

INVESTIGATION PLAN

Assigned Date 17.10.05	LEAP Incident No	INTERPOSE NUMBER
Operation Name	POSSE	
ARM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Category 1 2 or 3 (and) • Priority A B C D 	
Investigation Type	1	
Investigation Category	A	
Investigation Sub Category	Proactive Targeted	
Job Type	Investigation - Targeted Commercial Level Drug Trafficking	
Offence Details/ Background Information (Narrative)	<p>The Mokbel family have been identified as a major criminal syndicate involved in the importation, manufacture and distribution of drugs of dependence in Victoria for a number of years. The family has insulated themselves from traditional policing methods over many years by the use of intimidation and wealth accumulation including the manipulation of the judicial process by the employment of high level defence teams motivated by financial reward. The family have also used police internal investigative processes to stall criminal process against members of their organisation.. Asset stripping of wealth accumulation has been frustrated by cash dealings with no paper trail and associates given to honour by threat or intimidation. The MOKBELS have previously successfully argued in Victorian Courts that large sums of money found in their possession are a result of gambling profits from horse races and casino activities not limited to Victoria. The manner in which Antonios Mokbel conceals assets can be found in [REDACTED] before [REDACTED]. Recent intelligence suggests Antonios Mokbel also owns the Heathcote Hotel in Heathcote being managed by Nick TANTANIS who has his 18 year old daughter registered as the licensee.</p> <p>October 2000 Task Force Kayak commenced targeting several targets including Antonios MOKBEL who was subsequently arrested and charged with serious drug offences. Antonios MOKBEL was also charged by the Federal Police with Importation offences. Delays in forensic examinations and police corruption issues have seen MOKBEL at large on bail for the majority of the intervening period and the continuance of his criminal activity. He was due to appear for Trial in October 2005 but again successfully used further delaying tactics via legal representatives to have these matters further adjourned on the basis of insufficient funding and the need to make a Legal Aid application. This trial has now been adjourned to February-April 2006.</p> <p>In January 2003 MDID Operation Matchless commenced investigating drug manufacture and trafficking of ^{Mr Cooper} [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. During the course of the investigation it was established that ^{Mr Cooper} [REDACTED] were manufacturing methylamphetamine at a premises at [REDACTED] Street, Rye. Investigators established that the recipients of the large quantities of high grade drugs being produced and or supplying precursor's chemicals to assist the manufacture were Milad and Kabalan Mokbel.</p>	

At the resolution phase of the investigation Kabalan Mokbel was found in possession of approximately 6 pound of Methamphetamine. His trial is due to commence on 28.10.05. ^{Mr Cooper} [REDACTED] during the course of this investigation were monitored discussing a move into the more lucrative MDMA (Ecstasy Market) and at the time of their arrest were in the process of securing an isolated rural property at Kardella in South Gippsland. It was also discovered that ^{Mr Cooper} [REDACTED] had close Links to ^{Mr Thomas} [REDACTED] a close associate of Antonios Mokbel.

In February 2005 MDID Operation SAGES commenced investigating the drug trafficking activities of brothers Bassam and Mohammed OUEIDA, this was a joint operation with the Western Australia Police involving the targeting of Jayde FISHER. FISHER was attending Victoria on a regular basis and collecting between one and five kilograms of methamphetamine. Investigators established that one of OUEIDA's suppliers was Antonios MOKBEL. Another supplier was linked to George WILLIAMS. In July 2005 the Western Australia side of the operation concluded with the arrest of FISHER. Operation Sages is still ongoing.

In April 2005 MDID Operation QUILLS commenced investigating the manufacture and trafficking of MDMA (XTC) tablets by ^{Mr Bickley} [REDACTED] [REDACTED] involved in the manufacture of MDMA tablets at [REDACTED] Way Craigieburn [REDACTED]. Investigators established that ^{Pill} [REDACTED] working for Antonios MOKBEL. At the resolution phase of the operation some 31,000 tablets were seized along with a tablet press and an amount of untableted material. Admissions were made by one defendant of having produced some 80,000 in the preceding 14 days. It is known through this investigation that Mokbel and associates had access to at least a further two tablet presses that have not been recovered.

Since the arrest of ^{Mr Bickley} [REDACTED] a registered human source has been established this indicates that Antonios MOKBEL is very concerned about the ramification of ^{Mr Bickley} [REDACTED] talking to police. This has been corroborated through surveillance of a meeting between MOKBEL associate Alex RADI and ^{Mr Bickley} [REDACTED]. Further source information is that [REDACTED] and Mark LANTERI are currently manufacturing "cooking" methamphetamine for Antonios MOKBEL. The source has further stated that Antonios MOKBEL is attempting to source a corrupt detective within Victoria Police in an attempt to gain access to tape material from Operation Kayak and Operation Quills. Intelligence received about 8 months ago was that Antonios Mokbel was prepared to pay \$2M to have the Kayak covert tapes disappear.

On 7.10.05 ^{Mr Cooper} [REDACTED] was observed at the Adelaide Airport Qantas Club with another male who has since been identified as Steven CVETANOVSKI [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] Road, Coburg.

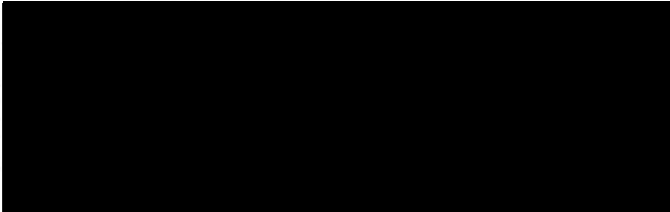
This corroborated information from a Human Source that ^{Mr Cooper} [REDACTED] was laundering money for Antonios Mokbel at the Adelaide Casino. Investigation indicates that ^{Mr Cooper} [REDACTED] has cashed out a total of \$601,775 since 15/5/05 with \$240K in recorded buy ins in Victoria alone. In addition it is known that he has been using CVETANOVSKI to cash out chips on his behalf.

	<p>Antonios MOKBEL is also subject of an Australian Federal Police 2005 Investigation involving an incitement to import drugs into Australia. This AFP case on its own appears to be reasonably weak and is dependent on MDID Operation QUILLS for further circumstantial evidence to support the prosecution. In the event that MOKBEL is convicted and sentenced to imprisonment on the charges he currently stands charged with it is predictable on current trends that he is unlikely to be incarcerated for in excess of four years. In the event that he is convicted and sentenced to imprisonment it is believed that he will continue to exert control and influence on the continuance of the Mokbel criminal enterprises from inside gaol utilising family members, Horti, Milad and Kabalan MOKBEL and trusted associates whom he controls.</p> <p>An indication of the level of control and influence Antonios MOKBEL believes he holds can be found in the transcript of his conversation with Detective Sergeant ROBERTSON Purana Task Force and Detective Senior Constable BARTLETT on 13/4/04. [REDACTED] In part when referring to the Gangland Killings with reference to George and Karl Williams "But the thing is at the end of the day what I'm saying to you, while I've got these blokes a little bit under control we can talk about this." And further on an indication of his perceived control of things when talking about charged associates, "No, you got to be realistic. Everybody did say they want to do a little bit of gaol but they won't do fuckin massive gaol ya know. But, Ah there's not none of them said to me, Tony can they give me a suspended sentence." Mokbel then went onto attempt to broker a deal that the ESD allegations would stop and we could all get back to how it was if the prosecution was prepared to do a deal and there would be peace on the streets. He put forward that he, Karl Williams, ^{Mr Cooper} and Azzam AHMED would all plead to revised charges for dropping complaints to ESD and has the killings in Melbourne stop. In relation to the charges against his brother Kabalan he said when asked "And you've discussed this with Kabalan?" He said, "All of them. Kabalan look I'll tell you right now you're going to have a hard time fuckin even getting close to him. An you know that and I know that. But the thing is at the end of the day there's a lot of them you're going to have a hard time getting close to. But the thing is at the end of the day let's not worry about Kabalan, let's worry about ^{Mr Cooper} and all of them. Let's worry about Tony Mokbel, let's worry about Karl Williams and if a few get away for a little bit so be it. What's the big deal ya know," It is clear from this the brokering of deals does not extend to immediate family members but only extends to the control and influence he has over members of his criminal enterprises.</p> <p>In the event that Antonios MOKBEL receives any custodial sentence then the void created by his absence will be filled by a family members most probably Horti, Milad or Kabalan.</p>
Investigation Management	Detective Senior Sergeant J O'BRIEN 20102 I/C – Task Force Investigation Teams
<i>INVESTIGATION DIRECTION</i>	
Primary Goal	Identification, Investigation and complete dismantling of the Mokbel Family Criminal Organisation.
Investigation Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Utilise the continuing information provided by [REDACTED]

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate and locate clandestine drug laboratories operated by [REDACTED] and Mark LANTERI establishing an evidentiary link between them and the Mokbel family. Seek to [REDACTED] to progress drug investigations and attempts to corrupt police members. Seek to [REDACTED] in a proactive money laundering scenario with a view to furthering asset identification and evidence. Utilise [REDACTED] process where advantageous to the direction of criminal investigation/asset identification. Seek to undermine the Mokbel family level of control and influence over co-offenders at every opportunity and recruit human sources. Identify assets of all Mokbel family members and systems used to legitimise funds and assets with a view to seizing criminal proceeds under current and future restraining orders.
Issues Outside Scope	<p><i>(Detail other issues that will not be investigated or which require further attention initially or throughout the course of the investigation)</i></p> <p>Human source management and handling is a major issue of consideration outside the scope of the investigation but one which will need the highest level of consideration in order to protect human sources during and post investigation and court processes. Where possible all human sources will be handled by the Dedicated Source Unit. All relevant risk assessments will be conducted by them. Strategy development will be constantly assessed by the Task Force Manager in consultation with Unit Managers of the Dedicated Source Unit, Covert Investigation Unit, covert surveillance unit and technical support unit. All necessary steps will be taken to protect the identity of any human source in this investigation. Matters of criminality falling outside the immediate scope of this investigation will be referred to the Tasking Operations Manager for referral for investigation by the applicable crime unit. Matters pertaining to any evidence of police corruption will be referred to the Tasking Operations Manager for referral to the Ethical Standards Department.</p>
Key Performance Indicators	<p><i>Must be separate field to provide action database style report showing all operations against defined KPI</i></p> <p>Key Performance Indicators will be;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identities of Human sources protected. Absence of media leaks. Absence of security issues. Number of persons charged with trafficking drugs of dependence Number of Mokbel family members charged with trafficking drugs of dependence. Number of persons charged with offences other than drug offences. Amount of Drugs purchased/seized Number of clandestine drug laboratories detected. Value of Assets seized/restrained. Value of other related intelligence received.
Main Investigative Steps <i>(Summary of the main steps and strategies proposed)</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Fully profile all Mokbel Family members drawing upon all past investigations/intelligence. Update such profiles with investigative steps and surveillance. In line with reliable source information attempt to [REDACTED] Mr Cooper [REDACTED] to the Mokbels. [REDACTED] of Mr Cooper by further investigation of current criminal activities of associates and himself. [REDACTED] Mr Cooper [REDACTED] at a time most advantageous to the overall operation. In line with reliable intelligence attempt to [REDACTED] Mr Bickley [REDACTED]

	<p>██████████ to the Mokbels and associates including Alex RADI. ██████████ of Mr Bickley by further investigation of current criminal activities and association with Antonios Mokbel and Alex RADI. ██████████ by use of ██████████ at a time most advantageous to the overall operation.</p> <p>4. Conduct ██████████ PII on identified individuals such as bookmakers and previous associates under the AOSD Determination to alert the Mokbel family as to strong law enforcement interest in asset identification and seizure.</p> <p>5. Introduce a ██████████ ██████████ In conjunction with the covert investigation unit develop a plan that will be both effective and protect the identity of any human source.</p> <p>6. Introduce a ██████████ ██████████ In conjunction with the Covert Investigation Unit develop a plan that will be both effective and protect the identity of any human source.</p> <p>7. Investigate ██████████ and Mark LANTERI using all traditional investigative processes and electronic and mobile surveillance to locate clandestine drug laboratories. On location install listening and optical surveillance devices to gather further evidence. Develop strategies to link such criminality to the Mokbel family as opportunities present. Take the opportunity to ██████████ where possible.</p> <p>8. Continue to investigate Bassam and Mohammed OUEIDA. ██████████ large commercial quantities of methylamphetamine with a view to locating a clandestine drug laboratory with evidentiary links to the Mokbel family.</p> <p>9. During the investigative process constantly update intelligence and analyse same for investigative opportunities to achieve the overall objective identification, investigation and dismantling of the Mokbel criminal organisation.</p> <p>Due to the mainly covert nature of this investigation strong reliance will be placed on the following services;</p> <p>Surveillance Unit Special Projects Unit Technical Support Unit Covert Investigation Unit</p>
Involvement of External LEA's or details of joint operations (MOU is needed)	No current identified assistance required of external LEA's. Some assistance may be required with respect to financial enquiries particularly with interstate PII these will be made via the Victoria Police ██████████
<i>RESOURCES</i>	
<u>HUMAN</u> Personnel Requirements	<u>TASK FORCE STAFF RESOURCING</u>

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	 <p><u>Analytical Cell</u></p> <p>Sergeant Stephen SPARGO D/S/C Adrian BUCK PAO4 Scott ELLIOT</p> <p>Other specialist resources will be sought in response to investigational demands.</p>
<u>PHYSICAL</u> Additional Vehicles & Equipment	Sufficient vehicles currently exist at Purana Task Force, the natural attrition of personnel attached to this task force should result in the adequate provision of vehicles and equipment.
<u>FINANCIAL</u> Additional Costs	<p><i>Expected costs including requests for buy money, interpreters, CCR's</i></p> <p>Buy money requests will be forwarded via the established DITC process for approval and will be made at the appropriate time in the investigation. Due to the nature of the investigation CCR and utility checks will be substantial. Interpreter may be required for both LD and TI transcription.</p>
<u>INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY</u> Additional requirements	The current downsizing of the Purana Task Force coupled with the provision of some rationalisation of computers from MDID and Vicpol laptop IBM computers with data points to facilitate connection will suffice for the investigation.
<i>ASSESSMENT</i>	
Risk Assessment	<p><i>Other than routine operational risks associated with the policing function, detailing the specific risks relating to this investigation, and the proposed action or mitigation strategy to minimise the risk. LINK to risk assessment matrix which will then be attached as separate document.</i></p> <p>Risk Assessment Matrix attached.</p>
APPROVAL and CONDITIONS	<p>APPROVAL and CONDITIONS to be documented on line.</p> <p>In accordance with Task Force Management Policy to in line with agreed terms of reference.</p>
STATUS (Response)	STATUS is documented and changed on line. <i>LOV required.</i>