

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. After I was arrested in relation to the Pascoe Vale lab, all of the glassware and chemicals were either destroyed in the fire or seized by police. I was bailed the next day. With my ever mounting pressures from Nick Radev to retrieve the money he considered I still owed him for loss of chemicals, I was desperate to make contact with a glassblower who dealt with scientific glassware, so that I could set up a new lab and start again.
4. I spoke to Milad Mokbel and he told me about a glassblower that Tony Mokbel used to use. He knew the address of the glassblower, but not his name. The address was [REDACTED] Preston. At this time Tony was in custody over the pseudoephedrine container importation. I got the address from Milad and went to the glassblower's factory alone. I introduced myself as a good friend of Tony Mokbel's, and asked him if he could help me in supplying me with various items of glass for the manufacturing process. I did not tell him what the glassware was for, but he did not ask.
5. The glassblower told me his name was Heiner, and I introduced myself to him as 'Paul'. I didn't want to tell him my real name. He was a little reluctant to deal with me as he was not sure if I was really a friend of Tony's. We made short conversation about various pieces of glassware and he soon realised that these were most of the items that someone had ordered before, that being Tony for me. In complimenting him on his craftsmanship I could see we were starting to break the ice.

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6. I then wrote out a list of things that I wished him to help me with. I then pulled out an amount of money which was a down-payment for the list I had written, and to assure him that I was serious and I would return for the merchandise. This was a wad of \$10,000.00. He looked very surprised as he told me had difficulties getting monies from people like us. We never spoke about what the glassware was going to be used for, but I do believe he really just didn't want to know.
7. Our relationship continued over a period of time, and only got stronger as I would buy more and more glassware with cash upfront every time. I would pay the full amount upfront every time I ordered glassware. I would say, 'Heiner- what's the ball park?' He would give me a figure and I would pay it no questions asked there and then. I never called Heiner on the telephone, I always visited him in person. I would always collect the finished glassware myself.
8. All the glassware seized at Rye came from Heiner. This glassware had cost me an estimate of \$50,000.00 to \$60,000.00. It was purchased by myself over a period of time, between June 2001 (Landslip) to March 2003 (Matchless).
9. I had paid Heiner about \$100,000.00 all up for all the glassware I bought through him. Always in cash.
10. The factory is located at the rear of [REDACTED] Preston. It has signage out the front, [REDACTED]. It's an old brick and tin factory. I would access the rear of the factory through a laneway which is shared by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. The back door is a huge roller door which is never opened, but there is a steel side door with a screen door which is always closed and is on the inside of the premises. When the rear steel door is open, the screen door is always locked. To access the screen door I used to have to knock hard on it. He would then come from the office or he would be on the factory floor

working with glass. If the steel door was closed it meant that he was not there, and don't bother knocking.

11. On entrance you can't help but notice the huge steel kiln, as well as a large table covered in various bits of glass. To the left-hand side of the factory is a mezzanine floor with a staircase which houses various boxes of glassware. The whole business is run by Heiner and his wife. I never spoke to or took any notice of his wife who was normally in the office and not on the factory floor. Occasionally she would come out but I did not speak to her. The state of the factory is a total mess. There are no other employees, as he does all the work himself. It's very cluttered, and I have noticed bits of glassware that have not been moved in years.
12. His turnover time with manufacturing glassware is very slow and continuous, averaging only one to two pieces a week, depending on the intricacy of the modifications that need to be made. Some things are 'off the shelf', such as lids and standard size smaller flasks. Larger items, condensers and vacuum apparatus take much longer. This is also due to his commitments to most other universities and private laboratories, which he contracts to.
13. My relationship with Heiner ceased as a result of Rye in 2003, and my association with him had not been re-activated until February 2006. He was a little surprised to see me again, and I asked him if it would be a problem if we were to continue our relationship. He told me that it was not possible for him to order large sized vessels as he now had to record everything due to his run-in with the police over my affairs from Rye in 2003. However, he did not mind repairing any of the glassware that I had brought to him, or to advise me where to go if he was not comfortable with the task. I also stressed to him that if he felt he needed to contact the police over these matters, I was not in the business of stressing out and I would appreciate him if he would just tell me to go elsewhere, and pretend this meeting just never took place. He assured me he could be trusted and it would

not be a problem, just that he did not want any pressure or time limits on things being fixed or produced. He also pointed out to me that if I was to form a fictitious company I could then be supplied with unlimited amounts of any sized glassware as long as I fulfilled the right criteria.

14. He suggested this would be the best the way as he would not be obliged to explain any unlawful transactions. He suggested a company with the word 'laboratories' attached, an ABN number, and a person with no prior criminal history as a director. He said that's all that would be needed for his records. He could even have the glassware couriered to this fictitious company. I did not give this much thought as I knew my plea was not far away, though I did tell him I would have this done.
15. He currently has \$3,300.00 cash for work that he commenced for me, given to him by me in early March 2006. I gave Heiner a large amount of broken glassware to be repaired. I am yet to receive that glassware. Only two items have been retrieved since seeing him again, one of those being a duo condenser, and the other a normal condenser.
16. Heiner never asked me if I wanted a receipt for the glassware I purchased from him, and I was never given one.
17. I picked up the normal condenser about a week or so prior to my arrest. The day before my most recent arrest I drove to Heiner's factory and picked up a duo condenser which he had repaired. I had cracked this with dry ice during a previous cook. Heiner had repaired it. I did not give Heiner any money at this time as I had already paid for it. I was driving a white Holden commodore that Steve had given me to use at the time. I took this condenser back to Strathmore and used it in the process for converting ketone to methylamphetamine oil. I took this duo condenser off the reaction vessel and left it between the new sink and the

extraction fans. It was turned upside down and had the hose attached to it when I last left it.

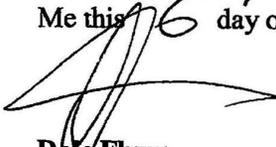
18. I was arrested shortly after this.

19. Heiner still has in his possession two 20 litre vessels, two 5 litre separation funnels, one 2 litre drop-in funnel, one 2 litre equalising funnel, two 5 litre vessels, one 10 litre vessel, and one duo condenser. All of this glassware was left there at my re-introduction to him which needed to be modified or repaired and has still not been retrieved by me.

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Me this 6 day of August 2006 at Melbourne.

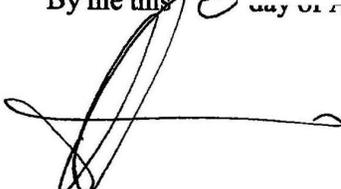

Dale Flynn
Detective Sergeant 26168

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 _____ are witnessed
By me this 6 day of August 2006 at Melbourne.


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