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DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: On Friday the 8th of October 2010, Detective Inspector John O'Connor and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] about to meet witness - witness F at a hotel in the city.

[REDACTED] Righto.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR:

[REDACTED]

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Need your glasses too.

[REDACTED] must be going to yeah in there?

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Different from where you were.

[REDACTED] Yeah, yeah. Putting a brief together and - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah. You don't miss the hand-up briefs, mate?

UNKNOWN MALE: No, that's right a little bit far.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: This has really gone around here, hasn't it? There's - - -

[REDACTED] Yeah getting put
up here, I think.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: the weather's
changing. It was warm.

[REDACTED] Yeah.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: I was wearing shorts earlier in
the week.

[REDACTED] I think the - the weekend's
going to be good going to be fine over the
weekend.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Imagine the cost of running
..... you know what I've done? I've left my phone
in the car.

[REDACTED] Have you?

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: I'll go - - -

[REDACTED]

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: No, I'll go get out of the car
..... I'll be back.

[REDACTED] Yeah.

MS GOBBO: I do know the place.

[REDACTED] Yeah.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Hi, Nicola.

[REDACTED] Yeah.

MS GOBBO: How are you going?

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Hello.

MS GOBBO: I've been in there.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Good.

MS GOBBO: Yeah.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Been there?

MS GOBBO: Yeah

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Any good?

MS GOBBO: It was fine a couple of it's the fact
that I've had 11 in 12 months is not a good thing 'cause
you know they say that having one takes you a little
while to recover from? Having had 11 since the 28th of
October last year, the first one, it's a lot.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Mm.

MS GOBBO: And the cancer one cancer - one cancer
was two and a half hours and the other one was
two hours.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: That's a long time to be under.

MS GOBBO: Yeah.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: A long time to be under.

MS GOBBO: But fingers crossed, no more.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Do you want a cup of tea or
coffee or something? Yep.

..... come back.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Look after yourself.

Yeah, yeah, look after - - -

MS GOBBO: I figure take the biscuit. I know
..... likes a biscuit.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: English breakfast tea, please.

MS GOBBO: You can have my biscuit too, John.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Thanks.

MS GOBBO: So who's recording?

[REDACTED] I'm recording.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: And I am too.

MS GOBBO: Covertly, both?

[REDACTED] Are you recording?

MS GOBBO: No. I don't - why would I bother? I can always subpoena the tape, I don't have to worry.

[REDACTED] Nuh.

MS GOBBO: Or the digital recording, I should say.

[REDACTED] All right. What do we need to do for you?

MS GOBBO: What help you can give me.

[REDACTED] Well, I - I think - - -

MS GOBBO: Why - why would I think - why would I - in all - all jokes aside, why would I think that I would be safe given what happened to Carl?

[REDACTED] Given what, sorry?

MS GOBBO: Given what happened to Carl.

[REDACTED] Well, you know, that's I
guess what we've been saying all along, you know, that -
and that's why the offer was to you
.....

MS GOBBO: Yes. Well, we're not going to - we won't debate
the merits of that because what I say was offered was
not what you're prepared to deliver.

[REDACTED] Mm.

MS GOBBO: What - the basis upon which I agreed to give
evidence was based upon what turned out to be a false
promise. And I don't mean that I was lied - I don't
necessarily mean I was lied to. I think when [REDACTED] said
A, B and C he meant it. I have no reason to think that
he didn't mean it.

[REDACTED] Yeah.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: But the powers that be above
him couldn't quite grapple with common sense.

[REDACTED] Well, as far as our - our
position has always been that we can provide
assistance to you in the form of will be, you
know, in the form of information [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] And I guess that a sticking
point but that's not what you're prepared to do or were
prepared to do and so, yeah, that's - that hasn't
changed. So unless you're prepared to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] then there's - there's
not much we can we can offer.

MS GOBBO: All right. First hypothetical, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] for the sake of the
argument.

[REDACTED] Yep.

MS GOBBO: You can't - last time we spoke, you couldn't
accommodate medical needs. Now, they've changed a
little bit. I think they changed a bit since we last
spoke.

[REDACTED] Yeah. Well, correct me if
I'm wrong but my understanding is that - that your - you
didn't want to change your medical

MS GOBBO: I'm not going to.

[REDACTED] Yeah, no, no, no.

MS GOBBO: I'm not.

[REDACTED] that's what you
wanted.

MS GOBBO: I put my health ahead of my everything else.

[REDACTED] Yeah.

MS GOBBO: Though I put Victoria Police ahead of my health from, I'd say, arguably 05 but 06 onwards, certainly 08-09, 2010, and never again will I do that.

[REDACTED] Mm, yeah.

MS GOBBO: If it was a question of your health versus anything else, your health should come first. I learnt the hard way - - -

[REDACTED] Yeah.

MS GOBBO: - - - and I've got 23 scars to show for it.

[REDACTED] Mm. So that's - well - well, that isn't a - an issue. However, we were prepared to, as on a needs basis, transport you to and from those doctors and, you know, surgeons as you needed.

MS GOBBO: Well, hopefully there won't be any more need for operations.

[REDACTED] Mm'hm.

MS GOBBO: Hopefully.

[REDACTED] Yeah. Well, that's - well, that's good. The other sticking - - -

MS GOBBO: Well, I say that - I say that in terms of holes. I
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haven't had any - the groin hole that was sewn up - I want to say "sewed up", but for the benefit of the recording, sewn up on Wednesday night, unless that breaks down, that hopefully will be the last surgical intervention. Having said that though, I've just been diagnosed with a breast lump so I've got to wait for a different surgeon.

[REDACTED] A breast lump?

MS GOBBO: Breast cancer surgeon on the 18th of October.
Hopefully that will nothing but - - -

[REDACTED] Yeah, no.

MS GOBBO: Nuh.

[REDACTED] Yeah. Well, you have to get that that - yeah. All being well but the other sticking point I think was the issue of being too far away from your mother and your sister.

MS GOBBO: Mm.

[REDACTED] But - we know there's some - some problems as to where [REDACTED] you to. No - no [REDACTED] problematic for those reasons. And - and, you know, we've had discussions about how we would come down and - and

MS GOBBO:

[REDACTED] Yeah. [REDACTED] you know
..... yeah. So, look, I guess it - it comes back
to where you go. The main points are would you be
prepared to be [REDACTED] or away from - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Thank you.

[REDACTED] - - - the area

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Thanks.

UNKNOWN FEMALE: water.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Cheers, thank you.

MS GOBBO: You - you really think the \$10 for - - -

[REDACTED] Service

MS GOBBO: I hope for that price you might take the jug with
you. Just joking. There's that's the - one
of the sticking points, one of the many sticking points
was medical needs.

[REDACTED] Yeah.

MS GOBBO: Because when last we spoke, you were going to get
back to Cath or she was going to get back to you in
relation [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Yeah.

MS GOBBO: Albeit even if it was a - this was a two-stage
thing - - -

[REDACTED] Yep.

MS GOBBO: - - - and then nothing happened.

[REDACTED] Yeah. Well, we've been
..... that was about time that the recession
..... so - yeah, so we didn't pursue that any
further. My understanding was that - was that - that
was the

MS GOBBO: No. The - the position that the dumbest solicitor
in Victoria, possibly Australia, has adopted, that being
your solicitor, what - what he thinks is by writing a
letter saying, A, "Your client's life is in the highest
category of danger," B, "The risk assessment hasn't
changed," and C, "Your client refuses to enter the
program," and therefore that means, "She can go get
fucked because if anything happens to her, it's her
problem." He is gravely mistaken because that's not
what the law is and that's not what the position will
be - - -

[REDACTED] Mm.

MS GOBBO: - - - if anything should happen to me. That's
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[REDACTED] Mm.

MS GOBBO: I'm not going to pick the phone up and ring triple zero like some - what am I going to say? "Hello, my name is and by the way, I've heard this, this, this and this."

[REDACTED] Mm.

MS GOBBO: I mean, the last time I rang the police they didn't even - they didn't even bother to ask, "Who is it that's calling? Sorry, what's your name? What's your date of birth?" Nothing.

[REDACTED] Mm.

MS GOBBO: Instead the bloke whinged about how the fact that he was the only bloke - bloke in the station and he was too busy.

[REDACTED] Look, I - you know, I share your concerns there are concerns for your welfare and - and hence the - the previous discussions and the reason we're here. But what steps we can put in place to - to try and protect you are what I've explained, you know, the [REDACTED]

MS GOBBO: So further hypothetical, [REDACTED] Where would I go?

[REDACTED] Well - - -

MS GOBBO: Going to [REDACTED] didn't work. I was burnt at least seven or eight times there by criminals.

[REDACTED] Mm. Well, that would be subject of assessments and stuff. And as to where would be the most appropriate, now, you know, I think we - we're going to [REDACTED].

MS GOBBO: Mm.

[REDACTED] As to - - -

MS GOBBO: Well, we did but - - -

[REDACTED] Yeah.

MS GOBBO: - - - we can't get anywhere with that because - - -

[REDACTED] Yeah.

MS GOBBO: - - - the only place that - that you could - not you personally but could be arranged [REDACTED] You couldn't pay me enough money to go there.

[REDACTED] No. Well, look, I think

your - your preference was [REDACTED] but that's obviously

not an option because - - -

MS GOBBO: I'm not giving evidence against a terrorist.

[REDACTED] Well, that's right. You had
to be - - -

MS GOBBO: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] That's right. And - - -

MS GOBBO: I could find one if you want.

[REDACTED] Yeah. [REDACTED] is a - another
option, [REDACTED] is another option, [REDACTED] is an
option. But it's - it's no use putting you in a place
where you don't want to live, you know. That's - it's
pointless. But - so [REDACTED] And subject to a
threat assessment, it'd be, you know, a case of working
out the safest place that - that's the least - you know,
the least amount of threats.

MS GOBBO: O.K. Well, let's say you manage to work out a
..... and it was somewhere that I agreed to. Yeah,
hypothetical. What do you do about getting me a job or
is that all back on me, to find myself a job?

[REDACTED] Well, no. I guess it -
you'd work out what you want to do. Now, obviously law
is

MS GOBBO: Out of the question. You destroyed that.

[REDACTED] Yeah. And - but we would assist wherever we could to get you into a job. But, you know, I can't say that, you know, we would guarantee you a job because it - you know, we have to - depending on what it - what it might be, you know. There's - you have to be accepted by a company but you will probably be [REDACTED]. And how we assist you with that, were it possible, would it be. Now - now, I couldn't say to you, "Look, I'll get you in a high-flying executive position," because I can't guarantee that. But if you were to - - -

MS GOBBO: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Under a new identity - - -

[REDACTED] I'll give you - I'll believe your potential I don't want a job like that. I mean, at the moment I'm not well enough to work according to six specialists but I would hope that - - -

[REDACTED] Mm. It's not uncommon for someone to [REDACTED] apply for positions and various things and we have helped out in various ways, whether it be through - - -

MS GOBBO: Being the fake but real?

[REDACTED] Yeah, yeah. And they've

successfully got those positions and - - -

MS GOBBO:

[REDACTED] And continuing on, you know
- you know, 'cause of you personally, like, that's the
idea of this whole thing, to - to [REDACTED] and
relocate to a safe area and continue on in your life in
safety as best can be provided, given various
circumstances. I mean, you could relocate someone to
[REDACTED] and you might bump into a neighbour.

MS GOBBO: Yep.

[REDACTED] It's - - -

MS GOBBO: That would be my luck.

[REDACTED] But there's no guarantees in
anything but all we can do is mitigate risk.

MS GOBBO: Well, I presume that that's why the act allows for
multiple relocations

[REDACTED] Yeah, that's right, yeah.

And, you know, that can - from time to time that
happens. You know, people bump into people that are old
friends. They will have to take steps to and
you wouldn't be any different. Now, you're different in
the sense that you come from a highly-paid profession
and, you know, highly so that more

specific, you know. To say to you, you know, "Come on to the program and we'll try to give you like for like," but, you know, clearly law would not be something that you could get into. But you have to enjoy what you do and I don't know what other profession you would enjoy doing, you know, other than law, you know. So that's where you would probably need to - to say to us, "Well, look," you know, "I would like to try this," or, "I would like to apply for this. Can you help us" - "Can you help me?" and that's what we would do, endeavour to - to help where we could but I can't promise that. And - and that will hopefully very high-paid jobs and [REDACTED], will you guarantee me the same way? You can't. But - but, having said that, there's the first thing I can say, there's the alternative but very similar salary to what and - and that's a result of assisting where we can.

MS GOBBO: Health - health is more important than money anyway. And I never did what I did for money. Yeah.

[REDACTED] Yeah.

MS GOBBO: Had that been the case, things would've been quite different.

[REDACTED] But talking of Cath, you

know - - -

MS GOBBO: The voice of reason, yes.

[REDACTED] We were looking for alternative [REDACTED] for you and - and at one point we thought, well, maybe [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] or, you know, [REDACTED] or something like that and she indicated that how about if we find some alternative. And - and I think at that time you were at the [REDACTED]

MS GOBBO: I was in hospital, wasn't I?

[REDACTED] Yeah.

MS GOBBO: Yep.

[REDACTED] Yeah, the [REDACTED] hospital in [REDACTED] or something.

MS GOBBO: Yep.

[REDACTED] Yeah. And she said, "Look, I've just come from there and she may as well be relocated to [REDACTED]"

MS GOBBO: [REDACTED] yeah.

[REDACTED] Yeah.

MS GOBBO: Do you know how - the traffic from there, I had the same experience when I spent a week - [REDACTED] found this - this serviced apartment complex there and it was - I

drove to the city one morning in peak-hour traffic, it took [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] Mm.

MS GOBBO: Yeah. That hospital was a nightmare. It was in [REDACTED] actually.

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] yeah, yeah. But she had difficulty getting there and said, "Look," you know, if you were to [REDACTED] you know, to - to that area, then - then that would be problematic. So - so, look, you know, there - there a lot of issues and - but I - I guess, well, you and not change your name or location or living habits, it really is - we just can't. And - and I know why because of [REDACTED] it gives you.

MS GOBBO: Well, hang on.

[REDACTED]

MS GOBBO: No, no. We're way - yes and no. We're past that point. We wrote to your idiot solicitors and said, "If you don't do it by this date, [REDACTED] will be forever lost," and that is precisely what happened. I was outed in a court as an informer. That's the threat I live with every day now, and it will still come out. There are plenty of court cases to come where it's coming out. And once again, I have no-one to ring to say, "Listen. There's this subpoena that's been

issued," blah blah blah.

[REDACTED] Mm.

MS GOBBO: Only yesterday I read a folder, a surveillance log that contain myself on every second page.

[REDACTED] Mm.

MS GOBBO: And I know what that was in relation to. That was the - it was the - stupid me being responsible for busting the world's biggest ever ecstasy importation. Whoopie-doo. I'm all over that brief - - -

[REDACTED] Mm.

MS GOBBO: - - - and already people are asking questions. And that 34 co-accused, three separate criminals, we haven't even had a committal yet. They've been on bail for two and a half years.

[REDACTED] Mm.

MS GOBBO: Try living with that as a worry. And we are talking about the

[REDACTED] Mm.

MS GOBBO: So the evidentiary part, no, we've past that point - - -

[REDACTED] Mm.

MS GOBBO: - - - 'cause it's too late. Because you're right, had I been signed up beforehand, every single time anything was ever asked for, called for or subpoenaed you had a ready answer, "Sorry, can't have it."

[REDACTED] Mm.

MS GOBBO: "In [REDACTED] see you later."

[REDACTED] Mm.

MS GOBBO: But now it's - now it's - it's frankly anyone's guess and I just have to hope and pray that some - whoever the policeman is who is responsible for the subpoenas that are going to be drawn next week for a particular person, whenever they get handed out somebody doesn't hand over something by accident.

[REDACTED] Mm.

MS GOBBO: That's fear to live with. You can't fix that. But what you can do is make it more difficult for someone to find.

[REDACTED] Well, and - and that's

right. I mean, if - if you came [REDACTED] and accepted what [REDACTED] we have, you know, it would be very difficult for someone to find you. And, you know, we're - we're confident that it would be near

impossible, provided, you know, that, you know, you
complied [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] - and again,
there's some sticking points there as to what you want
and we're happy to do.

MS GOBBO: I think it's more of a practical considerations,

[REDACTED] There's a difference between [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Yeah.

MS GOBBO: - - - [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] - - -

[REDACTED] Mm.

MS GOBBO: - - - [REDACTED]
There's - I mean, there's practical

[REDACTED] Mm. And, you know
..... difficult when you we would
endeavour to work through. However, I appreciate that

they would - they would be problematic, you know. It depends on how often you would want to see [REDACTED] Well, it - it - it would be silly if you [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

MS GOBBO: Do you like a homicide? No.

[REDACTED] Pardon?

MS GOBBO: Do you like a homicide? No. I don't need to see her every day. Go on.

[REDACTED] Mm.

MS GOBBO: I've been through that while I've been sick and while she's been

[REDACTED] Mm.

MS GOBBO: Every day. I love her and everything but

[REDACTED] Yeah, yeah.

MS GOBBO:

[REDACTED] Yeah. Well looking over at your - and then there's the medical issues that we have to work through. And I know that you're wanting to see your surgeons and - and, you know,

the - your specialists and those sorts of things. So
how - I mean, is it - it's - it's not as frequent now,
you say.

MS GOBBO: My - - -

[REDACTED] You - - -

MS GOBBO: My [REDACTED] it
always was.

[REDACTED] Yeah.

MS GOBBO: Every three or four weeks, give or take. It
depends on - - -

[REDACTED] Yeah.

MS GOBBO: - - - how well or not I am. I'm in remission for
the cancer cells so I won't see that oncologist till
February next year.

[REDACTED] Right.

MS GOBBO: That's every four months for a certain period and
then it became six months, then it became every year
because of the fact that they cut it all out in March
and then it was back by August, which is a bit of a
waste. And then there's some counselling treatments,
psychologist.

[REDACTED] Mm.

MS GOBBO: And that's something that I'm keen on doing because, I mean for what it's worth. Psychiatrists if [REDACTED] [REDACTED] with no-one and nothing to do, you will have suicide on your books in a matter of days.

[REDACTED] Mm.

MS GOBBO: That's - that's where I'm thinking about my mental health.

[REDACTED] Mm, yeah. Well, you know -

and - - -

MS GOBBO: I mean, I would be very reluctant to go anywhere and - "Oh, well, here you go. Now work it out."

[REDACTED] Mm.

MS GOBBO: No. I'm not going anywhere unless it is worked out before I get there.

[REDACTED] I mean, there's - in - in that situation your risk to yourself is greater than the risk that might be posed by anyone trying to harm you. So suicide is obviously a - a risk, as you were saying, then - then that would be something, you know, we wouldn't - - -

MS GOBBO: That's if I was sent somewhere - - -

[REDACTED]

MS GOBBO: - - - all alone with no support structure as I was last year. There are plenty of phone calls - and I'm sure they're on tape - where I am ringing up saying, "I am going to kill myself."

[REDACTED] Mm'hm.

MS GOBBO: Or accidentally I'm going to kill myself.

[REDACTED] Yeah.

MS GOBBO: Because I was sent straight out of the hospital with a bag of morphine and a whole lot of other drugs [REDACTED]. No car, no-one, nothing to do.

[REDACTED] Mm.

MS GOBBO: Nothing, just zero. How can that

[REDACTED] Yeah.

MS GOBBO: It's all very well physically if they're alive but if mentally and emotionally they're a wreck, what's the point?

[REDACTED] And that would be - and I think we've - we've asked this before, as to whether

your - if Catherine would - - -

MS GOBBO: No.

[REDACTED] No. Because she's got her own profession and - yeah.

MS GOBBO: Yeah.

[REDACTED] And your mother

MS GOBBO: No. I wouldn't do it do them. They've suffered enough because of my - my - I don't want to say stupid decision because I'd say it was a decision I made based on things I was told that turned out not to be true. But they've suffered enough.

[REDACTED] Mm.

MS GOBBO: It's not fair when you put that much stress on someone who hasn't done anything in the first place.

[REDACTED] Well, I - I don't know the answer to it. I think the - you can't understand - and this comes from the - the top, that [REDACTED] prepared to [REDACTED] and then we can work out the

[REDACTED] and your medical issues - - -

MS GOBBO: But, [REDACTED] - - -

[REDACTED] - - - then that's that.

MS GOBBO: Here's the - here's the thing. I wouldn't sign up to agree to those things without knowing what the - well, let's work out the medical, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I'm not signing up to anything until I know what those "let's work it out" is.

[REDACTED] Yeah.

MS GOBBO: Remember, I did that, 2009 and look where it got me.

[REDACTED] Mm.

MS GOBBO: I'm not going to do that again.

[REDACTED] Well, I - I suppose the first question, would you be prepared to be re-identified?

MS GOBBO: Well, that would depend on you being able to tick every other box.

[REDACTED] Well, we - as far as the - listen. From what you've said, it - it sounds like it would be problematic given that if you were to be [REDACTED] [REDACTED] it would be on your own. So in order to - - -

MS GOBBO: Yeah. But there's a difference between being on WitF-081010 1041-001 29

your own, as in, just like I was last year, just dumped,
"Here's a hotel key. We're here for a few days. See
ya."

[REDACTED] Mm.

MS GOBBO: "Oh, you can't even" - "You can't even hire a car
'cause you don't have a fake driver's licence so that
defeats the purpose. Don't hire a car, just walk
around" there's a difference between that and
between going to stay somewhere we're you're enrolled in
a university degree - - -

[REDACTED] Mm.

MS GOBBO: - - - or you're - you have a job so you've
automatically got X amount of - - -

[REDACTED] Mm.

MS GOBBO: - - - activity, interaction, a social network.

[REDACTED] Yeah. And that's why we

would - - -

MS GOBBO: And what I'm saying is I wouldn't - I'm not going
to be dumped somewhere again with nothing and no-one
expect a couple of police that don't even really want to
spend five minutes with me for a day or two and then
say, "See you later."

[REDACTED] Yeah.

MS GOBBO: That defeats the purpose. As opposed to, "O.K. We'll go, say, here, and the reason why you're living there is because just down the road is" - my job or that degree or whatever, in a structure that would work perfectly.

[REDACTED] Mm. Well, look, that's the idea of the [REDACTED]

MS GOBBO: Mm.

[REDACTED] - - - is to [REDACTED] to another place and start organising things, you know, like, getting to an agreement. And again, that becomes a - a part of the selection process. If you were wanting a - if you're going to start a university course then you'd need to be in the area of university. You know, we're talking - when - when we say [REDACTED] to another place", that - the first thing that pops into most people's minds is they're going to [REDACTED]

MS GOBBO: No. I'm not going

[REDACTED] No. But - and makes it worse because, you know, you - [REDACTED] But - so it's - you know, I would imagine that you would be in a - [REDACTED] you know, with - with most - most, you know, facilities available

to you.

MS GOBBO: Well, if you were doing a university degree, you would be.

[REDACTED] Yeah. And any other, you know, social

MS GOBBO: don't worry. They're schedule 8 drugs but I have got a prescription now. Just watch

[REDACTED] I could you're taking - I thought you were going to take one.

MS GOBBO: No. That - that beeping - the beeping was the alarm which is the reminder of when to take them.

' DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: When to take your - - -

MS GOBBO: Yeah.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: - - - drugs.

MS GOBBO: And, no, I'm not trying to kill myself sitting here with you. Haven't I - haven't I caused enough complications in your life? I haven't started with you, John, yet but causing complications see, and because he's taping this he's not saying one word.

[REDACTED] Right, O.K.

MS GOBBO: Or it's that old trick of get the suspect to talk.
Just don't say anything and they'll - they'll just won't
be able to help themselves and they'll talk. It'll be
that old-school trick.

[REDACTED] Yeah. Well, like, the - the
idea is to - to get you started in your new life. And -
and there's nothing - - -

MS GOBBO: So what's the starting point, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Well, I think the starting
point is that you will have to be prepared to
[REDACTED] and relocate. And I don't think we can get
to - past first base unless that is - and the - the
other issues, you know, like, medical and [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], we'll - I'll be honest
with you. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

MS GOBBO: Mm'hm.

[REDACTED] However, you know, when
anyone comes on the program we understand that, exactly
what you're talking about, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. You know, the - the - the whole idea of the program is to keep you safe. That's priority, that's the - the main priority and if we can't do that, we can't guarantee that. You know, then it's pointless having [REDACTED] You know if you were to say, "I'll come on the program but I'm not going to change anything. I'm not going to change my [REDACTED] I'm not going to change my living arrangements or location but I want protection," the - - -

MS GOBBO: But we've - - -

[REDACTED] - - - non-disclosure - - -

MS GOBBO: But we've already been down this path because that's what I was promised and that's not what I was offered and that's why I sued. Well, that's part of the reason.

[REDACTED] Mm.

MS GOBBO: Because what I was told was unprecedented flexibility, there will not need [REDACTED] Well, lo and behold a year and a half later they did exactly what I was told in the end.

[REDACTED] Mm.

MS GOBBO: So we're past that point.

[REDACTED] Mm.

MS GOBBO: I wouldn't be here if we weren't past that point.

[REDACTED] Mm.

MS GOBBO: I get it, that it's not available unless there are certain - certain concessions on my part. But I need to know exactly what it would involve, not a wishy-washy, "Well, you might be able to go there, you might be able to get a job there."

[REDACTED] Mm, yeah.

MS GOBBO: And what I - what I would want is someone to say, "We can guarantee you will be safe."

[REDACTED] Yeah. Well, we could say to - to you that we can guarantee as best as possible but it - you know, it does rely heavily on you or any participant [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] And - and they are - - -

MS GOBBO: [REDACTED] just assume for the sake of this discussion that I don't have a difficulty with complying. I was a very compliant individual.

[REDACTED] You - - -

MS GOBBO: I was a - - -

[REDACTED] Yeah.

MS GOBBO: - - - very compliant individual. I have a track record of being compliant, it didn't get me anywhere. It hasn't led to me being safe. But it's - so assume for the sake of the argument I can be compliant.

[REDACTED] Yep.

MS GOBBO: Then are you in a position to guarantee?

[REDACTED] Well, I couldn't, you know. It's the accidental meeting, that's always a problem, but I would be able to minimise - certainly be able to say to you we could mitigate risk to you. But to - to give you one hundred per cent, I couldn't give that to anyone and I wouldn't, partly because, as I say, you - you can be relocated to [REDACTED] and still bump into someone

MS GOBBO: So when you do a - - -

[REDACTED] But - - -

MS GOBBO: When you do a - whatever it's called - - -

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

MS GOBBO: Yeah. Where a person should go or - - -

[REDACTED] Yeah.

MS GOBBO: - - - could go. How - I mean, without you telling me - 'cause I think you told me you can't tell me - what do you - what do you look at?

[REDACTED] Well, it's - it's - first of all you've got to assess - work out who your threats are and where their associates are and where their - their networks are.

MS GOBBO: So in my case, where - where are they?

[REDACTED] Well - - -

MS GOBBO: Everywhere.

[REDACTED] No, but - - -

MS GOBBO: I mean, I - no, I - - -

[REDACTED] Yeah.

MS GOBBO: All jokes aside - - -

[REDACTED] Yeah.

MS GOBBO: - - - I was named as an informer in an open courtroom, plenty of people still talking about it now
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months and months later.

[REDACTED] Well - - -

MS GOBBO: There's lots and lots of things to come up in court, lots of things to come out so where would I be safe?

[REDACTED] Mm. Well, without nominating a - a particular place, you know, I would say you work backwards as to where you would be least safe, you know. I wouldn't put you in [REDACTED] for example. I wouldn't put you in - - -

MS GOBBO: Good call.

[REDACTED] - - - [REDACTED] or something like that, you know.

MS GOBBO: I don't know anyone in [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] No, but - nuh - yeah. So, you know, some of the other risks to you have - have frequent associations with a certain area then - [REDACTED] has certain people over there that are problematic, you know, so - - -

MS GOBBO: Very problematic in recent - in recent weeks, considering the changes that have occurred in relation to [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] Mm.

MS GOBBO: Yes, very

[REDACTED] Yeah. So - - -

MS GOBBO: I would've said [REDACTED] wouldn't have been so bad
six months ago but as of two weeks ago I would say I
wouldn't even go on holiday.

[REDACTED] Mm, yeah. Well - and, look,
you know, so they're the sorts of things we - you know
..... having gone through that and we - we get all
the profiles of people and we go through them and we
determine where the best place is what we're
doing is - so that's the safest place. Now, you know,
Australia starts to be a fairly small country when you
take into consideration some of the people that you've
been involved with. And so - yeah. And - and then the
other difficulty that we have is also where you would be
able to live or happy living because, you know, if you -

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and - and because all we're
going to get if you're happy so
it's a case of sitting down and working out the safest
place and then

MS GOBBO: enrolling in a university degree. How
do you work that out considering that the cut-off is a

month from now you know, if I'm sitting down and I decide I'm going to - I can never safely practice law again and I've got to do something else so I go and apply for a university degree - undergraduate degree, not a post-graduate. Not another post-graduate well, the cut-off is a month from now.

[REDACTED] Mm. Geez, you come up with some curly questions.

MS GOBBO: Well, I wouldn't be sitting here if I hadn't spend - I've got sleepless nights. I don't sleep. I'm extremely paranoid, I don't trust anyone and I'm seeing a psychiatrist - - -

[REDACTED] Mm.

MS GOBBO: - - - all because of five years ago.

[REDACTED] Mm.

MS GOBBO: So I wouldn't be here asking if - - -

[REDACTED] Yeah. Well, I - I - I guess - - -

MS GOBBO: And

[REDACTED] Yeah.

MS GOBBO: I read the - I read those surveillance logs
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yesterday and I don't know what imbecile put me in them in the first place because we're not talking about AFP here, we're talking about the state surveillance squad who should've been told. Someone should've said something O.K. I might be in the log but why on earth would you serve them? Why on earth is my - observation of me relevant to anything?

[REDACTED] Mm.

MS GOBBO: No-one asked but I can tell you now, people are asking.

[REDACTED] Mm.

MS GOBBO: But - but this who is the allocated person who's supposed to be - if I've got to - the - the settlement was so - because when I had - when I was talking to ^{Sandy White-C} or - or ^{Lloyd-DS} or ^{Peter Smith-O} and there was an issue about someone saying something or someone doing something specific to me, prior to them someone in ^{Sandy White}'s office and then ^{Lloyd-DS} or ^{Peter Smith-} - who would talk to whoever. Now, maybe sometimes they did but sometimes - or they got it half-arsed or not quite right. It's not their fault. When it's Chinese whispers people don't get it as accurate the fourth time when it gets conveyed. But now I've got every day and they sort out messages, saying, "I've heard this, I've heard that." It'd drive you mental - - -

[REDACTED] Mm.

MS GOBBO: - - - and so I don't bother. I don't bother telling anyone. I keep a note of it and I spend a lot of time crying about it. But at the end of the day I'm not safe here - - -

[REDACTED] Mm.

MS GOBBO: - - - and it's not my fault I'm not safe here.

[REDACTED] Mm.

MS GOBBO: And then I have a meltdown like yesterday reading those logs, thinking, "Is anybody actually looking out for me anywhere?" and the answer's probably no.

[REDACTED] Well - well, you know,
I - - -

MS GOBBO: Because seeing the logs, I could still at least appreciate I will be the subject of - the topic of cross-examination in months to come.

[REDACTED] Mm.

MS GOBBO: First committal is October, there's another one in November and another one in March next year.

[REDACTED] Mm.

MS GOBBO: Nuh, no. It's a double-edged sword. Do I really want to even speak to any of these people? But if I don't speak to them it looks like I'm hiding something and I'd rather speak to them and confront my enemies or potential enemies so I hear what's going on, not know - 'cause I've got no-one else telling me.

[REDACTED] Mm.

MS GOBBO: I mean, it's - - -

[REDACTED] Well - - -

MS GOBBO: - - - absurd, absurd and ridiculous that your solicitor should send a letter that says, "If you've got a concern, pick the phone up and ring triple zero." So should I pick the phone up hypothetically this afternoon and say, "Listen. Horthy Mokbel grabbed me by the throat and threatened to murder me a couple of years ago and now he knows for a fact that I am responsible for the things that he had a clue I was but now he knows for a fact." He's had his plea, he's been sentenced and I don't know when he's being released. I have no way of knowing because no-one's gonna - no - I don't have a police officer who's assigned the task of ensuring I'm O.K. - - -

[REDACTED] Mm.

MS GOBBO: - - - and checking across the board what's going on. No-one tells me, I have to find out myself. I want
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to know when he's getting out because when he's out I'm not going to be here.

[REDACTED] Mm.

MS GOBBO: He is one person who will keep his promise, which was to kill me.

[REDACTED] Mm.

MS GOBBO: And how ironic it is that the only reason why I even know anything about him is because of some other witness who's giving evidence against him. This is an absurd situation. Some - "ring triple zero" a neurotic wreck, if I was ringing up every day saying, "Oh, hello, it's me again. Listen, I'm really concerned about Horthy Mokbel. Date of birth, 15th of" - I mean, what am I supposed - - -

[REDACTED] Mm.

MS GOBBO: It's ridiculous.

[REDACTED] Mm.

MS GOBBO: And I'm not about to engage a solicitor to start writing letters again, not at my expense.

[REDACTED] All right.

MS GOBBO: I'm saying to you - - -
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[REDACTED] I - I don't know the answer
to that but - - -

MS GOBBO: You can't - you can't do nothing.

[REDACTED] And - and we're not doing
nothing in the sense that here we are. We're - we're
saying to you, "This is what is available to you."

MS GOBBO: Fine. Well, then, go tell me - then, fine. Do
your assessment and then tell me where I can go live. I
mean, tell me where it will be, where you can guarantee
my safety.

[REDACTED] Well, if we were to do that
..... then would you be prepared to then go on the
[REDACTED] That let's make things - let's say
the hypothetical. If we said, "O.K. [REDACTED]," for
example - - -

MS GOBBO: Yep.

[REDACTED] - - - an outer suburb of
[REDACTED] you know, where you'll have all the
infrastructure around you. University would
you then be prepared to come [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

MS GOBBO: If my medical and other needs were met and you
could guarantee my safety, yes.

[REDACTED] Well, I - I guess that it comes back to the guarantee.

MS GOBBO: You have to be able to. You have to be able to give me that guarantee. I mean contrary to what most criminals in Melbourne think or contrary to what ill-informed police think, I wasn't the reason that Dale's committal got adjourned. If certain people had been honest about what material they should've handed over in the first place, and if certain people hadn't objected to the fact that I had - I had to have a [REDACTED] operation because I had cancer cells, and if certain people had agreed with my suggestion which was, "You're a policeman. Go talk to the oncologist. Confirm that's what I've got, confirm the post-operative care and don't put it in front of the courtroom," but instead certain people who will never, ever be forgiven for their conduct which resulted in my oncologist having to say in front of [REDACTED] and in front of Dale [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Mm.

MS GOBBO: And it is that which led to material being provided which then led to extra subpoenas, which then led to the damn thing being adjourned and of course Carl got murdered on the day he was due to give evidence. Do you think that I don't have one minute of any day - unless I'm sufficiently distracted, all I keep thinking is he

was a witness and he got killed where he was. Why am I any different?

[REDACTED] Well, we've always said that you're at risk and - and that - you know, we maintain that.

MS GOBBO: But that doesn't change now just because no-one - - -

[REDACTED]

MS GOBBO: No-one knows that I'm not going to be called or I might be called.

[REDACTED] And, you know, to - to say to you, you know, "O.K. You are at risk," but keeping your same identity, living where you are, maintaining the same living habits will still put you at risk. And - and that's something that the department, VicPol, have - have said, "We can't say that we are protecting you, adequately protecting you if you remain."

MS GOBBO: Oh, for fuck's sake. Chaouk has got more protection than I've got. I've got nothing, zero. I've got less than nothing.

[REDACTED] Well, the fact is you don't - you didn't want to move, which, you know, was a choice of yours and that's - - -

MS GOBBO: No

[REDACTED] There's a reason - - -

MS GOBBO: You want to argue semantics here? I'm saying to you, go do your risk assessment, find where I can live and find what can be offered where it is because, yeah, [REDACTED] but it's got to be somewhere that there's something to do there, not - - -

[REDACTED] Yeah.

MS GOBBO: - - - dumping me in [REDACTED] - - -

[REDACTED] All right.

MS GOBBO: - - - by myself with - with nothing, not even a car to drive, just, "Here you are, see you later."

[REDACTED] All right. Well - well, if - if we came up with perhaps a couple of options?

MS GOBBO: And don't think about [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] under any circumstances.

[REDACTED] If we were to come up with a couple of options and then say to you, "Look, there they are. There's the" - "What we believe" - and, look, you may well come up with something that we've overlooked and say, "That'd be a good option," because of whatever. And, you know, that's - - -

MS GOBBO: His office knows precisely who is and isn't someone that would potentially be a threat. There's four and a half - five years - four and a half years of tapes. Check 'em all, you know exactly who is who in the zoo.

[REDACTED] Mm. Well, look, you know, but if we came up with something, I guess it comes back to would be prepared?

MS GOBBO: If you could guarantee it'll be safe, yeah.

[REDACTED] Well, I - as I say, I couldn't one hundred per cent guarantee, you know, but I'll be - certainly be able to say the risk has been mitigated because of your [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] your following the [REDACTED] contact with associates has been taken away from other associates that know who you are, you know. So that, you'll mitigate things. But - - -

MS GOBBO: Most of the time, for what it's worth - - -

[REDACTED] It depends on - - -

MS GOBBO: - - - I don't go anywhere else. I mean, I'm barely well enough to do more than one thing a day as it is. Other than seeing less than eight people who aren't doctors, I don't leave home.

[REDACTED] Mm.

MS GOBBO: I don't go anywhere. I really don't.

[REDACTED] Mm.

MS GOBBO: So it's not a - I would - I would hope that in
months to come I would be healthier - - -

[REDACTED] Yeah.

MS GOBBO: - - - and more energetic but obviously part of the
problem with all of this is that every minute of every
day I'm worried.

[REDACTED] Mm.

MS GOBBO: And when you're - I mean, I'm not a psychiatrist,
I'm not a psychologist but I'm seeing them - - -

[REDACTED] Mm.

MS GOBBO: - - - and they know every detail of
everything - - -

[REDACTED] Mm'hm.

MS GOBBO: - - - because they have to to treat me properly.
And I'm - and until I get some level of - of not being
in fear all the time constantly - - -

[REDACTED] Mm.

MS GOBBO: - - - I'm probably not going to get better.

[REDACTED] Mm. Well, I mean, that's -

I can offer you an option that would certainly take away a lot of that worry and - - -

MS GOBBO: Yeah, but you've got to offer a specific option, not just, "Here, sign here and we'll work it out later."

[REDACTED] you know, that's

- you'd have to agree to what we're offering and - and likewise, we want you to be happy with what we're offering you. And where we've come to - we've always come to that brick wall before is that we would - we've never been able to assign because we weren't happy with what you - with what you wanted. We couldn't have the program - we couldn't get you on the program without changing anything and, you know - - -

MS GOBBO: You know when you do all your risk assessments and all that stuff, does anyone do a risk assessment of the damage, the potential damage of something if - if I were to be

[REDACTED] Well, that - that forms part

of the assessment because that's how we arrive at, you know, whether you're at high risk or low risk. And - and we - the - the measures that are put in place are to avoid that. Now, when I say, you know - when you ask

for a guarantee, it would be like me saying, "Jump in the car, put your seatbelt on and drive down the road." Now, I can't guarantee to you that someone's going to slam into you or - - -

MS GOBBO: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] don't laugh. For the tape, he is laughing. But I got - my car got smashed about four days after I started driving. Still driveable but that's exactly what happened. So I - I agree.

[REDACTED] Mm, yeah.

MS GOBBO: Unless you taxi drivers off the road, I agree.

[REDACTED] Fine. And - yeah. So, look, you know, that's - you know, there's no guarantees and - for me to say, "Look, I can guarantee you a hundred per cent, we'll [REDACTED] you and you'll be one hundred per cent safe." But I could - what I can guarantee is you'll be safer than where

MS GOBBO: Well, no offence - - -

[REDACTED] Considerably, considerably so than if you were to follow what we can provide to you. But - and I guess that's the concern with the - you know, the department is that, you know, we can't guarantee you anything if you don't change

anything. So in - in those circumstances we can't
agree.

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