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DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Now 2.57 pm on Wednesday the 30th of May 2012. Detective Inspector John O'Connor ringing Witness F on [REDACTED]

WITNESS F: Hello, Nicola speaking.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah, Nicola, it's John. How are you?

WITNESS F: Oh, not bad. Yourself?

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Good, good. Last - are you right to talk?

WITNESS F: Yeah, yeah.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Last time I spoke last week, I was gunna chase up someone to report that deception to.

WITNESS F: Well, yeah, well, you were really gunna check whether I had to go through a person in particular or I could just go into a police station.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah, no, that's - then I've got - I've got a person to go to at - - -

WITNESS F:

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Have you got a pen?

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WITNESS F: Yep, can you just hang on one sec.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah, you're right.

WITNESS F: I'm just - I'm actually just walking through a
hospital so - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: All right.

WITNESS F: Hang on. O.K., yep, go for it.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Senior Detective Cos C-O-S Costa
C-O-S-T-A.

WITNESS F: I think I know him.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah, I - I don't know - I - I
don't know if you do or you're not, but - - -

WITNESS F: Yep.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: At Broadmeadows CIU.

WITNESS F: Broady CIU.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: 9302 - - -

WITNESS F: Yep.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: - - - 8211.

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WITNESS F: Yep.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: And he's expecting your call
sometime whenever you're available. All right?

WITNESS F: O.K. And - will I - oh, I suppose I'll be guided
by him, but will I need to make a statement?

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Well, I dunno, I assume - assume
you'll have to make a - you'll have to - if you're gonna
report it, you'll make a report and - and then you'd have
to make a statement in relation to the matter if
you - - -

WITNESS F: Well, normally, yeah, normally it's, like, the
police report first - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah.

WITNESS F: - - - and then the statement after that.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah.

WITNESS F: You know the other thing that's happened since I
saw you - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah, what's - - -

WITNESS F: - - - you that - I mean, ^{Sandy White-O} must be so
rapt. As I heard the verdict I thought of ^{Sandy White-C} .

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: What's that in relation to?

WITNESS F: 'Cause Karam's been a fly in his ointment for
years.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Oh, yeah, the getting convicted.

WITNESS F: Yep, yep.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah. Interesting to see what
sentence they get.

WITNESS F: Oh, I can - I can tell you, John. It'll be in
excess of 20.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: You reckon?

WITNESS F: I guarantee it. And the beauty of it is that,
well, I shouldn't say this because I actually have felt
overwhelmed with guilt even though I shouldn't feel
guilty.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Mm.

WITNESS F: He's got three more trials to face after this one.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Oh, has he?

WITNESS F: Yeah, he's got the - he's got a 200 kilo
importation, 300 kilos of pseudo and the domestic sort of

trafficking with the [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Oh, well.

WITNESS F: So he's gunna end up - the rest of his life he's finished.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah, oh, well, that's - that's the world they play in, Nicola.

WITNESS F: Yeah, I know, I know. But I'm - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Mm.

WITNESS F: I shouldn't feel guilty and I don't know why I do.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah. Well, anyway, I'll just - I've given you the details of that person Cos Costa, if you wanna give him a call at your convenience.

WITNESS F: Yep.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: And then you can - you can report the matter then, O.K.?

WITNESS F: All right, that's terrific. And one other - one other thing along the same lines, John.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yep.

WITNESS F: When the Driver Taskforce, I think it ended up being Graham Ashton himself, sought to withdraw me as a prosecution witness against Dale in the committal for his ACC charges in November last year.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah.

WITNESS F: My statement was withdrawn from the police brief, so obviously you know at the end of the committal the media sought access to all material that had been tended. Obviously that didn't include my statement.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yep.

WITNESS F: However - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Which matter - this is the Dale matter, is it?

WITNESS F: Yes.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yep.

WITNESS F: However, my statement ended up appearing on the front page of the Sunday Herald Sun in great detail. So I launched my own investigation, 'cause no-one was doing anything to help me, in relation to - to what happened.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Mm.

WITNESS F: Now, I have found out that - that my statement, of

course the only people that had it were Dale and his lawyers and all the people that he's handed copies to, which includes a lot of people in the prison system.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah.

WITNESS F: But anyway I found out that the journalist who wrote the article got my statement from a serving police officer in Wangaratta, who got it from Dale. Now, that is something I want to report.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yep, all right.

WITNESS F: All right, I don't even

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

WITNESS F: Well, maybe just to raise it with someone 'cause that is outrageous that he's still got people that are in, you know, serving police - - -

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Well, who - who - who - who's - who's the journalist, Nicola?

WITNESS F: James Campbell.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: James Campbell. And do you know the name of the police officer?

WITNESS F: No, but I can get it.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yeah, all right, well, don't do that. I'll contact - now, I'll make some inquiries and I'll come back to you, O.K.?

WITNESS F: Thanks, John. Look, this was something that - anything that related to kind of witness stuff, Boris Buick was all over it and he - and really, like, he said if there was ever an opportunity to charge Dale with some kind of tampering or interfering offence, they'd jump all over him, but just as this happened, Boris Buick got a message from high above saying, "You or not to speak to her or to have any contact with her." So I never got to report it to anybody.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: That's all right, you've passed it on to me and I'll make the appropriate inquiries and I'll come back to you as to where we go from here, all right?

WITNESS F:

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Do you know what date it was in the Herald Sun?

WITNESS F: Do I know what was in it?

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: No, do you know what date?

WITNESS F: Yes, it was the first week - first weekend in December last year.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: First weekend in December.

WITNESS F: Yep.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: O.K., all right.

WITNESS F:

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

WITNESS F: Like 10, it was about 10 days after the committal,
so, yeah, first weekend in - in December.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: December 2011.

WITNESS F: Yep.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Yep, no worries.

WITNESS F: Thank you, John.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: Take care, speak soon.

WITNESS F: See you later, bye.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR O'CONNOR: All right.

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