

Mr Cooper

**States:-**

1. My full name is <sup>Mr Cooper</sup> 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. In the year 2000 I met [REDACTED] who lived <sup>PII</sup> [REDACTED] from my house. I resided at [REDACTED] Reservoir at the time and [REDACTED] lived at [REDACTED]. On the day I moved into [REDACTED] a funeral was in function at [REDACTED]. Speaking to my new neighbour who was an elderly lady <sup>PII</sup> [REDACTED], she brought to my attention how this <sup>PII</sup> [REDACTED] girl had just lost her partner of [REDACTED] years. His name was [REDACTED]. I knew him through the [REDACTED] I used to use in Preston, by the name of [REDACTED]. He was [REDACTED] who done various works that I had ordered the year before a [REDACTED] in Thornbury. He seemed a pleasant kind of person. I was actually a little taken that I knew him, and that he had died at such a young age, at the age of [REDACTED]. Knowing this I couldn't help feeling sorry for [REDACTED]. I went to give her my condolences and told her if she ever needed anything, we were <sup>PII</sup> [REDACTED].
4. Our relationship grew <sup>PII</sup> [REDACTED]. Christmas of 2000 she came to me crying telling me how she was being taken advantage of by [REDACTED] she had chosen, and she had already spent \$100,000.00 and [REDACTED]. I ended up [REDACTED], to assist her financially. We became good friends, and remained friends well after <sup>PII</sup> [REDACTED] and I <sup>PII</sup> [REDACTED].
5. She supported me through my grievances at Rye and my time in prison for the 9 months prior to my bail.

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6. Due to the bail applications and the re-financing of a vehicle bought by [REDACTED] [REDACTED] she re-financed her house, paid out the car and increased her mortgage payments to a larger amount, to also assist with my legal fees. To close the gap of her earning and to offset the loan, she rented out her house and lived with [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. To my knowledge she was receiving \$900 a month from rent for her house, which was more than ample to cover the new loan. She was paying very little by living at [REDACTED]'s in a two bedroom flat. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were close friends from their work.
7. After receiving bail on [REDACTED] December 2003 I resided at [REDACTED] house at [REDACTED] Reservoir for approximately 3 months, with [REDACTED]. Immediately after receiving bail I was involved in an amphetamine manufacturing process at Gisborne. I have made another more detailed statement relating to this. Whilst I was away for several days [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] I was with my solicitor even though [REDACTED] had no idea where I was. On my return [REDACTED] asked where had I been and I replied 'Don't ask.' Over the following two weeks I received part payment of money owed to me from Tony Mokbel for the Gisborne cook. This included receiving \$34,000.00 cash. Tony had told me that Milad was going to pay me some cash. Unknown to me, Milad got his [REDACTED] [REDACTED] to give this cash to [REDACTED] who then gave it to me. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] had formed a relationship over the 9 months I was in prison.
8. I received the money from [REDACTED] on a Thursday afternoon approximately three weeks after I got bail. I remember it was a Thursday afternoon because I have had numerous arguments with Milad about giving the money to [REDACTED] since. I also remember I received it on a day before I had [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and I was happy because I had money to spend [REDACTED]. I was at [REDACTED]'s house when [REDACTED] gave me this money. The money was in a blue paper bag with a rope on it that looked liked a designer bag that looked like a cosmetic bag. This was wrapped in two plastic shopping bags. [REDACTED] told me that [REDACTED] had rang her during the day and

asked her to come around for coffee. [REDACTED] went to their home at [REDACTED] [REDACTED], Brunswick. Whilst there, [REDACTED] handed her this package and told her to give it to me. When [REDACTED] handed me the money she asked me what it was about and I told her it was money owed from previously, referring to previous cooks from Rye.

9. Over the following three months I had been having heated discussions with [REDACTED] about her property being used as surety for my bail. My surety was altered so that [REDACTED]'s house was no longer to be used for my surety, and we were arguing about this. This forced me to move from [REDACTED]'s house.
10. [REDACTED] I went back to [REDACTED] evicted the tenants, and moved back in. At this time my dealings with Tony were going no where. Monies had stopped coming in. [REDACTED] I had discussions with Tony. Once again Tony would use any excuse to convince me that he was not earning any money. Tony asked [REDACTED] and myself if we were able to produce MDMA (ecstasy). In his mind, this was the future, and much easier to convert than amphetamine into cash. [REDACTED] made some commitments much against my disapproval. I urged [REDACTED] to stick to what we knew.
11. [REDACTED] then went and sourced information regarding the manufacture of MDMA. He came up with a synthesis which he thought was viable, and got me to order the chemicals through Tony, on his behalf.
12. My meetings with Tony became annoying to me because the only thing we discussed was this new venture, and nothing was discussed about old dealings and the monies outstanding. He told me that he had purchased most of the chemicals that [REDACTED] had put on the list, but he had problems getting the palladium chloride. This had to be made from scratch as it is a class A detected chemical on the hot list for narcotic manufacture.

13. All meetings and correspondence with Tony was through me, not [REDACTED] [REDACTED] provided me with lists of chemicals needs. I would forward the lists to Tony.
14. [REDACTED] then found a synthesis on palladium chloride, which seemed to be doable. Because of [REDACTED] not having the experience in doing what needed to be done, I inherited the task of making the palladium chloride.
15. I decided to try a small amount of raw palladium to convert it to palladium chloride in the garage at [REDACTED]. Such a small amount would go undetected if anyone was to find out. I had this solution of [REDACTED] millilitres of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] mixed with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] gram of palladium filings in solution, being swirled around in a jar. The jar was velcroed to a disk which was rotating at very slow revolutions, using a cordless drill. This was to take [REDACTED] to achieve, however it seemed doable.
16. [REDACTED] of this experiment [REDACTED] arrived curious to what had been happening. I was in the process of welding up other apparatus, needed in making the MDMA when he took it upon himself to check out what was happening in the jar. Having stopped the drill from turning, he took the jar and examined what was happening. I instructed him to leave it alone. He put it back on the disk and proceeded to start the drill. I had the drill on a very low speed before he touched it, as low as it would go, which was about 10 revolutions per minute. The drill was then activated at full speed by [REDACTED], causing the solution to splash all over his [REDACTED] and parts of the shed. He suffered [REDACTED] to his [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. He passed out. I picked him up and threw him into the shower, and [REDACTED] with cold water.
17. This wasn't enough as I could see he was in great pain. I put him in [REDACTED]'s car and rushed him to the [REDACTED] in Melbourne centre. They accepted him as soon as they saw him and commenced trying to resolve the problem. [REDACTED] stayed in hospital for four days. He has suffered [REDACTED] damage [REDACTED].

18. [REDACTED] was furious with me. She had no idea what was happening [REDACTED] She was disappointed with me, as I promised her I would change my ways. I told her I was making a precursor that had nothing to do with the manufacture of drugs. I told her it was just something that somebody needed. She obviously thought I was manufacturing drugs. I fought with [REDACTED] about this. Not long after this, [REDACTED].
19. My next meeting with Tony Mokbel, shortly after [REDACTED] was to let him know that things had gone wrong. I met him at his mother's house. I was furious and we had an argument where I made him aware that had he fulfilled his commitment, this situation would have never occurred. By this I mean that had he paid me the money he owed me, I would not have had to try and make the MDMA. [REDACTED] showed no remorse toward [REDACTED] situation. He stated to me, 'That's life', and, 'Shit happens'. I said to him, 'Who's going to pay for his medical procedures? There's a great possibility [REDACTED]? My next question to Tony was, 'How much are [REDACTED] worth?' Tony then told me that he now felt bad and that he would have some money to give to me to pay for any attention that [REDACTED] might need and told me to tell him not to speak to the police.
20. The following weekend he had \$10,000.00 in cash which was to be passed on to [REDACTED] for medical expenses. This was an insult to me and to [REDACTED] Tony also used this as an excuse not to pay me any more monies he owed me, as he tried to convince me that all of the money owed to me was now invested in these chemicals, which we had no use for. He told me he had the chemicals in storage with a friend, and that there were substantial amounts.
21. He said he had a 44 gallon drum of nitric acid, a kilogram of palladium (white gold), 1000 litres of safrole, and 1000 litres of methylamine. Tony was saying that he now had no use for these chemicals, and it was mine and [REDACTED]s fault. But that was not true as he could have still used the methylamine for amphetamine

production. I felt this was a lie. Just another tactic to diffuse any responsibility to me. At this point I had decided to bar Tony from my efforts to ever perform for him again. This is pretty much the demise of my relationship with him until New Years Eve 2005 at a party at his house where we made our peace and he told me he would honour his debt.

22. [redacted] although we [redacted] we continued to see each other [redacted] We never [redacted] again but would on occasions [redacted]. This [redacted] relationship continued until my most recent arrest.

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Statement taken and [redacted] d by  
Me this 6 day of August 2006 at Melbourne.



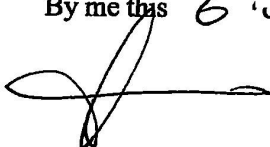
**Dale Flynn**  
**Detective Sergeant 26168**

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.

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Acknowledgement [redacted] e witnessed  
By me this 6 day of August 2006 at Melbourne.



**Dale Flynn**  
**Detective Sergeant 26168**