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## STATEMENT

1. I've been mates with a bloke called Dino DIBRA for a couple of years. Dino introduced me to another male by the name of Mark MALLIA about six (6) months before Dino was killed.

2. I met Mark in St Kilda. I went to his unit with Dino. At that time I was selling drugs to Dino and then Dino would then on sell the drugs to Mark. Mark had a sample chemical (ketone) at his flat that he wanted me to look at. Mark had been told that it was ketone but he wasn't sure. I was able to tell if it was ketone by the smell and the colour of it. I know I went there at night because there were crackers (prostitutes) all over the place.

3. I can't really remember where the apartment was but I remember it being an upstairs apartment and that he had the same TV as I did, a Sony. Dino drove me there in one of his cars. Dino was always using hire cars. When I got there I had a look at the ketone. I told Mark that I had been doing this for years and that I didn't believe that it was ketone. The smell was similar but it didn't have the colour. We left the apartment and I didn't see him for a while after that. I might have seen him once or twice prior to Dino being killed. Just to say hello and goodbye that's all.

4. The next time I saw him properly was at Dino's wake and funeral. We talked about who would have killed Dino and why. We all went to a restaurant in Brunswick after the funeral. I remember it being upstairs but I can't remember the name of the place. Mark asked me for my number if he ever needed cocaine or he had something I needed so we exchanged numbers.

5. Before Mark went to jail I remember selling him a pound of speed and three (3) ounces of cocaine. Mark contacted me over the phone and we met



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once in Yarraville behind the Shell servo near the Westgate and the other time was in a similar spot, around there somewhere. Mark would ring me and we would agree to meet there because he knew I lived in [REDACTED] Mark would pay for it after a few days, within a week Mark always paid. He paid cash and was reliable, a good payer.

6. The next time I met Mark was when I met up with Nick RADEV and Ange GOUSSIS at a pub off Nicholson St in Brunswick. I met with Nick and Ange first and then Mark rocked up about 10 or 15 minutes later. The meeting was to discuss a batch of speed that Carl WILLIAMS, who is a person I've known for many years and met through [REDACTED] had manufactured on behalf of Nick RADEV. RADEV wasn't happy with the quality and wanted to discuss the matter.

7. Nick RADEV had previously supplied Carl WILLIAMS with a batch of chemicals to make speed. Carl got his cook to make it, which was Dennis, I don't know his surname, we never ask surnames, and after the cook Carl had skimmed off the top. By that I mean that Carl had cut the drugs with another substance to make it a larger quantity so he could take out a bit more for himself.

8. Although Nick RADEV was not that much of an expert in relation to drugs he smoked the stuff himself and when he tried to smoke it there was something wrong with it, basically it turned black and you couldn't smoke it.

9. Nick had arranged to meet at the pub in Brunswick with Carl WILLIAMS and his Father George because Nick wanted to meet the cook. Carl had asked me to attend at the meeting to convince Nick that it was my cook that stuffed it up to smooth things over so things could get back on track again and they could continue selling drugs to each other. Mark knew that I was going to be there and I think that's the reason why Mark turned up. Mark was sitting at the table with Carl, George, myself, Nick and Ange GOUSSIS who is another [REDACTED]

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mate of mine. Mark asked me what had happened and I just told him that the cook had stuffed it up and that it wouldn't happen again.

10. Nick was the one doing most of the talking. After the meeting we all had a drink together and Mark and I had a laugh and a chat.

11. I would have met up with Mark a couple of times after that, once was at his house in Brighton. Once when we met Nick, Carl and George were there as well. Mark was on the computer. Another time was in St Kilda where I spoke to him about getting too cocky in relation to mates of his Willy THOMPSON and Murray TACKLE. Mark and Nick had ripped Willy and Murray for drugs and there were a lot of arguments going on. I remember asking Mark what he was doing and that it wasn't his style to do something like that. Mark was usually a pretty fair bloke, he was always fair with me. Mark, Willy and Murray were originally all mates, they were involved in making and selling drugs together. When Mark got out of Jail he hooked up with RADEV and that's when Mark started getting cocky.

12. The last time I met with Mark was at the Brighton Baths. I met at the baths initially with Carl, George, Nick RADEV, and another male who was an associate of Nick RADEV'S, Damien COSSU. We had our meeting and at the end of the meeting Mark drove through the car park at the baths where I said hello to him. Later that day Nick RADEV was killed

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13. After Nick RADEV'S death there were a lot of telephone calls between everyone, Mark, Myself, Carl, everyone. The telephone conversations were mainly in relation to RADEV'S death and who was responsible. Carl was trying to meet with Mark to discuss RADEV's death and the fact that Mark was blaming everybody for Nick's death, Carl, Andrew VENIAMIN, the cook, everybody. There was also a lot of arguing about a Mercedes Benz that Nick had been driving, registration [REDACTED] which was in [REDACTED] but

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Nick was paying me off. The car was still under finance and Nick had been making the payments. Nick had been giving Carl the money and then Carl had been giving the money to me.

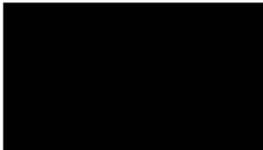
14. Carl told me in a conversation we had together that there had been two (2) blokes seen sitting off Andrew's place and that Andrew was in danger. Carl told me that he believed Mark MALLIA had taken a contract out on all of us, Andrew VENIAMIN, Carl, Mr Andrews and me. Carl was desperate to set up a meeting with Mark to talk about it.

15. I remember Carl ringing me, telling me he was meeting up with Mark at the Casino and asked me if I wanted to come along. I told Carl that I wanted to go and we arranged to meet at a restaurant which was on the Promenade, facing the water. The meeting was during the day, around lunch time, it was daylight I remember that.

16. I walked in to the meeting with Carl, Andrew and Mr Andrews who is another associate of Carl WILLIAMS. Mark was already seated on a table outside where we could smoke. Mark was on his own, or everyone thought he was on his own anyway. We all sat down and Carl started talking to Mark about an amount of drugs that was outstanding or owed to Nick and Mark and about



17. Andrew confronted Mark and put it on him that he had arranged for two (2) blokes to sit outside his house and that a hit had been put on him. Mark denied that he had anyone sitting outside Andrew's house or that a contact had been taken out on anyone. Andrew exploded and ripped into Mark about the blokes sitting outside his house and Andrew threatened Mark that he would shoot him and his whole family if he found out that it was true. Andrew then got up and left. I told Mark not to worry about Andrew and that either Carl or myself would calm him down.



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18. At the end of the meeting everything had been sorted out and I left the meeting thinking that everything was sweet. I still had doubts, I wasn't a hundred percent sure about everything and I was still a bit worried about getting hit. At the end of the meeting I went over to a table that was on the side of the restaurant and said hello, not that I knew them, to a couple of blokes that I recognised as heavies. They're the type of blokes that are hired to watch your back and collect debts and stuff like that, negotiators. I had a feeling that they might have been there for Mark. They said hello back and we all walked out. On the way out I saw Damien COSSU who was just standing by himself. Carl, Mr Andrew and myself all said hello to him. Damien looked stressed. Damien said hello back to us and we left. I think we all left by ourselves.

19. Carl later told me that he got a phone call from Tony MOKBEL who told him that the blokes I spoke to on the other table at the meeting at Crown had been hired by Mark and that they apologised to Tony, saying that they didn't know that Mark would be meeting with Carl and stuff. I'm not sure if Tony MOKBEL spoke to these guys over the phone or they met in person but he told me they got paid \$10,000 to watch Mark's back. After the meeting at the casino I distanced myself from all of them and all the crap that was going on. I still caught up with Carl but very rarely.

20. After not seeing or hearing from Carl for a little while he rang me up and asked me to meet him at a little take away shop in South Melbourne. The shop is on Clarendon Street opposite Versace. There is a small lane way or street that runs beside the take away shop. I met up with Carl at the shop, George WILLIAMS was with him at the time. After a while Carl and I went into the laneway and had a conversation. Carl and I were standing in the laneway facing each other when Carl said to me "you know the bloke on the news" Carl then circled around the top of his arm to indicate a tattoo. I said yeah I saw the news. Carl mouthed the words "It's Mark" to me. I was stunned, I didn't connect the death to Mark MALLIA initially because he was burnt, not shot. I said to Carl, how did you get him. Carl said that he had him delivered to Terrence CHIMIRRI'S, who is another close friend of Carl's and lives in Lalor. Carl told me that Mark was delivered to Terrence's house by Damo, meaning



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Damien COSSU and Hez, which is a bloke I call "H" meaning Hezir FIRMAN. Carl also told me that Damien and Hez delivered Mark MALLIA to CHIMIRRI'S house in the boot of a car. We spoke about general stuff after that but nothing more about Mark. To be honest I didn't want to know any more. I had too much in my head and enough was enough.

21. Within a week or two Andrew approached me and asked me what I was doing about the car meaning [REDACTED] I was just trying to calm Andrew down. Andrew said to me that when they had Mark in the Garage, Mark told Andrew that I said he could keep the car. I didn't really think much about what Andrew said at the time, I just wanted him out of my life. I then knew that they had spoken to Mark before they killed him because it was true that I had told Mark he could keep the car. I believe Andrew was there when Mark was killed because how else would he have got that information out of him and also Carl had told me that Mark had been delivered up to Terrence's house.

22. I didn't have that much to do with Carl and Andrew after that and to be honest Andrew had a bee in his bonnet about the car and there was a lot of talk on the phones about getting the car back, giving the car to them, there was a lot of conversation. Roberta WILLIAMS who is Carl WILLIAMS wife contacted me and complained to me that my solicitor wasn't doing enough work in relation to the car and to get their solicitor Zara GARDE-WILSON to do it. I met with Zara and she gave me the release form to sign which had been picked up from my solicitor Jim VELOS. Whatever work she did on the car I don't know.

23. After sorting out the car business with Zara, Carl contacted me and asked me to attend a meeting at the Crown Casino on his behalf between Damien COSSU, Hezir FIRMAN and another associate of Damo's, Robbie MUSSO. The meeting was to discuss some chemicals they had that Carl wanted. Carl told me that they had ten (10) litres of P2P, which is an oil used in the manufacture of amphetamines that they wanted to sell. I met up with Damo, Hez and Robbie at Crown where we agreed on a price of \$10,000 per litre. We agreed that a courier would collect the P2P and take it to Carl and

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George where they would inspect the P2P and give the money to the courier who would return to Crown and give the money to me to hand on to Damo, H and Robbie. When I met with Damo, H and Robbie at Crown, I asked Damo a question about Mark MALLIA. When I did Damo told me in Italian to be quiet and indicated not to speak in front of Robbie MUSSO. Damo also told me not to mention anything about the P2P deal to Terrence CHIMIRRI and I took that to mean that they were doing the deal behind Terrence's back.

24. We agreed on a time and place for the second meeting, where the transaction would take place. We all met at Crown again where Damo told me after the driver had already left that there was only 9 litres. Carl must have worked out at the other end that there was now only 9 litres because the courier only came back with \$90,000. The courier was supposed to bring the money back up to me when he returned however he left the money in the car. "H" got really pissed off and blamed me that it was some kind of set up. "H", being Hezir FIRMAN went back to the car with the courier and collected the money, I stayed with Rob and Damo as insurance. When "H" came back to where we were he had all the money stuffed up his shirt. We all went into the toilets and counted the money to make sure it was all there. After the count we were all happy and we left.

25. A few days later I saw Carl and I asked him how was it that Damo, Hez and Robbie had the oil, meaning the P2P. Carl said that it was the oil that MARSHALL meaning Michael MARSHALL, payed Mark MALLIA for the murder of Willy THOMPSON.

26. Some time later, when Carl was on remand, I think it was for the threats I'm not too sure, I went to court for one of Carl's bail hearings. After the hearing I was driving out of the city when I was pulled over by a Policeman,<sup>PO1</sup>  
PO1 I was driving a 5 series BMW and was using a [REDACTED] licence. The Police told me that I wasn't able to drive on that licence any more and that I had to get it changed over to a Victorian Licence.

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27. Terrence CHIMIRRI and his father, Tony came past and said that they would help me and offered to give me a lift home to [REDACTED] Street where I was living at the time. Terrence drove my car to [REDACTED] Street and I was in the passenger seat. On the way to my place Terrence and I were talking about things and Terrence was talking partly in Italian and partly in hand signals, mainly about the P2P. Terrence asked me if I bought the P2P off Damo and Hez. I told him that I didn't know what he was talking about and that I had nothing to do with it. I motioned to Terrence to be quiet because I always believed that my car was off.

28. When we got to my place Terrence and I got out of the car and continued the conversation. Terrence asked me again if I bought the P2P from Damo and Hez or if I knew anything about it. I told him again that I didn't know anything about it. Terrence then told me that part of the P2P was his and that he got it for his part in the murder of Mark MALLIA. It was then that I realised or assumed that Damo, Hez and Robbie had ripped Terrence off.

29. I can remember another time when I saw Terrence CHIMIRRI out at Heat night club at Crown. Terrence was with his Father Tony and Hezir FIRMAN, or "H" as I call him. I can't recall whether it was before or after Mark MALLIA'S death but I definitely remember seeing them out together.

30. It is my belief that Carl WILLIAMS would have been the only person who would have had the ability to convince Terrence CHIMIRRI to get Mark MALLIA delivered up to a meeting at CHIMIRRI'S house. I also believe that Andrew VENIAMIN was obsessed with getting rid of the threat from Mark MALLIA and with Carl's help would have wanted Mark taken care of.

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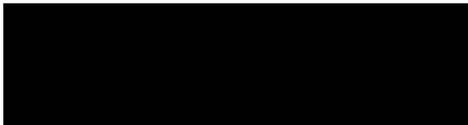
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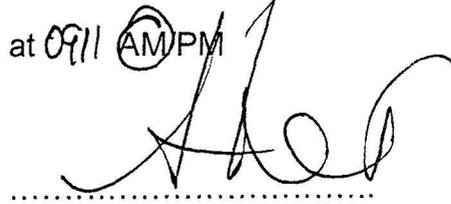


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