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DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: One, two, three, four, five.

The time is 12.52 pm on Tuesday the 30th of November 2010. Detective Inspector John O'Connor about to ring Witness F, Nicola Gobbo, on her mobile phone.

WITNESS F: Hello.

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

WITNESS F: Hi, how are you going?

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Good. Can you talk?

WITNESS F: Yeah, yeah, I'm just

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah, that's all right. Nicola, I've - I've sought some instructions in relation to your request for the reward payment.

WITNESS F: Yep.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: The other stuff about the prison release stuff I'll have to get back to you on.

WITNESS F: Yep.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: But I'd ask that you write a letter requesting your reward payment and address it to the chief commissioner of police. And then I will collect it from you and treat it obviously in the - in

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the manner - - -

WITNESS F: I'll just pull over.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: All right, thanks, Nicola.

WITNESS F:

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: You talk now?

WITNESS F: Sorry, that's better.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yep, so - - -

WITNESS F: Um, so - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: So if you can - - -

WITNESS F: When - when something do I need to put
in just a simple request or do I need to put in the
details of what I did?

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Oh - - -

WITNESS F: I mean, I'm - I'm more than happy to put in names
and places, first amounts of money, fees, I've obviously
got details of all of it - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah, I think, I - - -

WITNESS F: But I think

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: No, no, I think I would keep
it - - -

WITNESS F: But because of - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: I would keep it - I would keep
it generic if - - -

WITNESS F: O.K.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: - - - in that - and if you can
just, you know, well, you're a barrister you know how to
write things up, Nicola, so - - -

WITNESS F: But yeah, sort of.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah, so - so write - just write
it to the chief commissioner. When you've got it ready,
can you give me a ring and I'll catch up with you and get
it off you and then I'll - - -

WITNESS F: Yep.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: I'll deliver it into - into
there and it'll - and to ensure that it's kept
confidential for obvious reasons.

WITNESS F: Yep.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: So if - and then we'll - I just

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think that's the best way to do it to - - -

WITNESS F: Yep.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: To - - -

WITNESS F:

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Be - - -

WITNESS F: I mean, in all the correspondence in the past I
have ever referred to my role or any detail of it is the
Victorian Government Solicitor's Office that they cannot
be trusted - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah, well, this - well, this
will be going - - -

WITNESS F: And its not, look, it's not so much - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah.

WITNESS F: - - - whether they can't be trusted, that's my
view, but anybody outside, you know, the more limited
people can know, the better, 'cause you just never know.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah, no, that's - that's why I
wanna pick it up and I want it - and I don't want it to
go through Australia Post and arrive on the, you know,
because the chief commissioner's obviously got a lot of
staff and I'll - I'll have it delivered - I'll deliver it

to the appropriate person and then ensure that - that it
then is treated - I can't guarantee anything because
rewards is nothing to do with me, but I'll - - -

WITNESS F: No, no, no, I know that.

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

WITNESS F: Look, it's only there - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: I'll facilitate your - - -

WITNESS F: - - - the process of it - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yep.

WITNESS F: - - - and then a decision gets made and then
depending upon the outcome of - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah.

WITNESS F: - - - whatever it is or whatever - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah.

WITNESS F: I understand it's a committee that makes the
decision.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah. I don't think you'll get
it - you won't get an answer before Christmas, Nicola.

WITNESS F: Oh, no, no, no. I wouldn't expect that, after -
John, after the last year and a half I've - I'm well
accustomed to how long bureaucracy takes, you know.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah.

WITNESS F: But I understand that there's a committee that
assess it and they - they - in order to come to some
decision, they need information that comes from people
who were handling me or reports or summaries is what ^{Sandy White-O}
said some time ago. And then someone makes a decision
and then they go from there. If it's a decision that's
acceptable, that's that, and - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah, well that - none of that's
- none of that's up to me so I'll - all I'll do is I'll
get your request and - - -

WITNESS F: Yep.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: As the point of contact for
Vicpol, and then I'll ensure that it's - it - it's - it
goes to the chief commissioner's office to one of his
high - high-ranking staff and then we'll - it'll - it'll
- it'll start the process.

WITNESS F: Ball rolling.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yep.

WITNESS F: O.K.

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DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: All right?

WITNESS F: I appreciate that, John.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: All right.

WITNESS F: Thank you very much.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: And I'll - the other one I'm
still seeking some instruction on, O.K.?

WITNESS F: Yeah, no problem.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: O.K.

WITNESS F: No problem.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: All right, have a good day.

WITNESS F: O.K., see ya.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: See ya, bye-bye.

WITNESS F: Bye.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: The time is 12.57 pm, 30th of
the 11th 2010.

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