

For Official Use Only**Royal Commission
into the Management of Police Informants****STATEMENT OF MARTIN THOMAS ALLISON**

1. My full name is Martin Thomas Allison.
2. I make this statement in response to a request from the Royal Commission into the Management of Police Informants dated 23 April 2019.
3. I make this statement without having reviewed my diaries from the relevant periods as they are not in my possession. I have been informed that Victoria Police has to date not located my diaries from 1996 to 2004.
4. I was not required to and cannot recall keeping a diary in 1995 while at Moonee Ponds Uniform and during my temporary assignment to "I" District Support Group. My crew's practice was to keep a 'running sheet' (VP form 501) for each day which is destroyed after seven years. It has not been my practice to keep day books.

Educational background and employment history

5. I completed high school in 1979.
6. I joined Victoria Police Cadets in 1980. I entered the Academy on 10 March 1981 and graduated on 31 July 1981. I was appointed to a training station at Avondale Heights Uniform until December 1981. A summary of my employment history since that time is set out below:
 - (a) In December 1981, I was transferred to Russell Street Uniform for a week. I was then transferred to Spencer Street Police complex where I performed security duties.
 - (b) On 1 July 1982, I was transferred to St Albans Uniform.
 - (c) In November 1984, I was transferred to Coburg Uniform. While at Coburg I was promoted to Senior Constable in July 1987.
 - (d) In August 1987, I was transferred to CIB Drug Squad at the Russell Street complex.
 - (e) In 1991, I was transferred to the Homicide Squad at the St Kilda Road complex.



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- (f) In November 1993, I was promoted to Sergeant at Moonee Ponds Uniform.
- (g) In late 1994, I performed a temporary assignment to "I" District Support Group.
- (h) In 1996, I was temporarily transferred to Homicide until early 1997.
- (i) In 1997, I was transferred to CIB Flemington.
- (j) In May 1997, I worked in Western Australia for a month. I then returned to CIB Flemington.
- (k) In 1999, I was sent to Homicide to assist in the investigation into a series of murders. I then returned to CIB Flemington.
- (l) In October 2000, I was temporarily assigned to the Drug Squad and was formally transferred there in late 2000 or early 2001.
- (m) In March 2004, I was transferred to Gisborne and was promoted to Senior Sergeant.
- (n) From 2004 to 2009, I worked in various places including Gisborne, Kyneton, Bendigo and Castlemaine.
- (o) In 2009, I was temporarily assigned to the Major Collision Investigation Unit.
- (p) In January 2010, I left Victoria Police and worked at Adidas Australia as their brand protection manager.
- (q) In January 2011, I returned to Victoria Police, stationed in Gisborne.
- (r) In June 2011, I transferred to the State Surveillance Unit.
- (s) In December 2011, I was promoted to Inspector and was assigned for 8 weeks to the Source Development Unit.
- (t) From February 2012 to July 2014, I was the Corporate Risk and Planning Unit Manager for Victoria Police.
- (u) In July 2014, I was transferred to North West Metro Div 2 (West Gate) where I performed the role of Investigation and Response Manager until January 2017.
- (v) In January 2017, I became the local area Commander for Wyndham. I am still in this role.



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7. I have completed a number of Victoria Police training courses. I also hold a Bachelor of Business (with a major in Financial Planning) and a postgraduate certificate in Public Policy.

Involvement or association with any investigation which had dealings in any way with Ms Gobbo (question 2)*"I" District Support Group*

8. My first involvement or association with an investigation which had dealings with Ms Gobbo occurred in 1994 or early 1995.
9. I was undertaking a temporary assignment to the "I" District Support Group.
10. A female police officer, who I recall was Constable Sue Wilson, had recently transferred to Moonee Ponds from Russell Street. She had information that the occupants of a house in Rathdowne Street, Carlton were trafficking drugs. I do not remember the number of the house, but I recall that it was near the intersection of Rathdowne and Elgin Streets.
11. A search warrant was obtained and I was the team leader that executed the warrant at the house.
12. I remember meeting Ms Gobbo either during the search warrant or afterwards. Ms Gobbo was an occupant of the house. Ms Gobbo told me that she was a Melbourne University law student and that she was the niece of a serving justice of the Supreme Court of Victoria. Ms Gobbo was concerned that a criminal conviction would prevent her from practising as a solicitor.
13. I remember a male was also present at the house but I do not recall his name. I have been informed that the male might have been Brian Wilson.
14. I recall searching the premises but I cannot recall what drugs were confiscated or the quantities.
15. I recall we charged the male who was present at the address. I believe he admitted possession to the drugs. I cannot recall whether Ms Gobbo was charged or not.

Drug Squad

16. My second involvement or association with an investigation which had dealings with Ms Gobbo occurred in early 2000s.



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17. I was a Sergeant at the Drug Squad, leading a team in Taskforce Kayak, which led to charges being brought against Tony Mokbel, Lewis Moran, Carl Williams and David McCulloch. I reported to Wayne Strawhorn.
18. I recall that Ms Gobbo represented Mr Mokbel, Mr Moran and Mr Williams at various times during this period. I formed the view during this period that Ms Gobbo was closely associated with Mr Mokbel.
19. I recall that Ms Gobbo also represented targets of other investigations I was involved in during my time at the Drug Squad.

Use of Ms Gobbo as a human source (questions 3-8)Question 3

20. I have no knowledge of Ms Gobbo providing information or assistance to Victoria Police.
21. I became aware of Ms Gobbo's role as a human source through media reports.
22. In late 2011, I was promoted to Inspector. I was temporarily assigned to the SDU to manage the unit for about eight weeks. I am unable to recall being informed that Ms Gobbo had been or was a registered human source.

Question 4

23. I have no knowledge of any other member of Victoria Police or any other organisation who was aware that Ms Gobbo was providing information or assistance to Victoria Police.

Question 5

24. I have no knowledge of the authorisation of Ms Gobbo as a human source.

Question 6

25. I refer to my response to question 2.

Questions 7 and 8

26. I have no information to provide in response to these questions.



For Official Use Only**Concerns in relation to Ms Gobbo (questions 9-11)**

27. I have no information to provide in response to these questions.

Other relevant mattersQuestion 12

28. I am not aware of any other human sources that have provided information or assistance to Victoria Police who were subject to legal obligations of confidentiality or privilege.

Question 13

29. I have undertaken numerous courses during my time at Victoria Police. I do not have access to the content of all these courses.

30. However, my recollection of the relevant training or retraining I have received is as follows:

- (a) The obligation of disclosure I learnt through experience on the job as the law developed.
- (b) I received training on the right of an accused person to silence at the Academy.
- (c) I received training on the right of an accused person to a legal practitioner at the Academy.
- (d) I received training on legal professional privilege during Detective Training School.
- (e) I have learned about public interest immunity through experience on the job.
- (f) Professional and ethical behaviour is fundamental to all Victoria Police training from the Academy onwards. Victoria Police has numerous guidelines and we receive continual reminders.

Question 14

31. I have nothing further to add in response to question 14.

Dated: 29 April 2019



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