

After Mr Andrews was sentenced in March 2006 (to 23 years) a basha was scheduled for Williams and Mr Thomas. Colin Lovitt QC appeared for Mr Tho and following that hearing he made it clear to Mr Thor that he thought he would have real problems at trial, not because Mr Andrews was a witness of amazing credibility, nor because he could say that much about Mr Tho but due to the prejudice and risk of standing trial jointly with Carl Williams. Notwithstanding this, Mr Thom maintained that he would plead not guilty. He had been continually re-assured by Carl Williams that he would “do the right thing for Mr Tho” and look after him.

Not one cent of financial or other assistance came Mr Thomas way. Zarah Garde-Wilson (Carl’s solicitor) even spoke to Mr Thor and told him everything would be OK. Finally Mr Thom came to the conclusion that he had to think about himself.

Mr Thom was visited by Purana (Det Sgt Bateson) a few times (late 2005 and early 2006) and he spoke to them “off the record”. It is my understanding that Bateson will confirm this though he may not wish for it to come out in open court as the Williams camp will then be demanding details of what was discussed and when between Police and Mr Thor

Bateson has always been of the view (presumably based on his confidential discussions with Mr Thor) that Mr Thor would become a witness.

Backtracking to late 2004 and 2005, the Purana Taskforce utilised the powers of the Australian Crime Commission and [REDACTED]

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number relate to ongoing investigations and are the subject of a claim of public interest immunity.

In the week beginning 26 June 2006 [REDACTED] Mr Thom instructed Jim and I to negotiate a plea of guilty on his behalf. He was NOT at that stage a witness against Williams. The joint trial of [REDACTED] Mr Thom and Carl Williams was listed to commence the following week.

We met with Geoff Horgan, his junior and the Director on 27 June 2006 and agreed on the following:

- [REDACTED] Mr Thom would plead guilty to one count of murder (Jason Moran) on the basis of being an accessory before the fact
- [REDACTED] Mr Thomas role and involvement was limited to “counselling and procuring” the murder ie. He helped facilitate it and encouraged it but was not there at the time.
- The Crown would not allege circumstances of aggravation (ie. What [REDACTED] Mr Andrews says in his statement about [REDACTED] Mr Thom saying “shoot him in the head” and then congratulating him afterwards
- It was not [REDACTED] Mr Thomas idea and he was not in control. Carl was in control so even when [REDACTED] Mr Thom heard where it was going to happen and went to [REDACTED] Mr Andrews (on the day) to try to stop it (happening in front of kids) he could do nothing
- The Crown would say that a Goussis style sentence (approximately 14 years) would not be outside the range bearing in mind his plea of

guilty and limited role and that if he were to run a trial and be found guilty he'd probably get around 18-20 years to serve.

On 29 June 2006 **Mr Thorn** entered a plea to Jason Moran's murder upon his arraignment before Eames J. He was remanded to a date to be fixed for plea before King J who was overseas at the time. The arraignment was suppressed NOT because **Mr Thorn** was a witness but because Carl's trial was to start the following week on 3 July 2006.

Williams applied for an adjournment on July 3. This had nothing to do with **Mr Thorn** but related to his own issues with Counsel not having been briefed. His trial was adjourned.

Mr Thorn then proceeded to make statements to Purana.

He signed most of them on 15 July 2006.

I understand that Purana are very happy with his statements and accept him as a witness of truth who has been frank with investigators.

The plea for **Mr Thorn** was listed to proceed on 9 August but the Williams camp found out about the date and about me appearing for **Mr Thorn**. Carl Williams took it upon himself to write directly to Betty King complaining that I had a conflict (having appeared for him and his father George as Heliotis' junior in a drug trafficking committal two years ago). The Ethics committee cleared