

Mr Cooper

**States:-**

1. My full name is <sup>Mr Cooper</sup> [REDACTED], 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 first met <sup>Mr Satum</sup> [REDACTED] at a friends' house by the name of [REDACTED] about a year ago. [REDACTED] lives in <sup>PII</sup> [REDACTED] and I have known [REDACTED] for just over a year. I met [REDACTED] through Milad Mokbel. I call [REDACTED] because of [REDACTED]. I don't know his surname but his phone number is listed under <sup>PII</sup> [REDACTED] in my normal '277' phone.
4. At the time I met <sup>Mr Satum</sup> [REDACTED] he seemed to be supplying [REDACTED] with some 'cutters' to weaken amphetamines which I had previously sold to him. By 'cutters' I mean a product which is used to mix with amphetamine to make it weaker and in a sense increase the total weight of the product. [REDACTED] and <sup>Mr Satum</sup> [REDACTED] would often discuss this matter in my presence. The product that <sup>Mr Satum</sup> [REDACTED] was supplying [REDACTED] with was 'MSM'. This is an abbreviation for Methylsodium Monate. Methylsodium Monate is an amino acid which is used by body builders to combat fatigue whilst training.
5. <sup>Mr Satum</sup> [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] which also [REDACTED]. This [REDACTED] was situated in [REDACTED]. To my knowledge this [REDACTED] has now closed down.
6. About six months after I met <sup>Mr Satum</sup> [REDACTED] for the first time at [REDACTED], I myself was looking for some 'MSM' and I would frequent most health shops and purchase it in small amounts. Around this time by coincidence I attended at [REDACTED]. I found out then that this was [REDACTED]. <sup>Mr Satum</sup> [REDACTED] Whilst purchasing a 2kg tub of 'MSM', <sup>Mr Satum</sup> [REDACTED] walked into the shop.

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We were both very surprised to see each other and he brought it to my attention that [REDACTED]. He asked me if I had seen [REDACTED] and I told him that I had in fact had a falling out with [REDACTED] and hadn't seen him for some time. The falling out was over monies which he owed me and still does in the sum of \$[REDACTED],000.00. He also told me that he too was owed money by [REDACTED] and his relationship with [REDACTED] had already diminished. I remember making a joke about it saying "I bet you any money he is not buying any cutters from you anymore and he still owes you for the last lot". <sup>Mr Satum</sup> [REDACTED] replied by saying "you are absolutely right, how do you know this?"

7. <sup>Mr Satum</sup> [REDACTED] asked me whether there was anything else other than MSM that I might need that he could supply me with in order for him to make some money. By this I mean any other chemicals which could be used in manufacturing amphetamine. I knew at this time that his conversations with [REDACTED] had given him the knowledge that I manufactured amphetamine.
  
8. I informed <sup>Mr Satum</sup> [REDACTED] that I would be interested in purchasing chemicals from him if the possibility presented itself. I wrote out a list of things that might be of interest to me that I thought he might be able to supply. I then wrote out another list of commonly needed chemicals but are the most difficult to get legitimately. I gave him both of these lists and he told me he would get back to me as soon as he had spoken to his sources. I left him with my mobile number and asked him to call me from a phone box to arrange our first meeting. I told him that at this meeting I would give him a mobile phone that he would use when he needed to call me. This was a mobile phone that was connected in fictitious details. I don't recall the phone number or the sim card details of this phone.
  
9. About a week later he called me and I met with him at [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] Avondale Heights. From there I took <sup>Mr Satum</sup> [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] Avondale Heights. At this meeting <sup>Mr Satum</sup> [REDACTED] told me that it would not be a problem for him to get me anything I needed from either of the lists. He made it

very clear to me that nothing could be obtained unless the money was up front. Not knowing him that well I was reluctant in handing my money over to him without seeing the chemicals first and I made this clear to him. We initially both had a problem trusting each other. At this meeting I gave <sup>Mr Satum</sup> a mobile telephone with a sim card that I had activated and instructed him to only use this mobile phone to contact me.

10. Although we kept in regular contact it wasn't until the beginning of March that I told <sup>Mr Satum</sup> he should try and get me some samples so I can inspect. I told him that if this went well I would be purchasing chemicals from him in larger quantities in the future. He did this and much to my surprise all the chemicals he stated he could get he brought to me in a sample form and they were all the genuine chemicals that I had asked for. I told him that I was very impressed and that I was now interested in making a larger purchase. I told him that to go back and tell his suppliers if they could fulfill the order of the quantities that I needed. He told me he did not know how much the prices were per item and how much stock that they would have in store. The meeting ended at this point and <sup>Mr Satum</sup> left.
11. I saw <sup>Mr Satum</sup> several times over the next few weeks and most meeting were at my house. <sup>Mr Satum</sup> would come unannounced and we would have coffee and he would keep me up to date with the progress of my order. It seemed that most of the chemicals I needed were not in stock and they would have to be ordered.
12. Around mid March I called <sup>Mr Satum</sup> and asked him to meet me at my place which he did. When he arrived we went for a walk and I discussed with him that it was now time to purchase the chemicals we had discussed previously. I had arranged another list which detailed what chemicals I required and the quantities. We also discussed during this meeting what I was willing to pay for the chemicals. The list stated that 60 litres of methylamine @ \$2,000 a litre, 20 kg of phenyl acetic acid @ \$3,000 per kilo, 30 litres of acetic anhydride @ \$1,000 a

litre and 10 kg of sodium acetate @ \$500 a kilo. We walked back to my house and I gave <sup>Mr Saturn</sup> \$50,000.00 as a starting figure for the chemicals. I told <sup>Mr Saturn</sup> that he would get the balance of the payment on delivery of the chemicals.

13. In the following five days I started to receive chemicals from <sup>Mr Saturn</sup> at different times. On the first occasion he came over to my house and handed to me seven 20 litre drums of acetic anhydride which I stored in my garage for a short time before taking it to [REDACTED] Preston. We argued over the amount of acetic anhydride he brought as it was way more than the amount I had asked for. He explained to me that it was all or nothing as the people who were supplying him with the chemicals could not order it in small amounts. This complicated things for me as I had to find the money to pay for the excessive amounts of chemicals I was being supplied. I took the full amount of that chemical and told him that I would find the money within a few days. On the next day he brought over 20 kilos of phenyl acetic acid and 25 kilos of sodium acetate. This totalled to an amount of \$210,000.00 that I owed <sup>Mr Saturn</sup> less the \$50,000.00 deposit that I had already given to him. That same night I met him at the [REDACTED] and gave him another \$50,000.00. Over the next three days I gave him another \$50,000.00 in three different installments. I remember having to borrow \$30,000.00 off [REDACTED] in order to keep <sup>Mr Saturn</sup> happy. The deal struck with [REDACTED] was that I would pay him \$40,000.00 on completion of manufacturing the next lot of amphetamine. [REDACTED] agreed to this and loaned me the money. The balance that I owed <sup>Mr Saturn</sup> was \$60,000.00.
14. All the chemicals that I obtained from <sup>Mr Saturn</sup> were delivered to my house and then taken to [REDACTED] Preston which at that time I had set up and was using to manufacture amphetamine. About a week later I converted 10 kilos of phenyl acetic acid into 7 litres of (P2P) ketone. I then stored this in a red 10 litre plastic jerry can with a black lid. A few days after completing this process I decided to move the lab from this location to another location in Strathmore

because of a suspicion I had that police were watching me. During this relocation the ketone was moved to the Strathmore location.

15. In the week after <sup>Mr Satum</sup> gave me the chemicals he was constantly calling me on the mobile telephone and attending at my house harassing me and asking me for the \$60,000.00 that I still owed him. This compiled with the pressures from the Mokbel's in turning there 26 litres of ketone into amphetamine and the \$40,000.00 that I owed [REDACTED] led me to set up the laboratory in Strathmore which I was later arrested at.
16. Since my arrest [REDACTED] has told me that <sup>Mr Satum</sup> has been harassing him over the \$60,000.00 that I owe <sup>Mr Satum</sup> I called [REDACTED] on Thursday 11 May and he told me that <sup>Mr Satum</sup> attended at <sup>PII</sup> [REDACTED] the day before. He said that <sup>Mr Satum</sup> told [REDACTED] he was aware that I was in custody but that he still wanted the money that I owed him. He told [REDACTED] that it was his responsibility to come up with the \$60,000.00 that I owed him. He told [REDACTED] that he could then get the money from me. He threatened to <sup>PII</sup> [REDACTED] <sup>PII</sup> [REDACTED] if this didn't happen and gave him until the following Tuesday to come up with the money. <sup>PII</sup> [REDACTED] appeared very nervous and informed me that he <sup>PII</sup> [REDACTED] <sup>PII</sup> [REDACTED]. I told him to discuss this with the police and he told me that he was reluctant to go to police because he feared the repercussions. He asked me if I could handle this matter for him and by this he meant for me to speak to the police about this matter which I did.
17. <sup>PII</sup> [REDACTED] <sup>PII</sup> [REDACTED] I called <sup>Mr Satum</sup> on his mobile telephone number <sup>PII</sup> [REDACTED]. The conversation between myself and <sup>Mr Satum</sup> was audio recorded. On my first attempt to call <sup>Mr Satum</sup> I left a recorded message on his answering service instructing him that my time in using the phone was limited and that I would call him back at a certain time the next day and would he please answer his phone.

18. The next day I again called <sup>Mr Satum</sup> and this time he answered his mobile phone. <sup>Mr Satum</sup> acted aloof and was very cautious in what he was saying and mentioned that the money I owed him was actually for a deposit for a house which I had purchased. I let him speak in riddles and he told me that he would not be bothering anyone anymore. I later found out through making a phone call to <sup>Mr Satum</sup> that <sup>PII</sup> had again visited <sup>PII</sup> and apologized for his behavior on the previous occasion and informed <sup>PII</sup> that he had spoken to myself and that I was taking care of the outstanding money I owed him.
19. The reason why I believe <sup>Mr Satum</sup> went to see <sup>PII</sup> for the money I owed him was because of a conversation I had with <sup>Mr Satum</sup> before my arrest where I explained to him that I had to loan \$30,000.00 from <sup>PII</sup> in order to give to him for the chemicals I had purchased. <sup>PII</sup> and <sup>Mr Satum</sup> had never met prior to this incident.
20. I am extremely upset and disappointed that <sup>Mr Satum</sup> has taken it upon himself to find out where <sup>PII</sup> and further that he attended at <sup>PII</sup> and threatened <sup>PII</sup> him over money that I owe him.
21. I only know <sup>Mr Satum</sup> by his first name and that he lives <sup>PII</sup> I know that he has just recently <sup>PII</sup> in <sup>PII</sup> and that he drives a small <sup>PII</sup> which is <sup>PII</sup> in colour. <sup>Mr Satum</sup> is of <sup>PII</sup> decent. He is about <sup>PII</sup> years of age, <sup>PII</sup> tall and of <sup>PII</sup> build. He has <sup>PII</sup> hair and on every occasion I met him he was very well groomed. I don't recall his mobile number but it is stored in the phone that police seized from me at the time of my arrest.
22. I have asked <sup>Mr Satum</sup> previously about who his supplier of the chemicals was but he only told me that his suppliers <sup>PII</sup> He never divulged the details of his supplier to me.

23. I would definitely recognise <sup>Mr Saturn</sup> if I saw him again.

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Statement taken \_\_\_\_\_ ssed 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 made and signature witnessed  
By me this 6 day of August 2006 at Melbourne.



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