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VICTORIA POLICE



Chief Superintendent's Office,  
 "A" District Headquarters,  
 Police Complex,  
 376 Russell Street,  
 MELBOURNE, Vic. 3000.

8 December, 1993

Constable P. TRICHIAS 27606  
 St. Kilda Police Station,  
"B" DISTRICT.

Dear Peter,

### Good Work Performed During Operation "YAK"

I have been informed that, recently, whilst you were performing duties with the "A" District, District Support Group, that you played an integral part in the successful conclusion of Operation "YAK".

Operation "YAK" was an Operation conducted by members of the "A" District, District Support Group between 19 August and 3 September, 1993, which involved lengthy periods of intense surveillance and intelligence gathering regarding the activities of an alleged drug trafficker in the Carlton Sub-District.

Operation "YAK" was successfully concluded on 3 September, 1993, with the arrests of Brian WILSON, Nicola GOBBO and Victor VELLIOS. All were charged with Traffic Drug of Dependence (Cannabis and Amphetamines) and Unlawful Possession. I note that this Operation resulted in the seizure of 3 pounds of Amphetamines with a street value of \$82,000.00, 3/4 of a pound of Cannabis with a street value of \$3,000.00, in addition to the seizure of a large quantity of stolen property and a number of Prescribed Weapons.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my congratulations for a job well done. It is obvious that the professionalism and dedication to duty displayed by all those involved contributed in no small way to the excellent results that were achieved.

It is also obvious to me that these excellent results are indicative of the fine "team spirit" that has developed within "A" District Support Group.

Once again, my congratulations. All other members of "A" District Support Group involved in Operation "YAK" have been congratulated in a similar fashion. I will ensure that a copy of this letter is inserted in your Record of Service and that an appropriate entry is made in the "A" District "Good Work" Register.

Sincerely,

**D.P. GRAHAM**  
 Chief Superintendent  
DISTRICT COMMANDER



Superintendent's Office,  
"A" DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS.

18 November 1993

Chief Superintendent,  
"A" DISTRICT.

Sergeant ASHTON 21889, Sergeant HOLDING 20985, S/Constable DELANEY 26707, ConstableS FREDE 26856, SKLAVOUNOUS 27066, WILSON 28319, TRICHIAS 27606 and RANDOE 28470 - Recommendation for District Commendation for professionalism, team work and dedication to duty resulting in the arrest of three offenders seizure of a large quantity of drugs and recovery of stolen property.


Detective Inspector CLARKE and Senior Sergeant BRIGHAM have detailed a successful operation recently carried out by members of the District Support Group under the leadership of Sergeants ASHTON and HOLDING, where three persons were arrested and a large quantity of drugs and property were seized.

The members concerned are:-

Sergeant T. ASHTON 21889  
Sergeant M. HOLDING 20985  
Senior Constable D. DELANEY 26707  
Constable J. FREDE 26856  
Constable K. SKLAVOUNOUS 27066  
Constable S. WILSON 28319  
Constable C. TRICHIAS 27606  
Constable B. RANDOE 28470

I have perused the file and reported actions of the members and recommend they all receive a District Commendation for :-

*Professionalism, team work and dedication to duty which resulted in a successful conclusion to Operation YAK in which three persons were arrested for drug offences and a large quantity of drugs and property seized.*



L.D. CORBETT,  
ACTING SUPERINTENDENT.



Crime Co-ordinator's Office  
"A" DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS

16 September 1993

Superintendent,  
 District Support Services  
"A" DISTRICT

Sergeant ASHTON, 21889, Sergeant HOLDING, 20985  
 S/Constable DELANEY, 26707, Constable FREDE, 27606  
 Constable SKLAVOUNOS, 27066 Constable WILSON, 28319,  
 Constable TRICHIAS, 27606 & Constable RANDOE, 28470  
GOOD WORK PERFORMED

STATION

1. The attached report from Senior Sergeant BRIGHAM relates to good work performed by the above-named members.

CIRCUMSTANCES

2. Following receipt of information via crime stoppers, operation "Yak" was conceived with a view of gathering evidence relating to drug activity against Brian WILSON of 250 Rathdowne Street, Carlton.
3. After intense surveillance of the suspect and his premises, a search was carried out on his premises on the 3rd September, 1993. Several arrests were made and property including substantial amounts of drugs were seized. (refer folios 1 & 2)

COMMENT

4. This type of good work is indicative of the work performance of the "A" District D.S.G. members.

RECOMMENDATION

5. Accordingly, I recommend the following:-
  - (a) that Sergeant's ASHTON 21889, HOLDING 20985, Senior Constable DELANEY 26707, Constable's FREDE 26856, SKLAVOUNOS 27066, WILSON 28319, TRICHIAS 27066 and RANDOE 28470 be commended at District Level for dedication to duty, and professionalism in the investigation and apprehension of an active drug dealer.

  
 Lyndsay G. CLARK, DISTRICT  
 DETECTIVE INSPECTOR

17 SEP 1993

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RECEIVED

"A" District

**BRIEFING PAPER**

**FROM:** Senior Constable McLaren, Analyst "A" District Support Group  
**TO:** DDI CLARK, "A" District Crime Adviser  
**DATE:** 6 September 1993  
**SUBJECT:** Operation YAK

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On the 19th of August, 1993, a file was received at this office via Crime Stoppers in relation to a suspect, Brian WILSON of 250 Rathdowne Street, Carlton, who was allegedly selling amphetamines in large quantities and was in possession of an automatic pistol.

It was ascertained Brian WILSON [REDACTED] holds a security guard and crowd controller's licence and is also the holder of a shooters licence, owning longarms. WILSON was also ascertained to be residing with Nicola Maree GOBBO [REDACTED] who also allegedly assisted WILSON with selling the amphetamines.

Mobile surveillance was conducted on the target WILSON and also of GOBBO. Both were seen to often use mobile telephones whilst driving. On the 27th of August, 1993, whilst under mobile surveillance, the target was observed to perform a possible drug transaction with another male from the target's vehicle, in the Richmond area. Other suspicious activity was observed on several other occasions, for example, the target entering a premises with a bag and remaining for only several minutes before leaving.

A search warrant was obtained for the premises on 26th of August, 1993. Surveillance continued on the premises to ascertain an appropriate time to execute the warrant.

On the 3rd of September, 1993, surveillance was commenced on the target premises at approximately 1100 hrs with the intention of executing the warrant at some time that day. At approximately 1200 hrs, the target, WILSON, was dogged from his premises, to Richmond and back through Fitzroy, where he was lost due to heavy traffic. Surveillance was then conducted on his home pending his arrival for execution of the warrant.

WILSON arrived home at approximately 1630 hrs. At approximately 1730 hrs, the search warrant was executed successfully and peacefully, as the target came outside from the premises. He was taken into custody and the warrant was executed. A second male, Victor VELIOS [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] was also at the premises and taken into custody. At this time, GOBBO was working at Melbourne University.

At approximately 1900 hrs, Sergeant HOLDING and Constable SKLAVOUNOS left the premises to collect GOBBO from the university. She returned to the premises at 1930 hrs and was taken into custody.

The following property was located and seized:

- ◆ 1 x plastic bag containing a quantity of white powder substance
- ◆ 1 x knuckle duster
- ◆ 1 x set of scales
- ◆ Assorted telecom phone bills
- ◆ 1 x bucket containing green vegetable matter
- ◆ 1 x digital scale
- ◆ 1 x digital scale and jug
- ◆ 8 small cans of mace
- ◆ 1 pkt of glad wrap bags
- ◆ 1 x box containing white powder
- ◆ 1 x plastic bag containing white powder and a silver foil containing white powder
- ◆ 30 x boxes of panadol capsules
- ◆ 1 x box containing 10 ml water bottles
- ◆ 2 x plastic bag containing green vegetable matter
- ◆ 1 x plastic bag containing a quantity of white powder and a quantity of money bags
- ◆ 3 x plastic bags containing white powder
- ◆ 1 x NEC portable phone
- ◆ 1 x envelope containing 2 plastic bags with white powder
- ◆ 2 x plastic bag containing green vegetable matter
- ◆ 1 x plastic bag containing 3 plastic bags of white powder
- ◆ 1 x cigarette box containing white powder
- ◆ 1 x plastic bag containing brown crystallised substance
- ◆ 1 x Pioneer Cassette/Radio
- ◆ 1 x Yamaha CD player
- ◆ 1 x Yamaha tape deck
- ◆ 1 x Akai VCR player
- ◆ 1 x toshiba photocopier
- ◆ 1 x box assorted CD's
- ◆ 1 x Panasonic portable phone
- ◆ 1 x Telecom answering machine
- ◆ 1 x Canon Camera
- ◆ 1 x Canon 50 ml lense
- ◆ 1 x Kiron zoom lens
- ◆ 1 x Canon Fax
- ◆ 1 x Amstrad laptop computer
- ◆ 1 x computer keyboard
- ◆ 1 x Epson computer printer
- ◆ 1 x DFI handi scanner
- ◆ 1 x Computer mouse
- ◆ 2 x computer speakers
- ◆ 1 x view sonic display
- ◆ 1 x computer

The total weight of amphetamine seized is approximately 3 pounds, with an approximate street value of \$82,000. The total weight of cannabis seized is approximately 3/4 of a pound, with an approximate street value of \$3,000.

**1. Brian Shane WILSON, charged re:**

Traffick Drug of dependence (amphetamines)  
Traffick Drug of dependence (cannabis)  
Use and possess x 2 (amphetamines and cannabis)  
Unlawful possession

Informant Constable TRICHIAS

**Remanded in custody by Bail Justice Rowena ALLSOP**

**2. Nicola Maree GOBBO, charged re:**

Use and possess Drug of dependence x 2

Informant Constable WILSON

**Bailed to MMC 9/11/93**

**3. Victor VELLIOS, charged re:**

Use and possess drug of dependence  
Unlawful possession

Informant Constable GIBSON (Richmond Uniform)

**Bailed to MMC 19/10/93**