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1 When was that?--- - - - and I suggested - there was an argument
2 that broke out between me and Carl - Carl comes - my
3 solicitors come and saw me and said, "Listen, the
4 prosecutors want you to plead guilty", they'll drop my
5 murder blue. I think they said they'll ask for 14 and no
6 statements, right and I said that to Carl. I said,
7 "Listen I've just been told by my solicitors", and Carl
8 goes, "Plead guilty (indistinct) onto you, you'll only
9 get about 14 of 18 years", and that's when I turned on
10 him.

11 You thought you'd throw it all on to him?---No, just make a
12 statement.

13 You thought you'd throw it all onto him?---Well tell the police
14 what they - - -

15 What they - - -?---I (indistinct), yes.

16 You thought without that sort of deal and if you were found
17 guilty of the murder of Jason Moran you were looking at
18 about 30 or 40 years inside didn't you?---No.

19 You never had that thought?---No.

20 You've never thought that?---No.

21 What was the worst you thought you might do if you were found
22 guilty after pleading not guilty?---Twenty five.

23 That was about the maximum was it?---Yes.

24 At some point did Detective Inspector O'Brien and Stuart
25 Bateson come to see you?---Yes that's right.

26 Was that as a result of something that had been arranged by
27 your barrister Nicola Gobbo?---That's right.

28 Was that arranged on the basis that you would then start to
29 cooperate with the police to try and cement the deal that
30 you wanted?---That's right.

31 Was that that you were going to speak to the police and to

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1 provide them information about the nature and extent of
2 your criminal activities in return for a discount for
3 cooperation and dropping the charge in relation to
4 Pasquale Barbaro?---Well at the start when they said at
5 the start we made an agreement between your solicitor
6 and the barrister that I give them the information, they
7 come back to me and my sentence they'll be looking for.

8 The process was set in train between your representatives,
9 including your counsel Nicola Gobbo and members of the
10 Purana Task Force, in particular Detective Inspector
11 O'Brien and Stuart Bateson, that if you provided
12 information about the full nature and extent of your
13 criminal activities, not just the murders, but drug
14 trafficking and pleaded guilty to the murder of Jason
15 Moran you would get a substantial discount on penalty if
16 the court gave it to you, you were entitled to and they
17 wouldn't proceed in relation to the murder charge
18 concerning Pasquale Barbaro?

19 (Objection by Mr Kidd.)

20 (Discussion ensued.)

21 You commenced a process of negotiations with Purana, didn't
22 you?---Yes.

23 That arose as a result of your barrister, Nicola Gobbo,
24 convincing you to go down that path?---Yes, and it took
25 her about two weeks.

26 It involved in terms of that deal, Purana wanting from
27 you - - -?---(Indistinct) say something please, I'd like
28 to say something.

29 You can answer my questions, **Mr Thomas** , you can answer my
30 questions.

31 HIS HONOUR: You'll get a chance maybe later, **Mr Thomas** , or

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1 during the course of the cross-examination?---Yeah.

2 MR SHIRREFS: Purana wanted from you for you to provide to them

3 chapter and verse of your criminal dealings. Is that

4 correct?---Yes, at first - at first I couldn't I got up

5 and left the room.

6 I'm just asking you what Purana wanted from you just so we

7 understand?---They wanted - - -

8 They wanted - - -?--- - - - the whole lot.

9 They wanted the whole lot?---Everything.

10 They wanted everything?---That's right. Everything.

11 And that was what was required to be able to cement the deal.

12 Correct?---But the first meeting we had was - the only

13 time I met with Jim O'Brien was once. He come out with

14 Stuart Bateson.

15 Is that your honest answer?---He asked me certain questions.

16 Is that your - - -?---I answered and then he slammed the table,

17 he wanted the whole lot.

18 So you say you only met Jim O'Brien on one occasion?---I think

19 on one occasion.

20 As you sit here today, that's the best your recollection is, is

21 it?---I can remember that day because I had an argument

22 and walked out.

23 Yes, you slammed the table?---I slammed the table and I walked

24 out and Jim O'Brien slammed the table too.

25 He said to you, did he not, that he wanted everything from

26 you?---(Indistinct response.)

27 He gave you the names of the people that he wanted you to give

28 up?---That's right.

29 Which included Jacques El-Hage?---That's right.

30 He included **Mr Cooper** ?---No, he - we already knew about

31 **Mr Cooper** He was involved by then.

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1 No, he hadn't?---Well, I knew for a fact that he was rolling
2 anyway because he got arrested.

3 So what do you say is the sequence in your mind? He'd already
4 been arrested and rolled over?---Well, after about two
5 weeks I was getting nagged by my barrister, the - that I
6 was told there was no way out of it, make a statement and
7 do a deal.

8 That's Nicola Gobbo?---Yes, that's right.

9 Did you know she was also the barrister for **Mr Cooper**

10 Were you told that?---I found that out - I found that out
11 later.

12 After you made the statement?---After I started talking to the
13 police, and once I started - when they took me out to
14 make the statements, I already knew by then.

15 I can go back a little bit in time, you see, before **Mr Cooper**

16 **Mr Cooper** was arrested. He wasn't arrested until 22 April
17 of 2006. I want to deal with the time that you first saw
18 Detective O'Brien, and I suggest that was on 22 February
19 2006, **Mr Thomas** ---That's right, Your Honour. That's
20 right. The dates I'm not sure of.

21 Do you say that there was a stand off between you and Detective
22 O'Brien where you both slammed the table and you walked
23 out?---Well, I refused to go on with the - once he said
24 he wanted Jacques El-Hage, I refused to answer any
25 questions and got up and left.

26 You say that's what happened, do you?---Yes - no, about - I
27 think ten weeks later or eight weeks later, that's when
28 we started to - when I was starting to roll over.

29 When you first saw Detective O'Brien, he gave you the names of
30 the people he wanted from you. Correct?---No. The only
31 person I - the only person - he might have mentioned a