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**INFORMER CONTACT REPORT****TO BE COMPLETED BY HANDLER IN CONSULTATION WITH CONTROLLER**Informer Registration No: **21803838**

ICR Ref No: 001

**HANDLER / CO-HANDLER DETAILS**

Name: Peter Smith-O

Rank &amp; No.

PII

Station/Unit D.S.U.

Contact Ph No:

**DETAILS OF CONTACT**

Date: 16/09/05

Time 1817 Hrs - Meeting commence  
2032 Hrs - Meeting concludeMethod of Contact: Phone E-mail ☒ Face to Face Mail FaxWho Initiated Contact: Handler ☒ Informer Other (please specify)

Reason: Initial meeting and assessment of new HS.

Location: PII Southbank

Controller Advised Prior to Contact ☒ Yes ☐ No

Members Present: 1. Peter Smith-O 2. Sandy White-O

How was meeting recorded? Notes, Covert tape

Has the informer been tasked? Yes ☒ No

If yes, provide details:

Were any request made by the informer? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please specify:

Was any money / benefit given to the informer? ☒ No Yes (please specify)Has relevant operational information been obtained? ☒ No Yes IR Number:**Copy of ICR & IR to be electronically (via e-mail) forwarded to the Informer Management Unit.**

Detail any relevant information:

HS collected by MDID members, who remained present for meeting, being D/Sgt Steve MANSELL and S/D Paul ROWE.

**HS WELFARE & PERSONAL MATTERS**

HS introduced to Handlers by first names only. HS concerned re tape recording, told overt tape recorder would not be utilized, not advised that covert tape already running.

Reassured HS re security matters. HS stated that if revealed as Source, HS will be judged as a lawyer, not just as a person assisting Police. States has mentioned things to others but nothing has happened

HS states is not here because of committing a drug crime etc, is here because has had enough of stressful lifestyle dealing with these people. Doesn't know the way out.

HS not advised where DSU members were from, given PII only, HS asked if would be told down the

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track. Advised that if things work out, contact arrangements will be made. HS informed that if going to assist, can only have one point of contact, being Handle **Peter** **Smith**.

HS states has received death threats (Details not given). Recently, letter box at home address was damaged, did not report same because felt Police wouldn't do anything. HS address was "accidentally on purpose" put in a hand up brief. HS states paranoia is fuelled by some Police members, some from ESD and Drug Squad, as well as criminals creating a massive level of paranoia.

In the first half of 2004, HS had a client who ultimately became an important Crown Witness, and **PII**. HS checked this person's statement and edited same prior to the witness signing etc – HS does not want others to find out that HS assisted this person become a witness, is very worried if others did find out re this. During this time, HS believes that HS was under surveillance, or at least was around people who were. If the fact that HS assisted this person become a witness gets out, HS believes will be "fucked". Still worries that someone may pursue this matter in the Courts somehow, and that maybe an incorrect decision by a Supreme Court Judge would reveal that HS was involved with this witness. HS believes that stress relating to this matter contributed to the stroke. HS states that the fact that it occurred (HS advising / helping this witness to assist Police) is not the only problem, but the fact that the HS did not advise others of the situation, would be viewed in an extremely serious light by members of the MOKBEL group.

Asked what HS thought was the best case scenario for the future – joked "Sugar Daddy and get out of the law." States feels burnt out, cynical, cannot deal with stress anymore. Believes that it is likely that Federal Police, Purana and probably Drug Squad are investigating client MOKBEL, HS states that HS is not worried about being involved but is worried about money.

HS would like to have a separate business for income and do law 1 or 2 days a week. Perhaps do minor Bail Applications.

Today's conference (16/09/05) was re restraining of assets. HS believes that Op PURANA has had an amazing effect re restraining crooks' ability to move financially ie; casino, race track bans, they cannot possess any property, pressure is really on. HS believes that another problem is Solicitor **Solicitor 2**, HS states that she is a very dangerous person. **Solicitor 2** is trying to obtain the affidavits that would compromise HS re the important witness referred to above, HS is trying to keep track of this. **[REDACTED]**

HS would like to go back to the way it was, no pressure, no paranoia, states has had too many drug briefs. States is not uncommon for HS to listen to "U/K male" on TI briefs and be able to identify these persons. States has read too many of these briefs, remembers car registration numbers, HS states has simply had it.

A way out would be to be appointed (as a Magistrate) but this will never happen because of HS association with MOKBELS.

HS only speaks confidentially to a couple of people, one being HS Sister. Has told Sister that if anything happens to HS to talk to Solicitor Jim VALOS, because HS is close to him. Also, more recently S/D Stuart BATESON (of Op PURANA). HS states made the decision about 12 months ago to assist Police, has spoken to S/D BATESON re this.

There are a few people that HS definitely does not trust, one being John Brown of **[REDACTED]** Police) – states he is off **[REDACTED]**. Reason for mistrust is that this is the member that HS alleges included HS home address on a H.U.B.

HS follows Brisbane Lions in AFL, used to follow Carlton.  
Drives a BMW Z4.

Towards end of meeting, asked HS that if all MOKBEL's go to jail, how does HS re-establish reputation and get back to point wants to be at – HS answer is stop doing drug work, specifically for organized crime figures. Perhaps start a business, example a car wash. Does not want publicity, states has been avoiding same. HS has been a lawyer 9 years, is 32 years of age, has had a stroke, goes to work at 7.15 A.M. every day and works all weekend. Would like to have a child and work 2 or 3 days a week. If does not change lifestyle, believes will end up dead from stress, overwork etc. The last 12 months HS and Jim VALOS have been actively looking for some other business. Because of having a stroke HS will never get income protection again, therefore needs to do something that doesn't involve this high level of stress. Discussed HS being able to live on a lower income level, HS states no problem. HS states needs to see a way



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out of current life. Could go away for a few months, but the problems would still be here on return.

HS suffered a stroke was on July 24, 2004. Was a very big scare, changed lifestyle for a while, but has now slipped back into a worse lifestyle, and wants to stop.

HS is paranoid about security, drives around the block before getting home. Is also paranoid of some Police, because they may be corrupt, admits is not sure if that is the case.

Advised HS that self security is vital. Handlers advised HS will be given contact number and be in touch for further debrief next week, without MDID members present.

**PII** **MNI:** **and Associates**

Asked where do we start, suggested Tony MOKBEL, reply was "How many weeks have you got?"

HS states that there is a fine line between knowing about specific things and knowing about general ideas and plans. Believes that sometimes paranoia is a healthy thing

**Mr Bickley** **PII** **MNI:** **got arrested, and asked for HS to be his solicitor, HS is adamant had never met nor heard of Mr Bickley before, he later advised that Tony MOKBEL gave him the number. PII** **PURANA** assumed (unstated but probably that HS was involved/implicated in something criminal. Later said that **PII**

HS arranged for Tony HARGRAVES, who HS sees as a very "proper" solicitor, to see **Mr Bickley** to do a bail application, as HS had another commitment. MOKBEL gives out HS phone number regularly without consultation. HS believes that MOKBEL charges money for passing on work to HS, which HS, or MOKBEL bargains for a discount rate without knowledge of HS. HS saw MOKBEL that day at Court, said thanks for the referral, MOKBEL asked who was it, when found it was **Mr Bickley**, MOKBEL panicked and went into quite a state. Next thing there is a fight between whether **Solicitor 2** or Tony HARGRAVES will act for **Mr Bickley**. HS saw **Mr Bickley** maybe twice, and explained re waiting for **PII** as then chances of **PII** getting bail were better, **Mr Bickley** agreed to wait. Behind the scenes there was a huge fight between Tony HARGRAVES and **PII** and she was running back to MOKBEL every day. Eventually **Solicitor 2** asked HS to do the bail application, no instructions given re this. HS says it was very clear that MOKBEL was paying **Mr Bickley** fees if he stayed with **Solicitor 2**. **PII** app came up and MOKBEL wanted HS to go and watch. Did not want to do so. The solicitor acting for **PII** rings and asks HS to do **PII**. This solicitor said that Police told her that HS was **Mr Bickley** solicitor. **Solicitor 2** went to watch **Mr Bickley** bail app, but he got bail in the 20 mins before lunch and **Solicitor 2** was not in the Court room. HS listens to **Mr Bickley**'s interview tape, and states that it is patently obvious that MOKBEL is involved. HS rang S/D Paul ROWE MDID and said can't do bail app, because answers in cross examination that come out will be adverse to MOKBEL's interests. **PII**

**PII** HS did not want to have to face MOKBEL, but also couldn't stand up in front of a Magistrate and cross examine with the intention of reducing **Mr Bickley** role without getting answers that put MOKBEL in. If did so, HS have received abuse from MOKBEL, but if did not do so, would not be acting in client's best interests regarding the explanation of roles in the drug group. ie: that HS client is lower down the chain than MOKBEL. Ultimately, on the day **Solicitor 2** forgot to submit a gaol order, so matter was adjourned. HS states does not know ins and outs of it entire matter, except that MOKBEL is constantly on HS back about this case. Most recently, yesterday morning, (15/09/05) MOKBEL has gone to the extent of asking if any Police would take any money re this **Mr Bickley** matter.

MOKBEL has asked HS what **Mr Bickley** said, and has met with **Mr Bickley** twice. MOKBEL told HS that **Mr Bickley** was going to sack Barrister Chris DANE because MOKBEL has told him he can't be with them. MOKBEL is desperate for **Mr Bickley** to do some sort of a deal, ie: plead guilty and get it over and done with. MOKBEL is absolutely desperate for information re this matter. **Solicitor 2** has reported back the **PII** **PII** **PII** and **Mr Bickley** to MOKBEL.

Re the bribery issue, MOKBEL talks in his own half phrases. He can't read properly, and said something like "Do you know anyone that could fix **Mr Bickley**'s problem, and do you know anybody that can tell you about what they (Police) know." MOKBEL rang the day of **Mr Bickley** adjourned Bail App to ask how it went. MOKBEL wants to keep **Mr Bickley** sweet somehow, possibly with money. **PII**

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MOKBEL has brought a huge amount of attention on all of those around him. MOKBEL's key interests at the moment are this brief (MDID Op QUILLS). HS believes that MOKBEL would be there in 2 seconds flat if there was a Police Officer who could tell him what he wants to know, re this matter and MOKBEL's matter from 2000 – 2001 – his primary interest is finding someone to get rid of those tapes.

The whole issue re the tapes has arisen because of the Commonwealth Offences and the trial that is coming up, without the tapes there is no case.

MOKBEL can sit in Court and listen to a case, come out and pretend he knows it all, then 4 hours later rings and ask HS what did that mean?

There is a case re a semi-trailer in Brunswick, (co-accused are Mark Anthony LANTERI PII MNI: [REDACTED] Joseph PARISI PII MNI: [REDACTED] Rabie KARAM PII MNI: [REDACTED] and Milad MOKBEL PII MNI: [REDACTED])  
HS negotiated that settlement but does not know what happened. Why the Commonwealth DPP withdrew the charges is a mystery to HS. That was essentially a VicPol case, HS thinks Police received money to allow removal of Pseudoephedrine. There were surveillance statements, the crooks arrived, surveillance showed the unloading. HS went to MDID and viewed tapes, videos showed different story to summary on brief, crooks leave and come back, HS questioned why the container was left unguarded. At 10 am next morning 2 x Police from MDID go through container and find 0.5 gram. HS believes someone must have been paid. The TI conversations PII are horrific for MOKBEL, has said to him that there is something very wrong here, HS still doesn't know what happened here. Commonwealth trial relies upon same tapes Drug Squad used when targeting [REDACTED] when re [REDACTED] Cocaine (should have been [REDACTED]). MDID gave FedPol the tapes, FedPol arrested guy from UPS warehouse, MOKBEL's name was on search warrants, he was searched but not charged, until a year later MDID give FedPol 3 x LD conversations from [REDACTED]'s enq which are sufficient for AFP to charge MOKBEL. These are the tapes that he has talked about trying to make go missing, HS believes that if they do go missing, it will in fact be the end of the case. Without tapes PII [REDACTED] has no credibility so without tapes, without [REDACTED] there is no case. Tapes are devastating. The latest angle is that MOKBEL will attack the Police Officers who turn the tapes on and off, so he's talking about BARTLETT, A 1st PO and a couple of others from the Drug Squad, and MIECHEL. HS doesn't believe it's too difficult to target MOKBEL re this (corruption).

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HS has known MOKBEL since was a Crown witness against him in 1997 -1998 Long story re being present for signing of a bail surety form for bail for brother Horty but MOKBEL made false statements re ownership of a property or similar, and got charged re perjury. Gave evidence at Committal and trial, cross examined by Con HELIOTIS, judge directed an acquittal. Very surprising considering HS relationship now.

HS believes that nothing will ever "happen" to MOKBEL because everybody knows that if you kill Tony, the brothers will kill you. HS hasn't seen Milad MOKBEL PII MNI: [REDACTED] much lately, but may be representing Kaelan MOKBEL @ Kabalan PII MNI: [REDACTED] 49, problem being that Tony MOKBEL's trial is listed for the same time. MOKBEL has no money re restraining orders. HS doesn't think can represent Kabalan PII PII PII PII PII is very worried, he could have sold all of them out, put everyone in gaol for a long time, but wouldn't do it. PII talks about this from time to time, mainly when spoken to by PII PII and continuous pressure from PII to [REDACTED] for them.

HS believes Tony MOKBEL's matters will be adjourned, that is what he wants.

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Handlers suggested that HS probably ultimately had two options if dealing with this group, being jail or death. HS agrees. HS wants MOKBEL to be in a position to never get bail and he will plead to some of the current matters. If in custody, HS believes it would be very difficult for him to talk to people and influence what happens with other cases. HS believes has created this mess for self and reckons there wouldn't be a day HS doesn't speak to MOKBEL. He rings about minor things ie; a friend's drive whilst disqualified. HS doesn't know how to cut this off, is too scared to give MOKBEL a bill because of restraining orders, if he had cash HS can't legally take it.

Handlers asked if locking up Tony MOKBEL is the best solution, asked suggestions re achieving same. HS response is set him up with an undercover, re bribe. MOKBEL continually says things to make people believes he has Police in his back pocket. He attempted to blackmail HS with a video & audio tape from a Policeman, he tried for \$50,000, but he was fishing to find out if HS had been talking to or seeing Police. HS told him to go for it, nothing ever happened.

HS gives example of a fellow who gets bail in the Mag Crt, and Tony MOKBEL asks for \$80,000 to make sure Police or DPP don't appeal. This person asked HS about this later, HS laughed when realised that this person actually paid the money.

HS offered opinion that most drug dealers are losers, spastics, is sick of dealing with them. Gave eg of Henri BASTURK (LEAP: Emre BASTURK [PII] MNI: [REDACTED]). HS describes him as the yellow Lotus man, he had a car in a Company name, of which he is the director, the vehicle was seized when he was arrested, he didn't believe Police would be able to permanently retain the vehicle. Jokingly, HS advised him to tell the Drug Squad to give it a cut and polish, as he was going to be inside for a while, and when he got bail he asked his solicitor to do this (HARGRAVES).

MOKBEL owes millions, has been buying up night clubs everywhere. Drives a SL65 AMG Mercedes Benz, 10% was paid in cash, HS can't believe this hasn't been scrutinized.

Questioned re level of trust displayed towards to HS by group. HS states Milad MOKBEL trusts HS slightly more than others. HS saw Horty MOKBEL about a week ago, Milad is staying away because of the two people charged it was his gear and he wants control of their fates. HE believes the smartest of them all is Horty, because he hasn't been caught. They never ask HS re trust accounts, money laundering etc. HS doesn't have a trust account, and believes that they will have enough of their own connections for that. When asked if HS could discuss "another client" having laundered money – answer is no. HS believes they have enough connections of their own for this, hasn't really spoken about this with them.

Handlers suggested talking about a fictitious client who has laundered money, asked could HS talk about this, answer is yes, and Tony MOKBEL in particular would be interested. However, HS couldn't just blurt this out, would have to build up to that type of conversation.

HS says is not personally interested in drugs, doesn't use them or buy them, wouldn't ask for them, wouldn't introduce anybody. People have asked HS to introduce them to MOKBEL, HS has never done this, suggesting that they are stupid for asking her, or maybe (HS joking or testing) they are [PII]. HS doesn't know what they are doing behind HS's back, saying that HS is involved, then gave example of [PII] who has been told by [REDACTED] to pay [REDACTED]. [PII] asked HS "Why do I have to pay this money, I don't even know them?" [REDACTED] believes he is entitled to this money so [REDACTED] is putting pressure on [PII] to pay the money (for "legal fees") for [REDACTED] @ [REDACTED]. [PII] and the co-accused. [PII] is saying he hasn't got any money. HS is representing [REDACTED] in a matter involving a [REDACTED], possibly stolen, the VicPol informant is [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]. The offenders are charged with [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] and possessing [REDACTED] cash, and quite a large amount of money went missing, there was much more money there than that, there has been no complaint to E.S.D. This occurred in [REDACTED] or somewhere, the member concerned is from [REDACTED] or [REDACTED], occurred about [REDACTED] to [REDACTED]. The Police didn't lay charges until the statute of limitations had expired, but then offenders were charged with Indictable matters.

HS doesn't believe that [PII] speaks to anybody else re being stood over, [PII] has [PII]. HS was initially wondered why [PII] was discussing this matter, later that day HS was very stressed re the conversation, stated is worried about having another stroke at this rate.

Even an amount like [REDACTED] HS wouldn't put into trust account, maybe an amount of up to \$20,000, and anyway [PII] has [REDACTED].



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All these blokes get ripped off, HS is owed at any stage about \$150,000 from barristers.

Asked if happy to keep talking to Handlers, reply is yes and asked if Handlers are interested to keep listening. HS states has got no reason to be inventing these things, unless members believed that HS will go back and talk to MOKBEL what is happening. HS suggested that Handlers give HS a test. Told HS that if HS asked around about SSan and Peter this may advertise to others that she has been speaking to Police.

**Mr Bickley** will go to any solicitor that MOKBEL sends him to.

HS has no idea what [REDACTED] said to police, hasn't heard or seen statement, [REDACTED] was representing him. HS is happy that HS doesn't know.

HS reiterated that doesn't believe that it would be hard to investigate and charge these people. Doesn't regard Tony MOKBEL as very clever. He can't read very well. He definitely thought that he was going to be arrested after **Mr Bickley** arrest.

MOKBEL boasts that he has policemen in his back pocket, N/K if true or not.

#### **HANDLER OPINION /COMMENT**

Not surprisingly, HS presents as a mature and educated person. HS becomes emotional when discussing stroke. Handlers tend to believe HS statements re wanting to change hectic and stressful lifestyle because of dealing with MOKBEL clan, however, other motivations have not yet been uncovered must be explored. Initial impression is that, at the very least, this HS can definitely be of high value in relation to current intelligence on MOKBEL family and associates.

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Controller's Signature:	S. Sandy White-O Pii	<input type="text"/>	Date:	<input type="text" value="7/10/05"/>