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DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: The time is now 1.55 pm on Thursday on - sorry, on Wednesday the 2nd day of May 2012. Detective Inspector John O'Connor about to ring Witness F, Nicola Gobbo, on her mobile phone.

(PHONE RINGS)

WITNESS F: Hi, John.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Hi, Nicola. How are you?

WITNESS F: Yeah, I'm all right. I'm just at the [REDACTED] - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Sorry?

WITNESS F: - - - which is part of the [REDACTED] complex on [REDACTED].

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah. Sorry, I missed the first part, Nicola. Where are you?

WITNESS F: I'm - I'm just at the [REDACTED] which is part of - you know, that coffee place which is just part of the [REDACTED] complex on [REDACTED].

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Oh, yeah. Near [REDACTED] Street, is it?

WITNESS F: It's about half a block up. It's more, like,

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across from the MacDonald's in - on [REDACTED] Street.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Oh, yeah, yep, no worries, all right. I'll see you at that [REDACTED] shortly. O.K.?

WITNESS F: O.K., that's

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Take care - - -

WITNESS F: See ya.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: - - - Nicola.

WITNESS F: Bye.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Thank you, bye.

WITNESS F: Bye.

(PHONE CALL ENDS)

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: The time is 2 o'clock. I'm just gunna go and meet Nicola in a coffee shop in Victoria Parade. Hey, yep.

WITNESS F: Hi.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: How are ya?

WITNESS F: Not bad. How you going?

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Good to see ya.

WITNESS F: Long time, no see.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yes.

WITNESS F: I forgot what you looked like

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: I still look the same.

WITNESS F: But I keep forgetting what you look like.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Oh, well, that's all right. You
were - you were - you're at a hospital so you can't be
well. So - - -

WITNESS F: No, I - no, I'm - I've been seeing doctors, I'm not
here, here.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah.

WITNESS F: Yeah.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: I never been in there actually
so - - -

WITNESS F: There's quite a lot of specialists - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: I thought - - -

WITNESS F: - - - in the - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: I thought the - is this the
[REDACTED]?

WITNESS F: This is [REDACTED], and the other one - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: 'Cos I thought the
[REDACTED] - - -

WITNESS F: - - - is [REDACTED].

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Oh.

WITNESS F: Yeah.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: I thought [REDACTED] was the one
over in - - -

WITNESS F: Yeah.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: - - - near the [REDACTED] - - -

WITNESS F: Well, it's called - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: - - - [REDACTED].

WITNESS F: - - - [REDACTED].

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah.

WITNESS F: But I've got a specialist who's on the corner at

[REDACTED]

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah.

WITNESS F: - - - across the road from the [REDACTED],
and - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah, yeah.

WITNESS F: - - - one that - and one that's in this complex.
So - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Oh, yeah.

WITNESS F: - - - it's kinda handy.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Is this - - -

WITNESS F: It's not - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: This is - - -

WITNESS F: At least it's not - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: - - - fairly new?

WITNESS F: - - - hard to park.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: You can get - - -

WITNESS F: It's always easy to park around here.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah.

WITNESS F: Yeah.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Not like the city.

WITNESS F: No, it's a nightmare.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: I'll tell you what, the city - I
parked there a little while ago, only parked for half an
hour and it's, like, \$35.

WITNESS F: Yeah, that's right.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Absolute - anyway - - -

WITNESS F: Fortunately I've got permanent nerve damage in my
leg - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah.

WITNESS F: - - - and I've got a disabled park.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Oh, you've got a - yeah.

WITNESS F: But it doesn't - it - it only will last, yeah, for
this year. So after that I won't have anything any more.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah.

WITNESS F: But - well, I mean, I'll probably qualify, yeah,
'cos it's more permanent damage. But it does - it - it
is a handy help.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah, yeah. That's
actually - - -

WITNESS F: But that'd be - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: My pet hate is people parking in
the disabled - - -

WITNESS F: Well, yeah.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: - - - parking who - - -

WITNESS F: I agree.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: - - - who haven't got a - - -

WITNESS F: Yeah. Well - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: - - - got a sticker.

WITNESS F: You know, it's the - the written law you've gotta
go through to get one - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Mm.

WITNESS F: - - - is actually quite difficult. You've gotta
have - I've gotta - and not a GP's letter, that's not

good enough. You've gotta have a specialist report, and in the report they've gotta say - like, include an x-ray or include a CAT scan or something to prove what the problem is.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Mm.

WITNESS F: But they're nationalising it this year and so we'll have photos on them after this year, which is a good thing.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: So you'll have your photo on the - on the display?

WITNESS F: Yep. I don't - I don't agree with the photo being on - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Gee, that's a bit - - -

WITNESS F: - - - the front of the car. Like, that's - I don't think that's right. But - but in a way it's good because parking attendants will know. You've either gotta be the passenger or the driver - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah.

WITNESS F: - - - otherwise you get fined. And that's good 'cos it's - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: I know.

WITNESS F: - - - too easy to - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: It's too - yeah, I'm - I'm - - -

WITNESS F: Too many people have got - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Rights for - - -

WITNESS F: - - - it and they shouldn't have them.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Rights for people with
disabilities is very important.

WITNESS F: Yeah.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: So - - -

WITNESS F: I'd often - I don't often take them because I'm not
disabled enough. Unless it's - unless it's a long walk
or unless I'm using my walking stick or something.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Mm.

WITNESS F: 'Cos otherwise it's - there are people - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Are you using - - -

WITNESS F: Plenty of people - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: - - - your stick at the moment
or what?

WITNESS F: (NO AUDIBLE REPLY)

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Good.

WITNESS F: Well - well, not when I don't have to walk far.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: No, that's good.

WITNESS F: I haven't had a pole for five months.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Good.

WITNESS F: So that's good.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: That's good, well done.

WITNESS F: Yeah.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: That's good.

WITNESS F: So it's we'll see what happens.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah. Well, every day the
sun - - -

WITNESS F:

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: - - - comes up. You're going
all right?

WITNESS F: Yeah, look, I'm a bit excited, John. I'm going to Sydney next Wednesday just for probably two days. You would've heard of [REDACTED]

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah, yeah, he's been on the - - -

WITNESS F: Yep.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: - - - been on, like - - -

WITNESS F: So there's a - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: - - - 60 minutes.

WITNESS F: Yeah.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: [REDACTED] of the Year.

WITNESS F: Yep.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah.

WITNESS F: Well, he - he's got a practice in [REDACTED] like, [REDACTED] - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah, yeah.

WITNESS F: - - - private hospital where they deal with any

kind of brain problem; brain - brain tumours, blah blah
blah.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Mm.

WITNESS F: And I'm seeing [REDACTED] next Wednesday.
I've waited so long.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Oh, good.

WITNESS F: Finally allowed the - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: 'Cause he - - -

WITNESS F:

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: - - - made a very good speech,
you know - - -

WITNESS F: Yeah.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: - - - in relation to racism
and - - -

WITNESS F: Yeah.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Another pet hate of mine,
racism.

WITNESS F: Yeah.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: And he - no, he's - he's a very
impressive - - -

WITNESS F: I really - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: - - - quietly spoken man
and - - -

WITNESS F: Yeah. I - look, I really identify with the way he
was brought up because he had a very old fashioned
migrant upbringing, which is - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Mm.

WITNESS F: - - - what I had, and - and that's why he's so
anti-racism.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Mm.


WITNESS F: But he's still - he's still a victim of it now.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah, I know.

WITNESS F:

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: It's - - -

WITNESS F: It's just unreal.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: - - - terrible, you know. The
 and he's - he's - - -

WITNESS F: Yeah.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: - - - done - he does amazing things.

WITNESS F: But I'm pretty excited because the [REDACTED] in his rooms might be a solution to - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Mm.

WITNESS F: - - - [REDACTED] And it would be amazing if there was no [REDACTED] any more.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah.

WITNESS F: I just - I just - I don't wanna get my hopes up too high because, like, it's so long - I can't remember what it's like to not be in [REDACTED] all the time.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Mm.

WITNESS F: But to not be short-tempered, to not be short with people, to not be shovelling drugs in and then dealing with the side effects of them - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Mm.

WITNESS F: - - - to not be freezing cold all the time, which is one side effect, would just be amazing. So anyway - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Well, I hope it - I hope it works out.

WITNESS F: Well, it's only - look, it's only a consultation and - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Well - - -

WITNESS F: Yeah.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: But the - it's - another door opens.

WITNESS F: Yeah.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Now, I've been just - I've been given a - an envelope with a letter.

WITNESS F: Have you read it?

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: No, it's a - - -

WITNESS F: Oh.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: It's - it's a sealed envelope. I've just been instructed to hand it to you.

WITNESS F: How come - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: So - - -

WITNESS F: - - - you have to? Not like last time when they turned on my door.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Dunno, dunno. I just - - -

WITNESS F: That's - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: - - - got - - -

WITNESS F: - - - really weird.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah. I don't - there's no - I don't think there's any conspiracy theory amongst it, it's just that I got rung up by Legal Services or whatever it's called within Victoria Police and asked - - -

WITNESS F: Yeah.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: - - - to deliver a letter to you. So - - -

WITNESS F: But last time they - when someone - when someone from Keiran's office turned up at my front door quite unexpectedly.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Mm.

WITNESS F: And he was pretty pissed off 'cause I hadn't rung him back, but he was ringing a - an old mobile number

that I haven't used for a couple of years.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah. Well, it's a bit hard to ring back then if you haven't got it.

WITNESS F: Yeah. Well, he said to me, don't you return your phone calls? And I said - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah, no, yeah.

WITNESS F: - - - I haven't got a message.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Don't worry - - -

WITNESS F: - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: - - - about that. So I've - it's - it's in a - - -

WITNESS F: Do I have to - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: It - - -

WITNESS F: - - - sign something?

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: No, no.

WITNESS F: Yeah.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: It's just in a - - -

WITNESS F:

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: So - - -

WITNESS F: - - - the envelope

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Just put it - so - - -

WITNESS F: Doesn't feel very thick, only - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: I dunno.

WITNESS F: - - - feels like it's one page. Mine was ten and a
half, John. I would've expected a little - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: No.

WITNESS F: - - - bit more.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: The - well - - -

WITNESS F: Actually I do - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: I don't read - I don't read
these things.

WITNESS F: I know - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: So - - -

WITNESS F: - - - why. And I know why he's responded this way.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: So that's all I have to do.

WITNESS F: O.K.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: So - - -

WITNESS F: I wasn't - I wasn't gunna ring you to ask you about
Rob Karam.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Mm.

WITNESS F: I was just gunna ring you to let you know
that - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah.

WITNESS F: - - - as a consequence of him stealing my credit
card - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yep.

WITNESS F: - - - and using it, like, some charges appeared on
my credit card. I rang up the Western Hotel in - oh, the
Sofitel in Sydney and said, hello, I wasn't there. I've
never - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah.

WITNESS F: - - - stayed there. And how did this happen?

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: And you haven't been to Nigeria?

WITNESS F: Nope.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: No, yeah.

WITNESS F: Or any of the other ones - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah.

WITNESS F: - - - on that card. And they - some of them they
couldn't tell me who it was but - but at that hotel he's
used his own name, checked in.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: With your credit card?

WITNESS F: Yes.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: O.K. Well, I'll - - -

WITNESS F: I was just gunna say - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: How much - - -

WITNESS F: - - - it's a matter of - it's three - it's 2600.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yep. So you want to report the
matter?

WITNESS F: Yeah.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah, all right. I'll arrange
for a - someone - well, I'll get back to you with someone
who - - -

WITNESS F: Oh, you don't want me - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: - - - you feel is safe.

WITNESS F: - - - to go to a police station?

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: I don't - I will just go -
probably I'll go with a detective at this stage.

WITNESS F: O.K., all right.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah.

WITNESS F: But I don't - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: I dunno - - -

WITNESS F: Yeah.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Or it might be just a - a
constable at the police station.

WITNESS F: Well, I - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah.

WITNESS F: I rang - I've only been - I've only dealt with the

- with Sofitel because they were - they were the only
people who were able to tell me - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Mm.

WITNESS F: - - - that it was him.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah.

WITNESS F: And when I said to them, well, how is it that my
card has been used when this person has checked into the
hotel? Because - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Because your - - -

WITNESS F: - - - you have to - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: - - - card's - the card's in
your name and - - -

WITNESS F: Exactly.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: - - - he's - and - and - - -

WITNESS F: Exactly.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: - - - he's different, yeah.

WITNESS F: And they immediately - well, they immediately
panicked and said, it's all right, we'll - we'll check it
out but we'll refund you the money - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Mm.

WITNESS F: - - - straightaway.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: So have you got copies of the
statements?

WITNESS F: Yeah.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yep, all right.

WITNESS F: Yeah.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: So you're able to do that?
You - - -

WITNESS F: Got it all.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: You'll make a statement, all
that type - - -

WITNESS F: Yeah.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: - - - of stuff? All right.
I'll come - I'll come back to you with - - -

WITNESS F: And it - and - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: - - - someone who you can
report - - -

WITNESS F: For what - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: - - - it to.

WITNESS F: - - - it's worth, I've rung him, I've text messaged
him, emailed him, and rung him - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Mm'mm.

WITNESS F: - - - to say, you know, I'm warning you, if you
don't pay this back I'm gunna go to the police.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: So what are you out of pocket?

WITNESS F: 2600.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yep, all right.

WITNESS F: I'm just not gunna wear it, John.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: No, it's - - -

WITNESS F:

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: - - - up to you. You're like
anyone else so - - -

WITNESS F: Yeah. And anyway, the - the chick at the Sofitel
in Sydney said to me, are you sure you didn't stay here?
I said, well, I know the date, I was in hospital on the

date so I'm - and I've never been there. So it's - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Mm.

WITNESS F: - - - definitely not me. But she said, you might have to provide a police report. So I haven't - that was last week, I haven't done anything - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah.

WITNESS F: - - - about it.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Having said that, the offence may have occurred in New South Wales. Have you lost, actually, your credit card?

WITNESS F: Yep.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: So it's a credit card - someone's obtained your credit card number?

WITNESS F: Yeah.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah. So it may not be a Victorian matter.

WITNESS F: That's the problem.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: It may be a New South Wales - - -

WITNESS F: And that's the problem.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: - - - matter. And I'm no expert
on New South Wales, I'm - - -

WITNESS F: No. I think - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: - - - afraid to say.

WITNESS F: I think it is New South Wales because that's
where - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: If it is New South Wales you'll
probably just have to ring New South Wales. I'll get you
a number to ring. It's a - this - my understanding -
they have a - for things like that they have a police
assistance number - - -

WITNESS F: Oh, O.K.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: - - - where you ring up and you
- that's - I'm only - - -

WITNESS F: Yeah. It's a bit messy 'cause there are some
Qantas - there's some Qantas charges which I presume are
also him, but Qantas won't deal with me because they -
they want something in writing. 'Cause they, rightfully
I think, say, well, who are you ringing up? I mean - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah, could be a Bill - - -

WITNESS F: - - - you could be anybody.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: May be a Bill Smith from - - -

WITNESS F: Yeah.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: So that's fine.

WITNESS F: And I get that. And then - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: All right.

WITNESS F: - - - there's a charge from Tullamarine Airport. I
don't know what that is. I don't even know where - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Mm.

WITNESS F: - - - know where to ring - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: But the one you - - -

WITNESS F: - - - to find out.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: But the one you know is, in
fact - - -

WITNESS F: Definitely him.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: - - - definitely him - - -

WITNESS F: Yeah, it's \$1700-odd.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah. And did you speak to - do you know the person you spoke to at Sofitel in - - -

WITNESS F: Yep.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah. That - so you'll be able to provide all that. So I - look, I think it - it's gunna be New South Wales, but I'll just make some further inquiries for you and then - - -

WITNESS F: O.K.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: - - - I'll come back to ya.

WITNESS F: Look, I'm not - I'm still a bit hesitant about putting him in like that because, you know, he's either - he's gunna still be on bail as of next week.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Mm.

WITNESS F: But first what's he gunna do to me? Whatever he's gunna do, he's gunna do it.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Well, that's - that's a matter for you, Nicola. I'll - - -

WITNESS F: I know, but I - - -

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

WITNESS F: - - - shouldn't be - he wants me as - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah.

WITNESS F: I should be scared. I should - that's exactly the reason what these - why these people do what they do, because - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Mm.

WITNESS F: - - - they figure you'll never do anything about it.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah. Well, that's a decision for you to - - -

WITNESS F: Yeah.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: - - - make, if you want to - if you want to report it. But it's - so we're talking about \$1700 for Sofitel - - -

WITNESS F: Flights and - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: - - - in New South - - -

WITNESS F: - - - accommodation.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Accommodation in New South Wales and the - in Sydney. When - when was it?

WITNESS F: The 7th of December last year.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: O.K., all right, no worries.

WITNESS F: And I was a [REDACTED] at the [REDACTED] so it definitely wasn't me.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: No, no. It's all right.

WITNESS F: So with this - if I'm responding to this - depending on what's in it, am I responding the way I responded last time or am I responding - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: I dunno.

WITNESS F: - - - to you?

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: How did you respond? No.

WITNESS F: Well - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: No, this is from Keiran Walshe. Just write "To Keiran Walshe".

WITNESS F: Well, no, last time they told me to ring up his chief of staff and drop a response off.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: I dunno, I dunno what's in the letter.

WITNESS F: O.K.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Read the letter, come back to me
if you want.

WITNESS F: Well, my letter was - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: But it - it - it - it - - -

WITNESS F: My letter - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: But - - -

WITNESS F: - - - was merely offering to give evidence -
further evidence - more evidence and - and not have any
protection. So that's what the response will be.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: I haven't read the letter so I
don't know. So - oh, sorry. All right?

WITNESS F: Yeah. Well - - -

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

WITNESS F: Hopefully

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: I'll come back to you. And the
letter will probably - I assume it'll say something about
if you have further inquiries ring - I assume it'll be
his staff officer.

WITNESS F: Yeah.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: He's the deputy commissioner so
I assume it will be.

WITNESS F: And if another one

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: He's retiring, yeah.

WITNESS F: Yeah.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: So it's all right.

WITNESS F: and then someone else will get a
promotion.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Take care, hope it works well
with - - -

WITNESS F: Yeah, well - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: - - - 

WITNESS F: I mean, the - the research is pretty
mixed. There's some people that say what I've got is
incurable and - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Mm.

WITNESS F: - - - that's just it, and there's some that suggest
that surgery will make it better.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Good. Well, I hope - I mean,
you've - you - [REDACTED] I
think you're - - -

WITNESS F: Yeah. And - and I'm not - I don't - so at least I
don't have that worry, which is the - what are the risks
involved and should I go ahead? That's - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Mm.

WITNESS F: - - - not even - I don't even answer into that
where he's concerned, it's just simply a question of what
he'd say.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Mm.

WITNESS F: Or can - or can he say to me that operating might
result in an improvement. 'Cause if it might result in
an improvement then the - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Then you take the - - -

WITNESS F: Yeah.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: - - - take the chance. All the
best - - -

WITNESS F: Thank you.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: - - - Nicola.

WITNESS F: We'll see - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Take care.

WITNESS F: - - - what happens.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: All right. I'll get back to
you - - -

WITNESS F: Yeah, don't worry - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: I'm gunna be - - -

WITNESS F:

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: I'll - I'm just gunna be on a
few days off so I'll - it might not be till next week or
the - - -

WITNESS F: Yeah, no.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: - - - week after.

WITNESS F: No, no.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: All right. There's no - - -

WITNESS F:

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: It's a deception so there's no
rush. It's - - -

WITNESS F: That's right.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: It's a paper trail.

WITNESS F: Exactly.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: I don't have to tell you - - -

WITNESS F: And - and I think that Sofitel - they said they'll
refund us. Whether it's this week or next week, it
doesn't matter.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah.

WITNESS F: I paid it to avoid the interest fee charges.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yes.

WITNESS F: So there's no - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Very unforgiving, the banks.
Aren't they?

WITNESS F: Yeah. Gee, they don't wanna

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: All the best.

WITNESS F: Thank you.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: See you, Nic, bye. Thank you.

Time is now 20 past 2.

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