

Mr Cooper

States:-

1. My full name is ^{Mr Cooper} I am [REDACTED] years of age.
2. I make this statement in the belief that the information I provide to the police cannot be used against me in any future court proceedings.
3. I have previously made a statement detailing my involvement with manufacturing amphetamine at a Rye location from September 2002 till April 2003. I have also made statements relating to [REDACTED] to the Mokbel brothers.
4. On the 11 April 2003 I was arrested by police shortly after delivering approximately 2.2 kilograms of amphetamine to Kabalan Mokbel near the intersection of Willow Grove and Linda Street, Coburg. This amphetamine was packaged in a postal box. I subsequently learned that Kabalan was arrested shortly after I made the delivery to him in possession of the amphetamine.
5. I was charged and remanded in custody until on or about the 19 December 2003.
6. Several months later, I cannot remember that actual date but my best estimate is that it was February 2004 I was summoned to a meeting with Tony Mokbel at 'The Grove' café in Coburg. Tony rang me, I think it was from Milad's phone, and asked me to come to the coffee shop as he needs to see me.
7. I arrived at the coffee shop sometime around 7 pm about an hour after I received the phone call. We then had a meeting with numerous persons in relation to the Rye matters. Present was Tony and Milad Mokbel, Joe Parisi, Coffee shop Max, an Italian old timer named [REDACTED] another Italian old timer who always plays cards and assist with making coffees there.

8. In front of these other persons Tony started loudly demanding what I must do to exonerate Kabalan in relation to the Rye matters. He asked me to make a statement where as I handed Kabalan the package with the intention to pick it up hours later without Kabalan knowing the contents of the package. The reason he wanted me to use for doing this was for me to say that I felt I was being followed by police and that I needed to leave the package with a trusted friend in order to avoid getting caught with it. He wanted me to include that I was apprehended by police before I had time to pick the package up.
9. I said to Tony that this would be a very unbelievable scenario knowing that there was evidence of a listening device at Rye that included me stating that I was taking the package to him.
10. Tony then mentioned that we would wait for Kabalan's brief and we would have to discuss the matter with our legal teams. On every occasion I met with Tony after this, mostly concerning monies owed from drug manufacture, this discussion of Kabalan would always arise and he would make it clear to me that his brother was not to do jail. This would probably amount to over 10 different times that Tony and I would discuss this.
11. During these conversations I would mention to Tony it would be more believable that if he were to just tell the truth and that he could take the blame for the package being delivered. He then stated that he had way too many pending matters and he was not going to take the blame. He said that fact that I had already been charged with a large commercial quantity for the Rye lab, that the 2 and a half kilos located in Kabalan's car would make little difference to the outcome of my case.
12. This statement that Tony wanted me to give would have been a total lie. As indicated in other statements I manufactured this amphetamine for Tony and I

delivered to Kabalan with the intention that he would pass it on to Tony, or do what Tony instructed him to do with it.

13. Some time later, I can't remember the date, the brief of evidence for the Rye matter was served on my solicitor, Georgia Halikopolous.
14. After the brief was served, every time I met with Tony, we would still discuss these matters and Tony would demand that I make a statement.
15. I would constantly have discussions with Nicola Gobbo, as she was acting as barrister for both Tony and I in separate matters. She advised me not to have any part in this lie as it would result in a longer term in jail for perjury. By this time Nicola had read the brief and she had told me that any decent prosecutor could prove that the whole thing would be a lie. She continually advised me not to proceed in making this or any statements.
16. On the 6 of either June or July 2004, I can't remember which month, I was instructed by Nicola Gobbo that a meeting with Tony was to be held at David Grace's office at 6.30 pm. I can remember it was the 6th because I had a big win at the casino the day before.
17. I attended at Nicola's office and picked her up and drove with her to David Grace's office in William Street, Melbourne. We attended this meeting. Tony Mokbel and Zarah Garde-Wilson were already present with David Grace when me and Nicola arrived.
18. David Grace was representing Kabalan Mokbel. Zarah Garde-Wilson was there for Tony and Kabalan. Five minutes after our arrival, Tony Hargreaves also arrived. Tony and Nicola were representing me.

19. The discussion and instructions were spoken by Tony Mokbel in relation to making this false statement that he had been trying to get me to make. Tony Mokbel was telling all that ^{Mr Cooper} meaning me, was going to make a statement that ^{Mr Cooper} was to pick up the package at a later time to exonerate Kabalan.
20. Zarah Garde-Wilson was supportive of Tony Mokbel's comments and she said that she could convince the courts. I can't remember her exact words, but I recall her saying that the story was either 'credible' or 'believable'.
21. David Grace started looking through the brief which he had on the desk and was looking at the listening device transcripts hours before my arrest. David had found conflicts in which he made clear to Tony Mokbel that problems would be worsened rather than any benefits arising from this statement. He was of the opinion that Kabalan was best to say that he didn't know where the package was going. Tony Mokbel objected to what David Grace was saying and emphasised that something had to be done to help Kabalan. At this point David Grace said to leave it with him and that he would have a think about it. Zarah Garde-Wilson was trying to convince David Grace to go along with Tony Mokbel's request.
22. At this point Tony Hargreaves got up and said that he had heard enough and wanted to leave. He instructed me not to sign anything until he had seen it first. He then left the office.
23. I observed David Grace and Nicola Gobbo take notes during the course of this meeting.
24. Shortly after this myself and Nicola left the office leaving the others there. They were going to get back to us to discuss this further. Nicola then told me that under no circumstances was I ever to sign a statement in relation to this matter.

25. Within several weeks after the meeting, Nicola Gobbo told me that David Grace had convinced Tony Mokbel that this plan in relation to making this false statement would not stand up in court and for that matter to be left alone.

Mr Cooper

Statement taken and signature witnessed by
Me this 16 day of November 2006 at Melbourne.

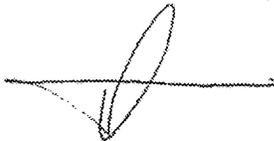


Dale Flynn
Detective Sergeant 26168

I hereby acknowledge that this statement is true and correct and I make it in the belief that a person making a false statement in the circumstances is liable to the penalties of perjury.

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