

Mr Cooper

States:-

1. I make this statement under the belief that any information contained herein cannot be used against me in any criminal proceeding.

2. During 2003 I was manufacturing amphetamine at [REDACTED] Rye. I have previously made statements about this address and others involved.

3. In early 2003, I would say about mid January I spoke to Jacques EL HAGE about acquiring a pill press as I was confident about my abilities to manufacture MDMA. I needed a pill press to have it ready for when I had finished manufacturing MDMA so I could press the pills up myself.

4. I had asked Jacques on several occasions over the previous months about getting a press. He had told me that ^{Mr Thomas} had a pill press but it was non-negotiable, not for sale.

5. I kept asking Jacques until he finally told me that ^{Mr Thor} had a pill press for sale at the price of \$80,000. We then arranged a meeting between Jacques, ^{Mr Thome} and I at Superbo restaurant in St Kilda. This meeting was specifically to discuss the purchase of the press.

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