

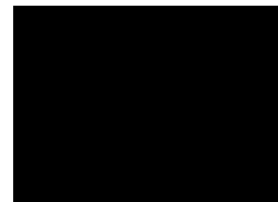
Mr Cooper

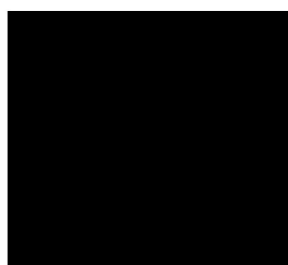
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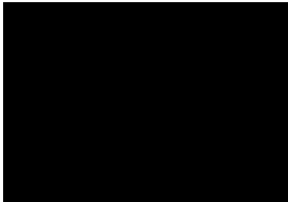
1. My full name is ^{Mr Cooper} I am [REDACTED] years of age.
2. I make this statement in the belief that the information I provide to the police cannot be used against me in any future court proceedings.
3. I met Danny Taxis when I was released on bail on 19 December 2003 after spending nine months in custody. [REDACTED] Danny for about eight months prior to me being released. Danny was well aware of my situation. By that I mean he was aware of the reasons I had been incarcerated. At the time I met him he was working for [REDACTED] which is a company that services coffee machines.
4. We were having a few beers soon after my release from jail when Danny started a discussion with me about the manufacturing process of amphetamine and canvassed the idea of me teaching him how to cook amphetamine. I tried from the onset to make him understand that it was not all that it seemed to be and that I didn't think that it was a good idea. I explained to him that this was because one, he had no knowledge about chemistry and secondly he had no knowledge with anything to do with the whole amphetamine trade. By this I mean it's not just making it, it's knowing how and to whom to sell it to. In my eyes these two factors were the larger problems. After all, there are not too many people who have large amounts of money lying around to pay for the amphetamine. Danny made it clear to me that if I ever needed assistance in the manufacturing process or anything to do with making money he would be more than happy helping me out.
5. I finished the cook in Gisborne around the 22 December 2003 and I later told Danny about it in early January. At this time I had received \$50,000.00 from [REDACTED]

Tony Mokbel for the cook in Gisborne and I was waiting on the balance of \$200,00.00. I gave Danny \$5,000 of this money as he told me he was in a tight situation and needed to pay some debts. Being [REDACTED] I had no problem helping him out as I felt I was also helping out [REDACTED]

6. Upon my release [REDACTED] told me that she would [REDACTED] if she ever found out that I was involving [REDACTED] Danny in any illegal doings. I promised her that I would fulfill her wishes and I now regret having lied to her on several occasions about Danny's involvement as she questioned me repeatedly over the years.
7. In other statements which I made to police I made it evident that Tony Mokbel did not fulfill his obligations to me with respect to money he owed me, which led me to finding other ways to acquire money. My relationship with Milad Mokbel and Carl Williams progressed in the months after the Gisborne cook. Two days prior to Carl Williams's arrest by police for the attempted murder of Mario Condello I had committed into a deal with Milad Mokbel and Carl Williams that I would manufacture amphetamine for them.
8. I approached Danny and asked him if he was still interested in making money referring to the conversation we had in early January. He was more than keen to help me out and told me he that he was willing to do anything I needed him to do. Initially our agreement was for him to learn the complete manufacturing process so as I could take a step back and not manufacture amphetamine myself. I told him I would give him "the gift" and the secrets to successfully manufacture amphetamine. He accepted my offer. By him accepting I knew that once I had trained Danny I would be free of manufacturing amphetamine myself. We agreed that initially I would give him \$60,000.00 for every ten litre cook which would take me two days to complete. My intention was to show him the process twice and walk away and leave him in charge.

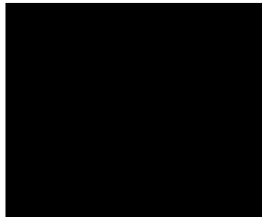


9. Danny initial assisted by introducing me to a person named Horst who had a premises in [REDACTED] Road, Coburg which I could use to manufacture amphetamine. I did one manufacturing process and another attempt at this location. Danny helped with setting up, washing up and obtaining hardware etc that I needed. During the second process Horst died and I had to move all the equipment. Danny assisted with this and then called police to notify them of the death.
10. During the preparation stage and when I was acquiring equipment to set up the lab to manufacture amphetamine, I told Danny that I needed a lathe to turn metal for a gear box for a motor that I use in the manufacturing process. Danny told me he knew someone that had one and he took me to [REDACTED] Preston and introduced me to [REDACTED] Danny knew [REDACTED] because [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] which operates at the rear of [REDACTED] Preston. Whilst using the machinery at [REDACTED] factory Danny, [REDACTED] and I got talking about things which led to the conversation about the manufacturing of amphetamines. [REDACTED] and Danny had previously spoken about this and it was at this time that [REDACTED] and Danny told me that if I needed a place to set up a lab I could utilize the factory in [REDACTED]. I had no hesitation in accepting as this suited me for a number of reasons. One being that I always had access to tools if anything needed repairing and the other was that having a legitimate workshop operating whilst I was manufacturing amphetamine didn't draw attention to the premises.
11. I moved all the glassware into the premises at [REDACTED] on the 27 and 28 June 2004. About two weeks after this date I had a meeting with Milad Mokbel at his house in [REDACTED] Street, Brunswick where we went for our usual walk and we discussed about more ketone that he had acquired. He told me he had 15 litres of Ketone in the garage of his house and pleaded with me to convert the ketone into amphetamine as soon as possible. We agreed then and there that I would do this and I left Milad's house in possession of the 15 litres of ketone.
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12. Immediately after this meeting I went to the factory in [REDACTED] Preston where I called Danny and asked him to attend at the factory in [REDACTED] Preston so we can discuss some business. In the time waiting for Danny to arrive I received a call from Horthy Mokbel who informed me that he needed to see me urgently. As he lives reasonably close to [REDACTED] I instructed [REDACTED] who was also present to tell Danny when he arrived to wait for me until I got back. I went and saw Horthy at his house in [REDACTED] Street, Preston and he too had 10 litres of ketone (P2P) which he wanted me to convert to amphetamine and he wanted this done urgently. I took possession of the ketone from Horthy and I took that back to the Preston factory as well. I now had pressure to convert both Milad and Horthy's ketone into amphetamine. Each was not aware of the others dealings with me. I had to commence production immediately as both Milad and Horthy wanted the finished amphetamine in two days.
13. When I got back to Preston Danny and [REDACTED] were both there waiting for me. I discussed with them that I had 25 litres of ketone which I had earlier received from Milad and Horthy and that I had two days to produce the finished product. I told Danny and [REDACTED] that I had to start the manufacturing process that day.
14. This was Danny's first introduction to the manufacturing of amphetamine process. We began work immediately. Danny remained with me and helped me for most of the time however he did go home each night so that [REDACTED] did not become suspicious.
15. I tasked Danny to first help set up the equipment that I needed to commence production. By this I mean that he erected the frames used in reactions, erect shelving to cradle glass vessels and he assisted assist me with running hoses to prevent toxic fumes. I also showed Danny how to prepare caustic solutions and he did this at my request. This is one of the first things that I needed in the manufacturing process because it needs time to cool down to room temperature
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before I can use it. He observed me with the amalgamation process and the dripping in of ketone with mercury chloride and methylamine with a dry ice duo condenser in part of the reaction. These were all very important things he needed to know how to do in order to conduct these reactions on his own. Once again I could see that like most people it was way too much for Danny to understand. It was evident to me that Danny was nervous about the whole process and he also kept on discussing that he needed to go home [REDACTED] I knew that this was going to be a problem for me in the future as I needed him to be completely focused on the task in hand.

16. As things weren't working out the way I would've liked I told Danny that he should take a step back and go back to being a 'goffer' for me as he did not have the intelligence to comprehend the process and complete it successfully on his own. By a 'goffer' I mean a person who runs around and helps me out with odd jobs such as washing up the vessels and glassware after each manufacture as well as purchasing odds and ends such as duct tape, solvents, filter paper, hoses and anything else I might require. As he was [REDACTED] I didn't have the heart to re negotiate the amount of money I was going to give him and I just left it as originally planned. He received \$60,000 per cook and I daresay over his time with me he would made around \$500,000.00. That is he helped me out with about seven cooks. All these seven cooks that Danny helped me with were done at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Preston.

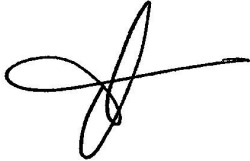
17. Each time I complete a cook there is excess acetone which I leave in the freezer. This is because this process takes two to three days for the excess amphetamine oil to fall out into crystal. This acetone is never discarded as it still contains extra product that cannot be retrieved without the required time. This takes three days for it to happen on its own. On the last occasion Danny who knew this because he had seen it happen six times before took it upon himself to go to the factory when I wasn't present and took about 500 grams of amphetamine out of the spent acetone for himself without telling me. I became aware of this as the yield was
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- low and that he had made a mess during the retrieval of the product. The 500 grams of pure amphetamine that he stole from the lab would have equated to approximately \$50,000.00.
18. When I become aware that he had stolen the amphetamine I confronted him with this and he become very abrupt and offensive with his tone of voice. He repeatedly denied he stole the product and tried to blame [REDACTED] for the theft.
 19. My relationship with Danny ended on the 2 December 2005 when we had a further fall out. The reason for this was because he informed [REDACTED] that he was working for me and he winged to her that I owed him money. This caused a massive rift between me and [REDACTED] and we didn't speak for about a month.
 20. On about the 3 January 2006 [REDACTED] asked Danny to [REDACTED] and told him she no longer wanted to [REDACTED] him. He basically packed up the entire contents of [REDACTED]
 21. In February 2006 [REDACTED] received numerous SMS text messages on her mobile phone from Danny indicating that he would take matters in his own hands if I didn't pay him the outstanding money he believed I owed him. He told [REDACTED] that I owed him \$35,000.00. He told her to 'watch her back' and made countless threats towards [REDACTED]. On a couple of occasions he parked his car in [REDACTED] street to intimidate her.
 22. I have not seen or spoken to Danny since late in February 2006.

Mr Cooper



Statement taken and signature witnessed by
Me this 6 day of August 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.

Mr Cooper



Acknowledgement made and signature witnessed
By me this 6 day of August 2006 at Melbourne.



Dale Flynn
Detective Sergeant 26168