOBBO: some sort of serious bashing

Sandy White-O

Well, I guess we're gunna find out.

MS GOBBO:

Sandy White-O

Yeah, it's - I suppose that's just a
coincidence.

MS GOBBO: It is, it is.

Sandy White-O

Did they want you to go where he is?

MS GOBBO: No.

Sandy White-O

: They just didn't want to come to your office.

MS GOBBO: Well, so what he said was he can't
worried about the police

Sandy White-O

: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: But then it's stupid not - not saying ring
..... police when you ring 'em, why do
you ring a police station oh, no, it depends
what - - -

Sandy White-O

: Depends.

Peter Smith-O

: Did - but they didn't ask you to go to - out to
meet them?

MS GOBBO: No.

Peter Smith-O

And he didn't say who the police - which police it was was looking for him?

MS GOBBO: Broadmeadows - no, Broadmeadows.

Peter Smith-O

Broadmeadows, right.

MS GOBBO: I'll ring (On telephone) Hello? Did you ring them back? Oh, O.K. Oh, O.K. So how far away from the city? Yeah with. O.K. How far away do you reckon you are? Yeah, pretty well. Hello? Drop back towards my office? That's why I couldn't hear you before. O.K. So how far away are you, Rob? O.K. Well, I shouldn't be much - much longer than that myself. I'm coming from Albert Park, St Kilda. I must have had a hot date. I wish it was hot. Yeah, I know, I know no, turns out - turned out to be a dud, just like the last one. What happened to the bloke with the sunglasses? Listen, nobody even rang me. Nobody even rang me. Yeah, just kick him up the arse for me. I'll see you shortly. Bye. (End of telephone call).

I don't know what this is about but they're coming - they're 15 minutes from my office. Now, see, this - ordinarily if I was there and I was working, it wouldn't bother me. They'd ring me up. I don't mind ringing the police for them.

Sandy White-O

Yep.

MS GOBBO: Then I would find and Bob's your uncle.

Sandy White-O

: Do you reckon you could do this for us?

Obviously you have to sort that problem out for them.

MS GOBBO: Yep.

Sandy White-O

That might actually take you a little while,
won't it?

MS GOBBO: No, not that long

Sandy White-O

Yeah.

MS GOBBO: And when I say to Rob it's only down the road

.....

Sandy White-O

_____ : Oh, O.K. So - - -

MS GOBBO:

Sandy White-O

Oh, Rob will walk down the road with you.

MS GOBBO: Yeah.

Sandy White-O

: Would it be possible when you're about to leave
and walk down the road - - -

MS GOBBO: Yeah.

Sandy White-O

- - - [REDACTED] - - -

MS GOBBO: Yeah.

Sandy White-O

: - - -

MS GOBBO: Yeah.

Sandy White-O

: And just tell your sister that you're not going
to be able to get to see her till - - -

MS GOBBO: Half an hour or - - -

Sandy White-O

- - - 10.00 or 11.00 or whatever.

MS GOBBO: Yep.

Sandy White-O

you're
walking down from the office to Hardware Lane.

MS GOBBO: Yep.

Sandy White-O

Is that all right?

MS GOBBO: Yeah, I can do that. Just don't talk too loudly.

Peter Smith-O

: Won't say much.

MS GOBBO: O.K.

Peter Smith-O

But the other thing is, when you - when you leave
'em - - -

MS GOBBO: Yeah.

Peter Smith-O

clear.

MS GOBBO: Oh, [REDACTED]?

Peter Smith-O

: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: Yep, O.K. Well, I don't - not saying how long it
will take, but I will.

Peter Smith-O

: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: Gunna drive like a maniac now to get there before
him.

Peter Smith-O

: But that is important - - -

MS GOBBO: Yeah.

Peter Smith-O

- - - after you leave, t [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Sandy White-O

| Yeah.

MS GOBBO: Yep, I will.

Peter Smith-O

And then we can work out whether we need to see you
or just talk to you on the phone.

MS GOBBO: O.K.

Sandy White-O

: Yep.

Peter Smith-O

: Is your sister married?

MS GOBBO: No.

Peter Smith-O

Got a bloke?

Sandy White-O

Got a bloke?

MS GOBBO: No, no, she's going to Hawaii tomorrow night.

Peter Smith-O

: Oh, is she?

Sandy White-O

: O.K.

Peter Smith-O

Well, they wouldn't know that, would they?

MS GOBBO: Nuh.

Sandy White-O

No.

Peter Smith-O

:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

- - -

Sandy White-O

Yeah.

Peter Smith-O

[REDACTED]

Sandy White-O

[REDACTED] or whatever.

Peter Smith-O

: "- - - tell - tell sis," or whatever, "that I'll be only" - "I'll be there in an hour," or something.

MS GOBBO: Yeah. No, no, I can - - -

Peter Smith-O

: Yeah.

Sandy White-O

: Yeah.

MS GOBBO: I can think like that.

Sandy White-O

O.K.

Peter Smith-O

Thanks. Take care.

MS GOBBO: have you got the

Sandy White-O

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