

PURANA TASK OPERATION Phase Five

OPERATION ORDER

Execution Date: 24 April 2006

Crime Department Tasked Operations
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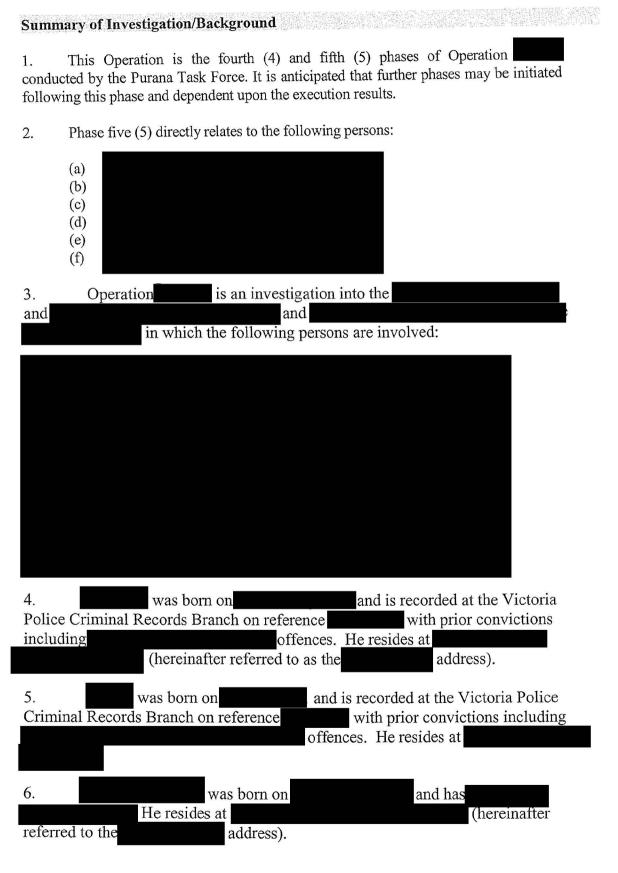
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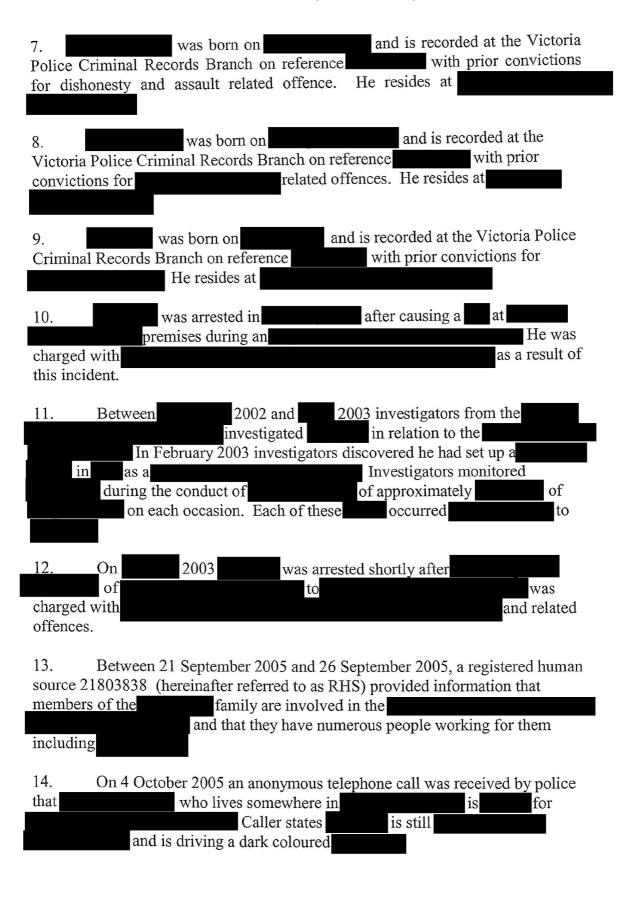
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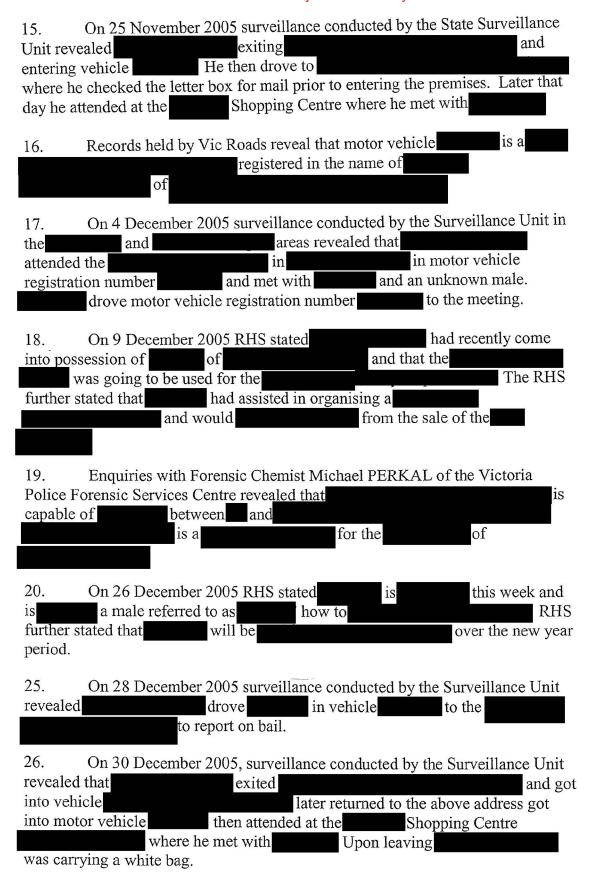
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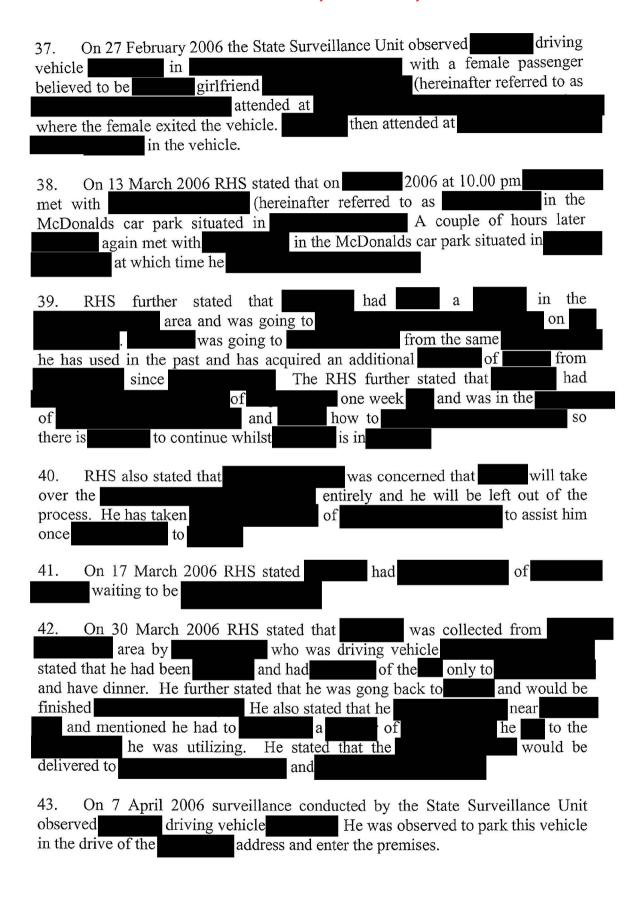






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to rent the premises for

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surveillance devices in respect to the involvement of

and associates in the throughout Victoria.

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10 Members

31 Members

MDID

Purana Task Force.

MISSION

To safely arrest the targets found offending the Act.

To safely execute a Search Warrant at the target addresses and to collect all of the available evidence to enable the successful prosecution of the targets and any other persons arrested during this operation.

Command

Command structure for this Operation will be as follows:

Operations Commander: Detective Superintendent GRANT

Call Sign: Blue 104

Mobile Tel:

Forward Commander: Detective Acting Inspector O'BRIEN

Call Sign: Blue 150

Mobile Tel:

Deputy Forward Commander: Detective Inspector RYAN

Call Sign: Blue 710

Mobile Tel:

Investigation Leader: Detective Acting Senior Sergeant FLYNN

Call Sign: Blue 720

Mobile Tel:

Arrests

All arrests made will be at the discretion of the Forward Commander.

All offenders are to be conveyed to the MDID offices located on the 12th floor of 412 St. Kilda Road, Melbourne for processing. The goods lift should be utilised to transfer suspects from the ground floor to the MDID offices.

Search Warrant

The following Search warrants have been issued:-





After the arrest of the targets nominated members will regroup at the Purana Taskforce and arrangements made for the execution of further search warrants, as deemed appropriate by the investigation leader.

Appropriate Task Force personnel will be directed to prepare affidavits and obtain any further Search Warrants deemed necessary.

If any search warrant is executed and no person is found present, the Command Post is to be advised. The local Divisional Supervisor and Forward Commander will be notified to attend.

The Command Post will inform the On-Line Supervisor and relevant Divisional Supervisor of the intention to execute any search warrants.

Damage

The Command Post must be immediately notified of any damage caused in the execution of any search warrant and will arrange for the attendance of the local Divisional Supervisor as per the Operating Procedures Manual.

Support Services

Any request for support services are to be made through the Command Post.

Searches

Searches of persons, vehicles and premises should be carried out in a thorough and methodical manner.

All searches should be conducted in the presence of the offender to afford the best possible evidentiary value regarding any exhibits found and to reduce the potential of complaints against members.

Consideration should be given to fingerprint and DNA evidence when conducting searches and due care should be given to the handling of exhibits in this regard. All mobile telephones and associated paperwork are to be seized.

Exhibits and Property

It is the responsibility of team leaders to nominate the Exhibits Officer who must record all exhibits in an exhibit log. The Exhibits Officer is responsible for continuity of the exhibits until details are entered into the PB and the exhibits are lodged at EMU or otherwise secured.

It is the team leader's responsibility to check and ensure accuracy of the exhibit log prior to leaving the scene. It is also desirable that any relevant offender be afforded the opportunity to sign the exhibit log at the completion of the search.

All exhibits are to be photographed in-situ prior to being collected and labelled. The team leader is responsible for nominating a member to take photographs and maintain a photographic log.

Cash Seizures

If cash monies of \$1,000 or more are located during any search, the Command Post is to be notified immediately. An officer will be required to attend and count such money as per Crime Department Instructions.

Brief Coordinator

Detective Senior Constable Paul ROWE is the brief co-ordinator for this Operation.

Casualties

Injuries to any persons throughout the course of the Operation are to be brought to the immediate attention of the Command Post.

Relevant hospital locations are as follows:

Royal Melbourne Hospital (Mels: 2BA7) Grattan Street Parkville (Region 3 Division 2)

Phone: (03) 93504755

(03) 93427000

Sunshine Hospital (Mels: 26E5)

Furlong Road, St. Albans Phone: (03) 83451333

Any request for an ambulance is to be made via Intergraph. The following channels apply:

Operational Safety Principles

All members involved in this Operation are to be OSTT qualified and must carry their appropriate departmental firearm. All members issued with firearms must also carry an ASP baton and O/C spray.

Members must carry and use firearms in accordance with the current OSTT instructions. The operational safety principles are to be strictly adhered to and are of paramount importance.

In the event of a firearms incident, the Operations Commander must be immediately notified and members are to secure the crime scene pending his arrival. Any injured person is to be conveyed to hospital via ambulance immediately. The Forward Commander will take responsibility for the initial control of the scene.

Declaration of Informers, Covert Operatives, Telephone Intercepts, or Surveillance Devices/Techniques

At no time is any member permitted to divulge any information relating to the involvement of informers, police covert operatives, telephone intercepts, or surveillance devices/techniques without the express permission of the Investigation Leader, Detective Acting Senior Sergeant FLYNN.

Situation Reports

The Command Post is to be updated of all relevant events immediately.

Purquite

No pursuits are to be initiated during this Operation other than at the direction of the Forward Commander. He will assume the initial role of pursuit controller until such time as an arrest is made or an open police channel is notified and a local supervisor assumes that role.

Media

The Operations Commander in consultation with the Forward Commander will be responsible for the coordination of any media releases in relation to the Operation.

ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

Supply and Assembly of Personnel

The supply, briefing and dismissal of personnel is listed below:

Supply: See Appendix "A".

Briefing: A briefing for this Operation will be held at a time, date and location to

be nominated.

De-Brief: A de-brief will be held at a time to be advised.

Dismissal: No member will be dismissed without the consent of the Forward

Commander.

Dress

Standard dress will be worn. For all searches and any arrest situation, police tabards or ballistic vests with the police sign clearly displayed are to be worn by all members involved. Appropriate Clandestine Laboratory safety clothing is to be worn by members entering suspected clandestine laboratories.

Equipment

All members are to ensure that they are equipped with the minimum required operational safety equipment including certificate of identity, firearm, ASP baton, O/C spray, handcuffs, notebook and police tabard or ballistic vest. Team leaders are to ensure that they have access to a portable or mobile radio whilst in the field. All equipment is to be signed out by individual members during the Operation.

Transport

Task Forced members will utilise office vehicles other than covert vehicles for the Operation. In the event that members from outside the task force are deployed members will use vehicles from their respective work locations.

COMMUNICATIONS

The principal command channel for this Operation will be

DISTRIBUTION

Assistant Commissioner (Crime) OVERLAND
Detective Superintendent GRANT
Det. Inspector RYAN
Det. Ag. Inspector O'BRIEN
Det. Ag. Snr. Sergeant FLYNN
Inspector ELLIOTT
Detective Senior Sergeant O'CONNOR
Detective Senior Sergeant CONNOR
Detective Sergeant BATESON
Detective Sergeant JOHNSON

Detective Sergeant Jason KELLY
Detective Sergeant Grant KELLY
Detective Sergeant COGLHAN
Acting Sergeant SPARGO

Appendix 'A'

Supply of Personnel

Tasked Operations - Purana Task Force

Appendix B Annexure 1 Detail Sheet 1

Detail One

BLUE 104

Operations Commander:	Detective Superintendent GRANT

Call Sign: Blue 100

Mobile Telephone:

Location: 16th Floor, St Kilda Road Police Complex

Duties: Operations Commander

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Detail Two

BLUE 150

Forward Commander: Detective Acting Inspector O'BRIEN

Call Sign: Blue 150

Mobile Telephone:

Location: Brunswick

Duties: Forward Commander

Appendix B Annexure 3 Detail Sheet 3

Detail Three

BLUE 710

Forward Commander: Detective Inspector RYAN

Call Sign: Blue 710

Mobile Telephone:

Location: Brunswick

Duties: Forward Commander

Appendix B
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Detail Sheet 4

Detail Four

BLUE 700

Command Post:

Sergeant Steve SPARGO

Call Sign:

Blue 700

Telephone:

Command Post PII

Location:

16th Floor, St Kilda Road Police Complex

Duties:

Coordinate Operation from Command Post.

Maintain a log of events and provide analytical assistance

where required.

Monitor base radio station and provide analytical assistance

where required.

Appendix B Annexure 5 Detail Sheet 5

Detail Five

BLUE 701

Arrest Team/Search:	FBET Qual
D/A/S/Sgt FLYNN Sergeant TRICHIAS D/S/C MILLER D/S/C ROWE D/S/C HANTSIS D/S/C NIBLETT	Yes Yes Yes Yes No Yes
D/Sgt COUGHLAN D/S/C ROBINSON	Assets Assets
Call Sign:	Blue 701
Mobile Telephones:	
Duties: • Take Custody of	from SOG operatives for offences of
 Conduct a search of the pre- 	emises at Brunswick.

• Seize property derived from the proceeds of crime i.e. vehicles.

Vehicle: Purana

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Detail Six

BLUE 702

Arrest team/Search: FBET Qual

Griffin-DS Yes
S/C FARRER No

Call Sign: Blue 702

Mobile Telephones:

Duties:

• Take Custody of from vicinity of to pre-determined location.

Vehicle: Purana

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Detail Seven

BLUE 703

Arrest Team/Search:	FBET Qual				
Detective Sergeant KELLY Detective Sergeant JOHNSTON D/S/C D/S/C UPTON D/S/C JOHNS D/S/C	Yes Yes Yes No Yes Yes Yes				
D/L/S/C D/S/C CHIPPENDALL	Assets Assets				
Call Sign:	Blue 703				
Mobile Telephone:					
Duties: • Attend at	Coburg.				
Execute a level 1 search warrant at that address					
 Arrest suspects found of Act 	offending against the				

Vehicle: MDID Unit 1

• Conduct a search of the premises.

Appendix B Annexure 8 Detail Sheet 8

Detail Eight

BLUE 713

Arrest Team/Search: FBET Qual

D/S/C FITZGERALD No D/S/C MERCER No

Call Sign: Blue 713

Mobile Telephone:

Duties:

Provide security at
 at

Vehicle: Purana

Appendix B Annexure 9 Detail Sheet 9

Detail Nine

BLUE 714

 Arrest Tear 	n/Search:	FBET Q	<u>ual</u>
D/Sgt BATESON D/S/C KERLEY		Yes No	
Call Sign:		Blue 713	
Mobile Telephone:			
Duties:	Provide security at		at
Vehicle:Purana			



Appendix 'C'

DETAIL CONTACT NUMBERS

DETAIL

Detective Superintendent GRANT (Blue 104)
Detective Acting Inspector O'BRIEN (Blue 150)
Detective Inspector RYAN (Blue 710)
Sergeant Steve SPARGO (Blue 700)
D/A/S/Sat FLYNN (Blue 701)

Griffin-DS

Detective Sergeant KELLY (Blue 703)
D/S/C FITZGERALD (Blue 713)
D/Sgt BATESON (Blue 714)

