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STATEMENT

Name: ^{Mr Thomas}

1. My full name and address is known to the police. I am using the assumed identity of ^{Mr Thomas} have previously made a statement about these matters to Detective Inspector Gavin RYAN. I have read the previous statement and there are some things that I wish to add.
2. I make this statement in the knowledge that the information contained herein cannot be used against me in any criminal proceeding.
3. I have known Carl WILLIAMS for a long time, I first knew about him because we were both dealing drugs at the same time. I knew of him, but I met him personally after a while when [REDACTED] introduced us. Carl bought my [REDACTED] from me before I went to [REDACTED] we did a good deal and we formed a bit of a bond. When I came back from [REDACTED] I started working with Carl and I have detailed my involvement with Carl in other statements I have made in relation to drug trafficking.
4. After 2000-2001 we started working together making amphetamines. Carl told me that he had a copper sweet which I knew meant that he was getting information from a policeman. After a while when things began heating up, Carl began to refer to the copper as Paul. I never really knew who it was. I had to know that Carl had a copper working for him because if Carl got some information from the copper about a job that we were doing, then Carl had to pay him and some of that money came out of my cut. I later came to know that this copper was Paul DALE.
5. I know that he paid DALE about six or seven times and the amounts varied. I know of payments of fifteen thousand dollars on one occasion, and ten thousand dollars on another occasion. I was a bit worried about him trusting a copper enough to pay him, and once I asked him "what if he wears a wire?" but Carl told me that they would meet at a pool and would get into the water together and talk.

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6. Apart from meeting at the pool, Carl would also meet DALE at Hillside. Carl would have a lot of his meetings at Hillside and I would also meet Carl up there too. Other times he would ask me to go with him when he was meeting someone else there.
7. On a number of occasions that I am aware of, DALE provided information about drug jobs that Carl and I were involved in.
8. Carl and I were involved in manufacturing amphetamines with ^{Mr Cooper} in Rye. ^{Mr Cooper} was the cook and he was working for us, but then we found out later that he was also cooking at the same time for some of the MOKBEL's. Carl told me that he received information from DALE that ^{Mr Cooper} had been saying our names over the listening devices the police had put into the lab but he hadn't said enough to really get us into trouble. Carl said that DALE told him if we dropped off now, then we would be fine, but Carl said that we had to let the MOKBEL's go down on it. I wasn't very happy about this, but Carl made me swear to him that I wouldn't tell the MOKBEL's so that we could protect our source of information.
9. I had a meeting with ^{Mr Cooper} and told him that we couldn't get the P2P for the cook, but really it was an excuse for not continuing with the cook. Not even two weeks after this, the lab was raided and Milad MOKBEL was arrested.
10. I had a friend of mine, Jacques EI HAGE involved with us working on that drug manufacturing job in Rye. His house got searched when the whole job was wound up by the Drug Squad. Sometime after Jacques house was raided, information came back from DALE to Carl that Jacques had caffeine at his house when it was searched, but it wasn't seized. Carl was worried that Jacques was cutting the product before he was giving it to me. Carl said that DALE told him about the caffeine because he was looking out for Carl's interests.
11. I know that DALE was paid when he provided information about the Rye job but I am not aware exactly how much money he was paid.
12. Sometime after the Rye cook was busted by the Drug Squad I heard from Carl that Milad MOKBEL was whining and sopping in the interview room. DALE had told Carl that Milad was complaining

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about being pinched. I wanted to shit stir Milad about being a sook but Carl wouldn't let me because then Milad would know that we had a copper on the inside.

13. I was also told that when [REDACTED] and ^{Mr Cooper} [REDACTED] were arrested over the Rye cook they were taken to the St Kilda Road Police Station. Jacques was also taken there and Milad as well, so Horthy MOKBEL and I were walking up and down the street waiting for them to be released. Nicola GOBBO was there as well, she was coming in and out of the police station and she would come and talk to Horthy and me around the corner.
14. I was told by Nicola GOBBO that DALE rang her and said that [REDACTED] needed legal advice. She said that DALE must have realised that [REDACTED] was about to start talking about the Rye drug job and who was involved and wanted to give up everyone. Nicola said that DALE then rang her to get her to come and talk to [REDACTED]. Nicola said that on that day she convinced [REDACTED] not to roll. I think that DALE called Nicola to come in and speak to [REDACTED] to stop him from talking. Nicola knew that ^{Mr Cooper} [REDACTED] was working for Carl and I.
15. Once Carl told me that DALE was trying to find out the whereabouts of Jason MORAN for Carl, and that DALE even offered to do the hit on Jason for one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, but Carl wasn't interested. Carl was getting addresses where Jason MORAN was staying because Jason was moving around and was very hard to pinpoint. I believe that Carl got three or four addresses from DALE.
16. DALE also gave information to Carl after [REDACTED]. Carl said that we were sweet as long as we stayed off the phones, he said that the police had nothing on Carl and me. I have detailed my involvement in ^{PII} [REDACTED] in a previous statement to police.
17. Sometime in 2002 or 2003 Carl told me that he paid ten thousand dollars to DALE for a job for Ian LESSER. Ian, or Grandpa as he was known, got pinched for drugs and needed some evidence to go missing from his brief. Carl said that the evidence was removed from the brief by DALE and Carl paid him approximately ten thousand dollars for it.

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18. Carl also told me that he had heard Mark SMITH was going to try to retaliate and get Carl in return for the attempted hit on SMITH. Carl was worried about this so he asked DALE to find out where SMITH was living. DALE came back and said to Carl that there was an [REDACTED] in with SMITH and that SMITH had sold the [REDACTED] a pound of speed and was going to be pinched and would be locked up, so he wouldn't be able to get at Carl.
19. Carl told me that he got to know DALE through [REDACTED] DALE was mates with [REDACTED] and then when [REDACTED] and Carl was getting out, [REDACTED] told him to go and meet with DALE.
20. The only time I met DALE I worked out straight away it was Paul. In the afternoon I was walking up and down Victoria Avenue, Albert Park with Jacques and we were talking about our job in Rye and then Jacques said to me "You will never believe it, that is the copper that pinched me, Paul DALE, sitting right there." That is the first time I had heard Paul's surname. DALE was sitting outside at chairs and tables at a café in Victoria Avenue.
21. Jacques wanted to go over and ask him where his money was- he meant where the money that Jacques lost out of the Rye job was. The police seized about fifteen to seventeen hundred dollars at the time of the search of Jacques place and he eventually applied to have the money returned and he did receive his money back. When Jacques said this, I looked over and knew straight away which person Jacques was talking about, but he was sitting there with a woman and there were some kids nearby so I convinced Jacques not to approach him.
22. We kept walking past DALE and we bumped into Carl, Andrew VENAMIN, Frank D'AMICO and [REDACTED] I said to them, "Look at you, the four hottest blokes in Australia". Andrew, [REDACTED] and Frank sat down with Jacques and me and had coffee at Laurent. Carl went straight over and spoke with the guy that Jacques had pointed out as Paul DALE. This confirmed for me that Paul DALE was the Carl's source of information.

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23. After Carl came back, Carl and I went for a walk and I said to him, "That is Paul, Paul DALE" and asked if that was his source and Carl said that it was. I asked Carl if he was worried about being seen with DALE because Carl was so hot, but Carl said that DALE would go back to the office and write in his diary that he had bumped into Carl.
24. From what Carl told me, DALE was the only copper giving Carl information, and I believe that DALE was only providing information to [REDACTED] and then to Carl.
25. A mate of mine was getting his pills from Terry HODSON and was getting pills that I didn't think should be available. I had asked around and no-one knew anything about HODSON. I knew a lot about the ecstasy trade, I knew when batches were seized and I knew who was selling what and where they got them from. I couldn't find out from anyone where HODSON was sourcing his pills from, no-one could tell me anything about who he was or who was giving him his gear.
26. One time I heard that a whole entire batch of green Xbox or playstation stamped pills were pinched. Then a short time later my mate had the same green Xbox pills for sale, I immediately thought that it was strange because I knew that the whole lot of them had all been pinched. Then my mate told me that he was getting his pills from Terry in Kew. It made me believe that the police were giving the pills to Terry HODSON.
27. When the burglary happened at the drug house in Oakleigh and it came out that it was Terry HODSON and a copper, MICHEL, it all made sense to me and I believed that police would seize the drugs and some of them would end up with Terry HODSON to sell.
28. A while after the burglary at the drug house in Oakleigh, Adam AHMED got bail, he was the guy behind the drug safe house. Adam was sourcing MDMA pills that were really good quality and crushing them, cutting them and then re-pressing them at the house with his two girlfriends, MOKBEL would then arrange distribution of the pills for Adam.
29. After Adam got bail, I met up with him and a friend of mine, Jason the Lebbo, in Brighton for lunch and we were talking about the job. Adam

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was furious, spitting chips about getting ripped off by DALE and MIECHEL and he said that seven hundred and twenty thousand dollars as well as some pills went missing from the house the night that it was burgled.

30. I found out from Carl after the burglary at the drug house in Oakleigh that the copper that was pinched, MIECHEL, was the one that found the caffeine at Jacques house when it was raided after the Rye job.
31. After the burglary I met up with George WILLIAMS, he had a police document that he told me he got from DALE, somewhere in Broadmeadows. He showed me the documents and said that it was on HODSON, I wasn't that interested in it because the only name I really saw was CONDELLO. I was happy that George had read it and was fine with it and I wasn't mentioned in it so I didn't read anymore of it.
32. Not long after the HODSONS were murdered I was locked up [REDACTED] and so was Carl. I asked him about the murder and Carl said that DALE was behind it but we never really talked about it. The way that Carl said it left me with no doubt in my mind that DALE was responsible for the murder of the HODSONS.
33. I am familiar with Rodney COLLINS, I know that he is an associate of Carl's and that he would work only for Carl. Carl vouched for COLLINS and it was obvious that COLLINS would do anything that Carl said. COLLINS trusted Carl one hundred percent and when we doubted COLLINS, Carl would always defend him no matter what.
34. Carl and COLLINS were great mates but I never really saw them together much, but that was because Carl was under so much surveillance and COLLINS was paranoid about being seen with Carl. COLLINS had been asked to do a hit on Jason MORAN. COLLINS would send an associate to talk with Carl about it instead of going along himself in case he was seen by the police with Carl.
35. After Mark MORAN was killed there was a rumour going around that COLLINS was responsible for the hit. Carl said to me that he wanted to tell COLLINS this, I thought that this wasn't a good idea, but then Carl told me a lot about COLLINS and said he was a "gun for hire"

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and that COLLINS needed to know that people were saying that he was responsible for the Mark MORAN hit.

36. After Carl asked COLLINS to do the hit on Jason MORAN, Carl gave him some speed and some money to do the job. He then kept giving COLLINS more money but COLLINS never got around to doing the hit. I kept saying to Carl that COLLINS was just feeding him bullshit and that COLLINS wasn't going to do it. Carl would sometimes have two or three different crews working on a hit.

37. If Carl was going to organise a hit I would be worried about how red hot it was, by that I mean that there was surveillance or our phones were off and there was a real risk that we could be caught. If Carl wanted guns or a job done then I would be worried. Blokes were dropping like flies and Purana were all over us. Carl said not to worry, that he had the copper sweet and I knew that he meant that DALE would always let him know if he was red hot and he would also let Carl know if the target was red hot too. Carl trusted him one hundred percent. Whatever he said, Carl would believe it without a doubt.

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Statement taken and signature witnessed by me at 12.20 PM on 1 May 2009 at location known to police.



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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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