

**Witness F-011110.002**

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: This is the 1st of the 11th  
2010, the time is 5.03 pm. Detective Inspector John  
O'Connor about to ring Witness F, Nicola Gobbo, on a  
mobile phone.

(PHONE RINGS)

WITNESS F: Hello.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Nicola, John O'Connor.

WITNESS F: Hello, John. How - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: How are you?

WITNESS F: - - - are you?

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Good.

WITNESS F: I'm O.K., got a - one more operation on [REDACTED]  
November.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Oh, yeah.

WITNESS F: But my circumstances have vastly changed since we  
spoke, John.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yep. I spoke to - are you able  
to talk at the moment, Nicola?

WITNESS F: Yeah.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah.

WITNESS F: Yeah.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Sorry. I spoke to [REDACTED]  
and - - -

WITNESS F: Mm.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: - - - the - the process that he  
was going through has - he's - he's had some stuff done  
and he wants to catch up with you - he's - in a couple of  
weeks time.

WITNESS F: Yep.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: So - - -

WITNESS F: That's great.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: I - he just wanted to let me  
know that there has been some progress - - -

WITNESS F: .....

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: - - - with that and he - and he  
needs to speak to you again. But he's not in a position  
to be able to speak to you in the next - next week or

two. So - but I'll - I'll - I'll firm up on a date and then I'll be a - or a week when - and then we'll - then obviously he will fit in with - with your circumstances.

WITNESS F: All right. Listen, if you could just - and obviously the [REDACTED] is probably - it's only a week away tomorrow so - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: No, I - - -

WITNESS F: - - - it'll be the - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: - - - won't - it'll be - - -

WITNESS F: - - - [REDACTED] at - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: It'll be a - it'll probably be the week after that, I would suggest, Nicola.

WITNESS F: Yeah, that's fine. [REDACTED] - I - I'm - I think it's only one night in hospital and then that should be the end of me. But listen, John, the - my personal circumstances have changed vastly since we spoke, and that is - one of the things that has always kept me in Melbourne and always made me want to stay in Melbourne or want to be able to be in Melbourne as much as possible is - and I know this might be relatively new to you - is my mum - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yep.

WITNESS F: - - - and my medical stuff. Well, my medical stuff is - is capable of being dealt with - with - there's required trips back to Melbourne.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yep.

WITNESS F: But mum was a different story. Now, since we met - and that's what I alluded to on my message to you - she's been diagnosed with [REDACTED].

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Oh, I'm sorry to hear that, Nicola.

WITNESS F: It's - it's - it's killing her very quickly, John.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yep.

WITNESS F: She's just in the space of - what is it? So - so three - maybe three weeks.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yep.

WITNESS F: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] And I foresee a very quick - I don't wanna sound like I'm giving up or anything like that, 'cos obviously I'm not. But it's just a fact that [REDACTED] needs to be aware of, because obviously whatever he might be thinking of doing - if she weren't here that will vastly

change what might be with - with me.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah, all right. Well, I'll - I'll - I'll endeavour to contact him and - and pass that on.

WITNESS F: O.K. And otherwise the only date that's not gonna be any good is the date that I've already got a - a VicPol meeting, which is the 18th of November.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah.

WITNESS F: But other than that, any day will be O.K.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: All right. Well, I'll be back to - I'll - Nicola, I'll be back to you as - as soon as I find out from - from [REDACTED] at the - at - some dates that - and coordinate that for you. And - yeah, and I hope you spend as much time as you can with your mother. So - - -

WITNESS F: Yeah, I'm - I am, I am. It's - it's just incredible how quick this has come because she's in so much pain and fading fast. I just - I just wonder how long it was, yeah, before she realised.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Mm.

WITNESS F: Because she kind of - you know, she'd been losing weight and feeling tired, but she just put that down to being old. Well, 73 is not that old but she put it down

to that. And I just wonder - you know, I now feel overwhelmed with guilt because obviously I've caused my family an enormous amount of stress in the last 12 months. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] So, yeah, I'm gonna try and do everything I can with her while she's still mentally there because I don't - I don't think the end's gonna be pleasant.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: No. All right, well, I'll - I'll get back to you as soon as I can. And in the meantime my thoughts are with you and your - and your family, and spend as much time with your mother as you can.

WITNESS F: Yeah, I will. Thanks, John.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Take care, I'll speak to you soon.

WITNESS F: O.K., bye.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Bye.

END OF CALL

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: The time is now 5.10 pm on the 1st of the 11th.

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