

**Petra Taskforce****Steering Committee Update: 22 February 2010****Op. LORIS**

*Investigation relating to double murder of Terence and Christine HODSON.*

**Updates (as per Interpose) –**

Brief served on solicitors for both Collins and Dale within time frames.

Form 10A received from defendant – DALE. 25 witnesses requested, including Witness R and Witness F.

Form 10A received from defendant – COLLINS. 18 witnesses requested.

**Committal date - 9 March 2010. Booked in for 3 weeks; will most likely be closer to 4 weeks duration.**

Subpoena received at office on 24 August 2009 from solicitors representing Collins.

Special Mention heard on 28 August 2009; adjourned to further mention on 1 October 2009. Advice to court on that date as to what will be provided and what will be objected to.

Defence for Collins instructed to provide new more specific subpoena that will be argued on 1 October. About 10 percent of current subpoena content agreed to and will be provided prior to 1 October.

Adjourned for Special Mention on 18 January 2010. Significant agreement reached regarding what will be supplied and where solicitors on behalf of Collins have abandoned their request for production.

All requests from Collins subpoena now answered and served

Subpoena material currently being collated for service on defence.

Subpoena from DALE received 25 January 2010.

Attended mention at Melbourne Magistrates Court on 01 February 2010 re subpoena; both OPI and ACC represented – adjourned for further mention and argument on 22 February 2010.

Resolved that material in relation to F's proposed litigation will be declared to defence but actual production will be refused and argued at mention if required. Other material in relation to ongoing expenses will be handed over.

**Attended Melbourne Magistrates Court 22 February 2010; adjourned for further argument re subpoena material on 01 March 2010. Magistrate indicated that committal will commence on 09 March 2010 and that he will not accept any delay from either side.**

*Dale subpoena.*

**Dale Bail Application**

Application for bail refused by Justice Byrne in Supreme on 10 August 2009. Found that he was an unacceptable risk in relation to witnesses.

Application for leave to appeal heard by Court of Appeal on 11 September 2009. Granted appeal and proceeded to grant bail on following conditions;

- Two sureties in the sum of \$500,000
- Reside at home address.
- Surrender passport etc
- Report daily to Wangaratta between 6.00 a.m. and 9 p.m.
- No contact with witnesses or current serving police members.

OPP comment that there are no grounds for appealing decision

Discussions completed with Acting Superintendent Rotherham and Divisional Instruction promulgated.

**No issues known in relation to compliance with Divisional Instruction.**

PII

- Ongoing negotiations continuing with PII in relation to the provision of further statements. He has recently commented that he will consider it after committal.
- Ongoing contact by myself with Williams and father, George Williams.
- It is proposed that an application will be made to Corrections to have Williams taken from Barwon under Custodial Permit on 27 – 28 February 2010 for the purposes of pre committal preparation with OPP prosecution team. Williams is agreeable to this course. Application for PII has been prepared.
- Williams reacted reasonably favourably to ATO issue.
- Williams denied involvement in any media leaks (Herald Sun 05/01/10)
- George WILLIAMS has provided a signed statement and will be a required witness for the committal.
- Risk Assessment has been prepared in relation to George Williams & Roberta Williams; concerns held due to common knowledge of George's home address and phone number – request to be submitted to have Williams PII week leading up to committal and him giving evidence. Application for PII for consideration re George Williams' PII
- PII has raised an issue of PII to PII
- **Met together with A/C ESD with Corrections executive members in relation to application for permit to remove Williams from Barwon.**

- **Propose to;**
  - **Remove Williams from Barwon on 27 February 2010 to location in Blackwood area for purposes of debriefing with prosecution team. (Williams not committed to this course at this time).**
  - **Security to be provided by [REDACTED] (Approved).**
  - **Intend to convey George Williams to location for similar debriefing as he is also witness.**
  - **Intend to convey George Williams from this location to [REDACTED] until giving of evidence [REDACTED]**
  - **[REDACTED] assistance for George Williams' [REDACTED] not approved.**
  - **Intend to have Petra personnel accompany George Williams whilst he is [REDACTED] Believed that this is important but will impact on manpower levels at office.**
  - **George Williams will be returned to Victoria and taken to FSL where he will give evidence via video link on 01 April 2010. This may be earlier depending on F.**
  - **Intend to [REDACTED] Roberta Williams also; not known to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Is pending her level of cooperation.**

### Witness 'F'

- Op. QUEAZY commenced re threats to Witness F.
- Reply to letter of 14/09/09 received on 01 October 2009. Copy handed to Fin McRae.
- Rod Wilson and myself met with F and sister at city hotel on 09 October 2009. Proposal put in relation to seeking resolution; agreed that proposal will be drawn up within two separate documents (one for operational and one for financial matters) by sister representing F.
- Negotiations occurred in relation to F being supplied with draft agreement documents in possession of VGSO.
- Draft agreement documents supplied to me by Isabel Parsons on 16 October 2009. Documents supplied to sister to assist with preparation of their proposal offer and retrieved immediately on conclusion of process. Currently retained at Petra.
- I picked up completed proposal from sisters chambers on 27 October 2009 and delivered to Rod Wilson.
- F admitted to hospital overnight on 28 – 29 October 2009 re leg infection; is currently staying at [REDACTED] until next Monday 09 November 2009.
- Has been advised of department stance in relation to [REDACTED]
- Has [REDACTED]
- F is travelling to Bali on 24 November 2009 for one week.

- F currently at the [REDACTED] maintaining that leg infection still requiring doctors treatment.
- Has placed date of 20 November 2009 as final date for resolution of proposal offer.
- **Is still putting off the taking of the second statement.**
- Information obtained from SDU is that F is stating that she will be admitted to hospital on return from overseas. Has previously stated to us that she has 5 doctors' appointments in the 10 days following return.
- Witness F admitted to hospital re undiagnosed medical condition. Has undergone surgery and may require further. Will be an inpatient for indefinite period. Has requested no contact from Vicpol during this time.
- Meeting held with F and Petra members on 05/02/10; insisted that unable to give evidence due to impending hospitalisation and surgery. Further insisted that committal should be adjourned.
- Apparent discussions between F and OPP via letters.
- F informed that committal going ahead and that subpoena should be served. Advised by OPP that supportive medical evidence is required to be produced before being excused from giving evidence.
- Committal will go ahead with or without F – if F is not able to give evidence committal will be adjourned part heard.
- Subpoena served on F on 08/02/10 at solicitor's office. Has requested copy of Dale transcript and Dale subpoena which is refused – stated she will arrange special mention at MMC to obtain subpoena.
- F currently residing at home address.
- ESD Surveillance Unit today and tomorrow.
- **F still residing at home address.**
- **F still insisting that she will not give evidence in March as she is "too unwell."**
- **Reply MOU delivered to F's solicitors on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2010.**
- **Has made threats to Petra members that she will issue writ prior to the committal if it is still going ahead and if MOU is not sufficiently suitable to her.**
- **F has been informed that she is a required witness and this will be our line with her until she is called upon to attend. Is still refusing to supply medical evidence to support her condition.**

### Op. BERIME

*Investigation relating to double murder of Ramon and Dorothy ABBEY. Offender – Rodney COLLINS, charged with Murder (2 counts)*

COLLINS trial commenced 8 October 2009.

**COLLINS convicted – 2 counts murder.**

**Awaiting Sentencing – Plead hearing adjourned from 18 February as Collins has sacked counsel.**

**Op. HETMAN**

*Armed Robbery / Serious injury shooting on 14th May 1987 at Samco Meats 5 Lyon St, Coburg North. Suspects: Ray ABBEY (deceased) and Rodney COLLINS.*

**Trial Date – 3 May 2010 (3 weeks)**

**Op. MINCER**

*Investigation into the murder of Brian KANE in November 1982 at the Quarry Hotel, Lygon Street, Brunswick. Two unknown males, wearing balaclavas, observed committing the murder. Nominated Suspects – Russell COX and Rodney COLLINS.*

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**Operation KRISES**

*Investigation targeting – Darren HAFNER*

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**Op. PLYERS**

*Investigation into the unlawful disclosure of document to Mohammed OUIEDA*


**See Operation Dander**

**Op. QUEAZY**

**Threats received via phone by Witness F.**

On 26 May 2009, Witness F received 4 SMS text messages, between 1.58 pm and 6.03 pm, which contained threats to the life of the witness.

**Final investigation report to be submitted. Unable to identify person responsible for sending threat SMS's.**

  
Personnel issues

- **D/Sgt Julian Horan Belier TF has commenced at Petra Taskforce.**
- **S/D Shepherd Belier TF commenced at Petra on 15 February 2010.**
- **S/D Salter obtained Sgt's position as Sex Offences Registry.**
- **S/D Morse transferred to Region 1 Sergeant position on 01 February, 2010.**
- **S/D Arnell commenced 6 month secondment to DTS on 01 February 2010.**
- **S/D Nicholson commences 6 months LSL on 28 February 2010.**
- **S/D Densley commenced at Homicide on EOI on 15 February 2010.**
- **Two members (Kos & Hansen) remain on secondment from ESD.**

**Currently carrying two vacancies plus one seconded and one LSL.**





**The authorised strength of the Petra Taskforce is**

- 1 x Detective Inspector
- 1 x Detective Senior Sergeant
- 2 x Detective Sergeants
- 8 x Detective Senior Constables
- 1 x TIO

Currently carrying two vacancies with one secondment.

Establishment Profile		Schedule		
INSP	1	In position		Where possible, please insert a comment when using these colour codes
S/SGT	1	Assigned In		
SGT	2	Assigned Out		
S/CONS	8	Vacancy		
TOTAL	12	Long Term Absent		
		Upgraded		

Workgroup Manager	
SENSUPVR 147	Det Insp SMITH

Detective Senior Sergeant	
SENSUPVR 239	Det. S/Sgt. O'CONNELL 23964

Crime 401		Crime 402	
SUPERVSR 614	Det. Sgt. SOLOMON 21136	SUPINVST 44	Det. Sgt. HORAN 27520
DETECTVE 181	D/S/C C. ARNELL 32543 [SECONDED]	DETECTVE 197	Det. S/C CHADWICK 32155
DETECTVE 878	Det. S/C DAVEY 29012	DETECTVE 1081	Det. S/C SHEPPARD 31140
DETECTVE 211	VACANT	DETECTVE 148	Det. S/C SIMPSON 30229
DETECTVE 161	Det. S/C NICHOLSEN 32162	DETECTVE 228	VACANT

Crime 403	
	Det. Sgt. KOS 25592
	Det. S/C HANSEN 31663