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Dear Witness 'F',

Protection and assistance to you as a witness

Victoria Police is currently providing you with interim protection and assistance (including security arrangements), on the basis that you:

- have made statements and agreed to give evidence on behalf of the Crown in criminal proceedings.
- are providing assistance to Victoria Police in relation to a number of significant investigations and inquiries.

Victoria Police has previously advised that to protect your safety and welfare it is necessary for you to be [REDACTED] and for you to [REDACTED] under the [REDACTED]

I understand that although you have [REDACTED] arranged by Victoria Police, to date you have refused to PII [REDACTED] and Mr Bickley [REDACTED] Mr Bickley. This has compromised the ability of Victoria Police to provide you with protection and assistance, and continues to do so.

'Without prejudice' discussions have taken place between you and officers of Victoria Police (and each of our legal representatives) concerning the extent of any ongoing protection and assistance to be provided to you. These matters are unresolved, and no written agreement has been entered into.

In recent days, very serious threats have been made against you, and in relation to [REDACTED] as a result of your evidence and assistance to Victoria Police.

Victoria Police needs to make appropriate logistical arrangements for your security, especially while you are likely to be at high risk of harm. These security arrangements must recognise the need for Victoria Police resources to be Mr Bickley [REDACTED] Mr Bickley. You will also need to comply with reasonable requirements of Victoria Police directed to maintaining your security.

In order to continue to provide you with a standard of protection and level of assistance commensurate with the major risks you now face, it is essential that you PII [REDACTED] as soon as possible. [REDACTED] will enable Victoria Police to [REDACTED] to best control the increased risk to your safety and also to the safety of the officers of Victoria Police tasked to protect you.

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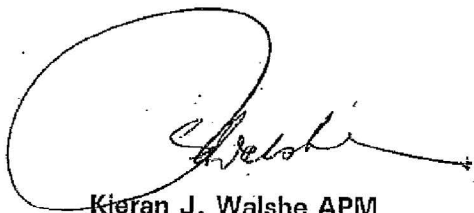
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] That [REDACTED] will need to include details of protection and assistance to be provided to you.

The parties will obviously need to have further negotiations to resolve the terms of the [REDACTED]

Victoria Police proposes these negotiations should take place as soon as possible, with a view to the [REDACTED] Relevant officers and Victoria Police legal representatives can be available to meet with you or your legal representative as required.

Please advise as a matter of urgency whether you are prepared to participate in negotiations on this basis.

Yours sincerely,



Kieran J. Walshe APM
Deputy Commissioner
Victoria Police

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