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PROCEEDINGS IN CAMERA:
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                 (At this stage Ms E. Clark appeared for Mr Cooper.)
                 COMMISSIONER: Yes. Mr Woods.
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14:12:31
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                 <MR COOPER, recalled:
14:12:32 7
14:12:32 8
                 MR WOODS: Mr Cooper, can you hear me?---Yes, I can.
14:12:32 9
14:12:35 10
14:12:36 11
                 Thank you. Commissioner, just to put this in context for
                 the purpose of the transcript and the others in the room
14:12:40 12
14:12:42 13
                 and, indeed, Mr Cooper, you'll recall that Mr Cooper gave
14:12:45 14
                 evidence on 31 October. There was an issue that was raised
14:12:54 15
                 with him in his evidence shortly after lunch that day in
                 relation to a conversation in 2012, that he said had
14:12:58 16
                 occurred after his release from custody that year.
14:13:04 17
14:13:06 18
                 learned friend Mr Nathwani sought and was granted leave to
                 examine that issue and Mr Cooper is on the phone for that
14:13:11 19
14:13:15 20
                 purpose today. He has a bundle of documents in front of
                 him that Mr Nathwani might take him to and for those in the
14:13:17 21
14:13:21 22
                 room, there's an electronic version that can be brought up
14:13:23 23
                 on the screens.
14:13:24 24
14:13:24 25
                                Thank you. Yes, Mr Nathwani.
                 COMMISSIONER:
14:13:26 26
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                 <FURTHER CROSS-EXAMINED BY MR NATHWANI:</pre>
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14:13:27 29
                 I also understand, Commissioner, you have got a hard copy
14:13:31 30
                 of some text messages.
14:13:33 31
                 COMMISSIONER: Yes.
14:13:33 32
14:13:34 33
14:13:34 34
                 MR NATHWANI: I'm grateful.
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14:13:35 36
                 Mr Cooper, you'll recall on 31 October I asked you some
                 questions about an allegation you made that in 2012, the
14:13:38 37
                 last time you saw Nicola Gobbo, that you were introduced -
14:13:43 38
                 or you'd met up with her and Paul Iliovski. Does that jog
14:13:47 39
                 a memory?---Yes.
14:13:52 40
14:13:53 41
                                Mr Cooper, it's Commissioner McMurdo
14:13:53 42
                 COMMISSIONER:
                           I'm just wanting to remind you you are on your
14:13:57 43
                 former oath, understood?---Understood, yes.
14:14:01 44
14:14:04 45
                 MR NATHWANI: Do you remember giving that evidence, that
14:14:04 46
                 the last time you saw Nicola Gobbo was in 2012, after an
14:14:06 47
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incident with Mr Iliovski and Ms Gobbo where -
14:14:11 1
14:14:16 2
                 paraphrasing, it's my words - simply you were saying that
                 she was asking you to cook again?---Yes.
                                                            That was after -
14:14:19 3
                 having a look at the text messages, that would have been -
14:14:26 4
14:14:29 5
                 what I thought was 2012 would have been early 2013.
14:14:33 6
14:14:34 7
                 Right.
                         Okay. Let's re-analyse that because I anticipated
14:14:37 8
                 you'd say that. Just to put this into context, you were
                 provided the text messages on 6 December of last
14:14:40 9
                 year?---Yes.
14:14:43 10
14:14:44 11
                 And the text message you've been provided - there's 49 -
14:14:44 12
14:14:47 13
                 they go from 8 November 2012 through to 19 March 2013,
14:14:54 14
                 agree? --- Yes.
14:14:55 15
                 And as I understand it, because you would have been made
14:14:56 16
14:14:59 17
                 aware of the point that what, in effect, we are saying on
                 behalf of Ms Gobbo is your evidence previously was not
14:15:05 18
14:15:08 19
                 true, in other words dishonest, a lie, because the text
14:15:11 20
                 messages in fact show that the relationship between you and
14:15:13 21
                 Ms Gobbo was anything other than with animosity, do you
14:15:18 22
                 agree with that?---No, no, I don't agree with that, no.
14:15:25 23
                 did get the dates mistaken because it was such a long time
                 ago, but - so 2012, early 2013, was around the time that
14:15:28 24
14:15:36 25
                 this happened, yes.
14:15:36 26
14:15:37 27
                 Let's analyse that quickly then. I'm going to just run
                 through bits of your evidence - I've got the transcript of
14:15:40 28
                 it - previously about dates. Have you read your evidence
14:15:43 29
14:15:45 30
                 from the previous occasion?---No, I have not, no.
14:15:48 31
                 I will try and remind you of some of the matters and then
14:15:49 32
14:15:52 33
                 I'll ask you briefly. So just to be clear, you were
14:15:55 34
                 released from your prison sentence in or around
                 2012, do you agree with that?---Yes.
14:15:59 35
14:16:01 36
14:16:01 37
                 Do you remember the exact date?---No, I don't, no.
14:16:08 38
                 You've seen the text messages - we'll go to it later, in
14:16:09 39
14:16:13 40
                 brief form - but you certainly were looking forward to your
                 release because you spent quite a considerable amount of
14:16:16 41
                               in prison because of the fact you were
14:16:19 42
                 time
14:16:23 43
                                           , right?---(Indistinct).
14:16:27 44
14:16:27 45
                 Upon your release, do you agree, just as broad
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propositions, you were texting Nicola Gobbo?---Yes.

14:16:31 **46** 14:16:34 **47**

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You were Face timing her?---Yes.
14:16:35 1
14:16:39 2
                 And you were calling her?---Yes.
14:16:39 3
14:16:41 4
14:16:43 5
                 Do you agree that at the time of your release, you had a
14:16:46 6
                 debt?---A debt?
14:16:48 7
                 Yep. You owed people money?---Well, not really, because
14:16:49 8
                 for the simple reason - no. I'd given evidence against
14:16:59 9
                 anybody and anyone I had debts to. No, I would have -
14:17:06 10
14:17:09 11
                 probably mentioned it to Nicola that I had debt, in order
                 to try and get my money, yes.
14:17:14 12
14:17:15 13
14:17:16 14
                 Let's just look at that, because your evidence previously
14:17:19 15
                 was that you owed some money when you were released - or
                 you were certainly desperate for money the moment you were
14:17:23 16
                                       2012. Does that accord with your
                 released in
14:17:27 17
14:17:30 18
                 memory?---Well, I had no money, so I was after my money.
14:17:36 19
                 was after my money that Nicola had.
14:17:39 20
14:17:39 21
                 Absolutely. You would have been absolutely desperate to
14:17:41 22
                 get that money from Nicola Gobbo as soon as you could, do
14:17:44 23
                 you agree with that? --- Yes, yes.
14:17:46 24
                 And as a result, the evidence you gave last time was that
14:17:47 25
14:17:53 26
                                    you were released, you wanted to speak
14:17:56 27
                 to Nicola Gobbo to get your money?---Yes.
14:17:58 28
                 And the date you put on that was no later than 2012?---Yes.
14:17:58 29
14:18:04 30
                 And now what you're saying is, in fact, you obviously could
14:18:04 31
                 have waited for the money until
14:18:09 32
                 your release?---I could have waited for the money?
14:18:15 33
14:18:17 34
                 Is that what you're saying?---I'm telling you that I was
14:18:18 35
                 trying to get the money
                                                              and all I was
14:18:20 36
                 getting from her was - she was just trying to defer it, to
14:18:23 37
14:18:27 38
                 not - wanting to get it, have a meeting and then cancelling
14:18:31 39
                 out on the meeting and then cancelling again on the
14:18:34 40
                 meeting, and telling me that a priory, and we could never
                 really find a situation where we could both - you know, I
14:18:38 41
                 could get to see her face-to-face to be able to explain to
14:18:40 42
14:18:43 43
                 her or talk to her without the police listening to her
                 phone or without - you know, any text that I would send her
14:18:49 44
14:18:55 45
                 that would be, you know - that would compromise her or
                 myself and I just wanted to speak to her face-to-face and
14:19:00 46
                 she kept trying to brush me off.
14:19:05 47
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14:19:06 1
14:19:07 2
                 Can I just now take you to bits of your evidence.
14:19:10 3
                 really analyse whether you really did actually see her or
                 think you saw her in 2012 or whether what you say now is
14:19:13 4
                 that you simply got the dates wrong. So let's go to p.8739
14:19:15 5
                 of the transcript - this is your evidence at 2.47 pm - you
14:19:20 6
                 were asked questions by Mr Woods and he said - - -?---Yes.
14:19:24 7
14:19:27 8
                 And he's talking about the incident with Mr Iliovski and
14:19:27 9
                 you say - his question is, "I see. On your release from
14:19:30 10
14:19:33 11
                 custody in 2012, you were met by Nicola Gobbo
                           , is that right?" "Correct." "You also met her
14:19:36 12
                 business partner from the car wash, is that correct?"
14:19:42 13
14:19:44 14
                 said, "Yes" and you said a bit more.
                                                         "So that was about
14:19:46 15
                 three times after your release?" Answer:
                                                              "Yes."
                 this the first, second or third, or you don't recall?"
14:19:49 16
                 Your response, "The last time I met her was with her
14:19:53 17
                 partner from the car wash." "And his name is Paul?"
14:19:57 18
                 "Correct." You then detail more about it. A bit further
14:20:00 19
14:20:00 20
                 down on the same page, you go on, "All right.
14:20:05 21
                 stage in 2012 was this, doing the best you can to
14:20:09 22
                 remember?" "I'd say it was late 2012, close to Christmas".
14:20:14 23
                 Okay? You then even detail that it happened at a shopping
14:20:18 24
                 centre, what car he's driving - - -?---Yes, that's what
14:20:21 25
                 happened.
14:20:21 26
14:20:21 27
                                       Going on - you then go on at p.8741,
                 - - - a restaurant.
                 because we come back to the date of when you met Ms Gobbo.
14:20:29 28
                 You say - so let's read 8741. Mr Woods said, "Just pausing
14:20:33 29
14:20:40 30
                 there, if the answer to the question is any time after,
14:20:41 31
                 say, December 2018" - this is Mr Woods asking you about the
                 last time you had contact with her - "you don't need to
14:20:44 32
                 answer it. Was that your last contact before or after
14:20:47 33
14:20:50 34
                 December 2018?" You say, "2012". "So 2012 was - the text
                 message you're talking about was in 2012, after the
14:20:57 35
                 meeting, was it?", that was the question you're asked, and
14:21:00 36
                 you respond, "After that meeting, and I never saw her
14:21:00 37
                 again." Reply, "And you have - and you've had no contact with her from 2012 until now?" You say, "Exactly, yes."
14:21:04 38
14:21:09 39
                 Mr Woods asked, "What did the message say?" "It said,
14:21:13 40
                 'Where are you?'" "All right. You didn't respond to that
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                                 "No." And then the Commissioner asked you
14:21:17 42
                 text message?"
14:21:20 43
                 some questions about why perhaps you wanted to see
                 Ms Gobbo, what the discussion was about, and the
14:21:23 44
                 Commissioner says, "Just before you leave that topic, can I
14:21:26 45
                 ask you, you said that when Nicola introduced you to Paul
14:21:28 46
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again, after you were released from prison, she said that

14:21:33 47

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you owed him a lot of money. What was that about?"
14:21:36 1
14:21:37 2
                 your response - this is why I asked you if you owed money
14:21:41 3
                 earlier - was this, "No, I didn't owe him a lot of money, I
                 owed money in general." The Commissioner asked, "I see.
14:21:45 4
                               You say, "Yes, other debts, just - you know,
14:21:49 5
                 Other debts?"
                 not owed money, I needed money, in other words to get
14:21:51 6
                 back - I had nothing." Okay? So you're saying that on
14:21:54 7
14:21:58 8
                 your release, that's what you're saying, on your release,
                 you had no money, you had nothing, your own words on oath,
14:22:03 9
                 having described this meeting happening before Christmas
14:22:08 10
14:22:11 11
                 2012? --- Yes.
14:22:12 12
                 Why is it that you now change your evidence to say it was
14:22:13 13
14:22:17 14
                 in March 2013?---Because I didn't - it was so long ago and
14:22:24 15
                 I've got - I've got the times wrong.
                                                        Basically, 2012 and
                 2013 are so close together, it was around that time.
14:22:30 16
                 now, looking at the text messages and seeing the dates, it
14:22:36 17
                 all makes sense now, but at the time, not seeing anything,
14:22:42 18
14:22:46 19
                 just using my memory, it was all around 2012.
14:22:51 20
14:22:51 21
                 Page 8760. You say, "I've only found this out now" - I'm
                 asking you questions and that's where you're saying that
14:22:59 22
14:23:03 23
                 Nicola Gobbo is an informer against you - then you said,
                 "I've not seen Gobbo since 2012." There's no "I'm not
14:23:05 24
                 sure" - - -?---20 - - -
14:23:09 25
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                 Yes, since 2012. There's no, "I'm not sure, it might have
14:23:13 27
                 been then." You are squarely saying 2012, a meeting with
14:23:15 28
                 Iliovski around Christmas. You were desperate for money at
14:23:19 29
14:23:23 30
                 the time. Are you really saying - - - ?---They were
                 stressed times and it seemed like it was around that time,
14:23:28 31
                 but looking at the notes now. I'm telling you now it was
14:23:31 32
                 obviously 2013, that's when it happened, after Christmas.
14:23:34 33
14:23:37 34
                 It was a stressful time at that point and it was a long
14:23:42 35
                 time ago, we're talking seven years, yes? And explain to
                 me why she has not had any contact with me since that time?
14:23:46 36
                 Why hasn't she spoken to me from 2013 until 2019?
14:23:51 37
       38
14:23:56 39
                 Can we go through some of the messages?---I still had the
                 same number. I still had the same number.
14:23:58 40
14:24:00 41
                 Mr Cooper, can we go through some of the messages, just to
14:24:01 42
14:24:04 43
                 see and consider whether what you're saying, whether she
                 really owed you money. is true or not, because if you were
14:24:08 44
14:24:12 45
                 desperate, waiting
                                               is a long time, don't you
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round-about way during the phone conversation, but nothing

agree, to ask her for money?---No. I asked her in a

14:24:14 46

14:24:17 47

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in text. I wouldn't be stupid enough to text her, "Where's
14:24:20 1
                my money?", and I'm not going to be condescending towards
14:24:24 2
14:24:29 3
                her, I'm not going to be arrogant toward a person who was
                the only person that I know who was supposed to be my
14:24:33 4
14:24:36 5
                friend and owes me money. I remember -
14:24:38 6
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                Mr Cooper, I can't hear some of what you're saying because
                you're quite hurried and excited. If you can calm down and
14:24:43 8
                take your time?---I remember the dinner at the Emerald
14:24:43 9
14:24:48 10
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Hotel, we were there together, which I thought at the time was 2012, but obviously it's 2013, and she was heavily medicated and when I spoke about the money, she dismissed it and told me she had no recollection, that she didn't want to speak of that, and I was just trying then to sort of, in my own mind, how am I going to get her to remember, how will I keep her on side, how will I be charming enough to be able to get what's mine?

Can I just have a look at what you say in your evidence about meeting her and then what happens after she tells you - says she can't recall the money, we'll just quickly skip through that and then look at the texts and compare and contrast, okay? So 8793. You say, obviously, that you met Nicola Gobbo - we've been there - shortly after your release, okay? You then say at 8730 - - -?---Where are we looking, sorry?

I'm just reading out your evidence because you talk about when you see her quite a lot and how you stop speaking to her after she tells you she can't remember the money. 8730, line 29. You're talking about the money. said, "I basically just thought that there would be an ample sum upon my release, but she told me there was nothing, which pretty much ended our relationship", okay? That's what you said?---No, the meeting with Paul and herself was pretty much the end of our relationship.

Let's just go through all you say and you can comment, because it might be a bit inconsistent and I don't want to unfairly criticise you because you understand I will be criticising you, so I want to give you a chance. Just whilst we're on this page, there's a discussion about \$5,000 for Mr Bickley , okay?---Yes.

Just to clarify something, because it is a bit unclear, bits of your evidence.

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14:24:58 12 14:25:03 13

14:25:06 14

14:25:10 15

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14:25:24 20 14:25:26 21

14:25:29 22

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14:25:37 25 14:25:56 26

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14:26:07 31 14:26:12 32

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COMMISSIONER:
                                Does the witness have the transcript in
14:26:50 1
14:26:52 2
                 front of him?
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14:26:53
                 MR NATHWANI: No?---No.
14:26:54 4
                That's why I've had to read the questions and answers.
14:26:54
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                              , you obviously gave him $5,000. Did you do
14:26:58 7
                 tnat perore or after you were arrested by the police in
14:27:01 8
14:27:05 9
                 April?---Before.
14:27:06 10
14:27:06 11
                 Before. So that - - -?---Yes.
14:27:08 12
                 So it follows. So prior to you
14:27:09 13
14:27:14 14
                           , which was May 2006, you had obviously met with
                 him?---Yes.
14:27:18 15
14:27:18 16
14:27:19 17
                 He'd also attended your
                                                   party?---I believe so,
14:27:23 18
                 yes.
14:27:24 19
                 And you'd obviously, for him to have attended your
14:27:24 20
14:27:29 21
                 party earlier in the year, he's someone you must have
14:27:35 22
                 known, do you agree with that?---Yes.
14:27:36 23
14:27:36 24
                 And he was someone you had known for a period.
                 introduced to him via Mokbel?---No, by Nicola.
14:27:37 25
14:27:40 26
                                              , you say, through Nicola Gobbo
14:27:41 27
                 Right.
                         So you met
                 but it was prior to your
                                                    party?---Yes, it was,
14:27:44 28
14:27:49 29
                 yes.
14:27:49 30
                         Mr Bickley
                 Because
                                    gave evidence in effect that he hadn't
14:27:50 31
                 ever met you until you
                                           against him and that's
14:27:54 32
                 obviously not true, is it?---No, no.
14:27:59 33
14:28:01 34
                 Okay, thank you?---Look, I'm not really sure if he was at
14:28:01 35
                     party or not, I really can't say.
14:28:06 36
14:28:10 37
                 There's a transcript of you speaking to him, when
14:28:10 38
                          , and you both talked about how that's the first
14:28:13 39
14:28:20 40
                 time he met - that's at your party - Horty and I think
                 Milad Mokbel, so that probably indicates he was
14:28:21 41
                 there?---Okay. I'm not sure.
14:28:21 42
14:28:22 43
                 Page 8750, again you're asked about, by Mr Woods, "Can you
14:28:23 44
                 help us with when you fell out" - this is at line 36 -
14:28:30 45
                 "with her over the issue of money?
                                                      When I fell out with
14:28:33 46
                 her over the issue of money it was when I got out of
14:28:37 47
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I thought everything was fine yo until then."
14:28:40 1
14:28:43 2
                 Okay, so what you're saying is when you get out, you fall
                 out, you don't really put a time on it?---No.
14:28:47 3
14:28:50 4
                 But as you've said, we know that you were, as you've said
14:28:50 5
14:28:53 6
                 in answer to the Commissioner's questions last time, that
                 you were short of cash and you wanted some money.
14:28:57 7
                 let's go to some of these messages. I'm not going to take
14:29:01 9
                 you through them all. You agree they generally reveal a
                 close relationship between the two of you?---Yes.
14:29:05 10
14:29:07 11
                 Different to the impression you gave that in 2012 you and
14:29:08 12
14:29:11 13
                 her were basically on non-speaking terms because she owed
14:29:15 14
                 you some cash?---No, I never said that. I was charming
14:29:19 15
                 towards her, I wanted to take her out to dinner. I wanted
                 to get to the bottom of this, I wanted to be the friends
14:29:21 16
                 that we were friends prior to me going to gaol. She was
14:29:25 17
                 still my best or one of my best friends.
14:29:30 18
14:29:32 19
        20
                 Hold on - - - ?---I never said that.
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14:29:32 22
                 So the answer I just read out, that doesn't mean that.
        23
                 let's read it again. Just you explain to me how that makes
14:29:37 24
                 sense. Question: "Can you help us with when you fell out
                 with her over the issue of money?" Right. Response - this
14:29:41 25
14:29:44 26
                 is you - "When I fell out with her over the issue of money
14:29:48 27
                 was when I got out of prison. I thought everything was
                 fine up until then and I've already taken you" - just
14:29:50 28
                 pausing there, I've also taken you to when you say you stop
14:29:54 29
14:29:57 30
                 speaking to her around Christmas 2012, after meeting
14:30:03 31
                 Iliovski, okay---No, I'm obviously wrong.
14:30:05 32
14:30:06 33
                 Yep, you are?---It wasn't Christmas, it was March.
14:30:08 34
                 seemed about that time. Like I said, I'm trying to
                 remember things that happened seven years ago, yes, so, you
14:30:11 35
                 know, Christmas, March,
14:30:17 36
                                                      to me it seems all
14:30:23 37
                 about, around about the same time, so I was just
14:30:27 38
                 generalising.
14:30:28 39
14:30:28 40
                 Sure, okay. You keep pointing out when you're generalising
                 because I'm going to take you through a few of these
14:30:32 41
                           You've got a bundle of text messages in front of
14:30:35 42
14:30:37 43
                      I assume you've gone through them several
                 times?---I've looked at them today, yes.
14:30:40 44
14:30:42 45
                 Looked at it before today as well?---No. To be quite
14:30:42 46
                 honest, this is the first time I've looked at them
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properly.
14:30:48 1
14:30:48 2
                 Really? No, no, hold on, hold on. Forget looking
14:30:49 3
                 at it properly. Is your evidence really you have not seen
14:30:51 4
                 these messages before today?---I've seen the messages
14:30:55 5
14:30:59 6
                 before today - - -
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14:31:01 8
                 Of course you have?--- - - for one time. I just perused
                 through them and since I've been recalled and told that I'm
14:31:04 9
                 going to give evidence again, which I was hoping not to,
14:31:08 10
14:31:12 11
                 but because of that I've gone through them properly, yes.
                 I've gone through them properly, yes.
14:31:14 12
14:31:16 13
14:31:16 14
                 So let's go through the messages. Let's just turn to p.6.
14:31:20 15
                 I'm not going to refer to how you keep call each other
                 "precious", sending messages to each other about - - -
14:31:23 16
                 ?---Page 6?
14:31:25 17
14:31:26 18
14:31:27 19
                 If you look in the bottom right-hand corner there's page
                 numbers?---Bottom right-hand corner? I don't have any on
14:31:31 20
                 the bottom right-hand corner, I don't have any numbers.
14:31:36 21
14:31:39 22
14:31:39 23
                        There's a date, do you see the date's in the top
                 Okay.
14:31:42 24
                 right? So each message is - - -?---Yes.
14:31:44 25
14:31:44 26
                 Do you have any page numbers in the top - there's a
                 reference, it says MIN.7000.0036?---Yep. Yes, I have.
14:31:48 27
        28
                 Okay, you've got that. Hopefully they're in sequence.
14:31:54 29
14:31:57 30
                 you go to the one that's 0755, the last few numbers?---07.
14:32:08 31
                      I'm going in date order. The bundle we've got is in
14:32:09 32
                 chronological order?---Just bear with me. I've got 03.
14:32:13 33
14:32:31 34
                 Can you refer to the date?
14:32:32 35
                 Yes, of course. 10 November 2012. It's from you to
14:32:32 36
                 her?---10 November.
14:32:39 37
14:32:39 38
                 It's got a time stamp of 6.47?---Tenth of the 11th, yes.
14:32:40 39
14:32:51 40
                 Can you read the text.
14:32:52 41
                       "Hey precious. Since you can't make it up here I'll
14:32:52 42
                 Yes.
                 head down to Melbourne to see a friend in Brighton after
14:32:55 43
                        I could text and meet you around the corner" - I
        44
14:33:01 45
                 think you were trying to say for a coffee - "early
                 afternoon if it suits", do you see that?---Yes.
14:33:02 46
14:33:06 47
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| 14:33:08 | 1 | So there obviously you're trying to arrange to meet up. |
|----------|----|---|
| 14:33:13 | 2 | I'm going to try and flick through these because - I could |
| 14:33:14 | 3 | take you through them all, but I don't think anyone will be |
| 14:33:18 | 4 | happy for me to do that. Okay. She's then slow to reply, |
| 14:33:23 | 5 | as we see from the next message?Yes. |
| 14:33:25 | 6 | |
| 14:33:25 | 7 | All right. You say on our p.6, you say, "No probs precious |
| 14:33:30 | 8 | leave it out for this week." So what you're saying is, |
| 14:33:32 | 9 | "You don't have to meet up with me this week"?Yes. |
| 14:33:35 | 10 | |
| 14:33:35 | 11 | Do you agree, an odd thing for you to be doing if you're |
| 14:33:40 | 12 | desperate to meet her to get this cash off her that she |
| 14:33:42 | 13 | owes you, this 250 grand or whatever it is?Yes. |
| 14:33:45 | 14 | |
| 14:33:45 | 15 | So you're still not pushing for it despite her wanting to |
| 14:33:49 | 16 | put it off. There's then a discussion about going to a |
| 14:33:52 | 17 | party?Yes. |
| | 18 | |
| 14:33:52 | 19 | She talks about wearing a dress that you can't wear |
| 14:33:56 | 20 | underwear with. So that's flirty, do you agree with |
| 14:34:00 | 21 | that?Yes. |
| 14:34:01 | | |
| 14:34:02 | 23 | Your response, "There's a vision"?Yes. |
| 14:34:04 | 24 | |
| | 25 | So you're flirting back?I am, yeah. |
| | 26 | |
| 14:34:05 | 27 | Anything but animosity and hostility or even about |
| 14:34:09 | 28 | money?No, no. |
| | 29 | |
| 14:34:10 | 30 | Right?Yep, yep. Yes. |
| 14:34:11 | 31 | |
| 14:34:12 | 32 | You then wish her a happy birthday, p.15?Yes. |
| 14:34:16 | 33 | |
| 14:34:17 | 34 | Then p.16. Now this is - because you said, you know, you |
| 14:34:19 | 35 | were referring to the money overtly, or subtly over the |
| 14:34:23 | 36 | phone to her. Page 16, she sends you a message saying, |
| 14:34:27 | 37 | "Thanks for the happy birthday wishes", because you've |
| 14:34:30 | 38 | wished her a happy birthday, "will talk over the weekend". |
| 14:34:32 | 39 | All right?Yes. |
| 14:34:33 | 40 | |
| 14:34:33 | 41 | That's 16 November. So you're obviously talking to her at |
| 14:34:37 | 42 | this stage, do you agree with that?Absolutely, yes. |
| 14:34:39 | 43 | |
| 14:34:39 | 44 | And subtly sending her those messages about the money she |
| 14:34:44 | 45 | owes you, you say?Yes. |
| 14:34:45 | 46 | |
| 14:34:46 | 47 | Right. What we then see, if we follow through these |

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messages, so the next one's 16 November. She says,
14:34:48 1
14:34:51 2
                 you for the flowers" you sent her for her birthday.
                 then there's a break, all right, there's a break for a
14:34:54 3
                 little bit of contact. It looks like you're really trying
14:34:57 4
                 to contact her, and you say this - this is on 18 December
14:35:00 5
                 "Finally some contact. I thought I was black listed there
14:35:03 6
                 for a moment." All right?---Yes.
14:35:09 7
14:35:09 9
                 So it looks like she's not replying to you?---Yes, because
                 we had a phone conversation and I think I might have scared
14:35:14 10
14:35:18 11
                 her a little bit.
14:35:18 12
                 "This is my new number, we can now FaceTime", so you
14:35:19 13
                 confirm you are face timing.
14:35:23 14
14:35:28 15
                        Alright, you're talking about working?---Yes.
14:35:29 17
                                     ?---Yes.
                 Doing some
14:35:30 18
14:35:31 19
                 Again, nothing there, do you agree, in relation to any sort
                 of fall out or you saying to her, "Where's my money" and
14:35:35 20
14:35:39 21
                 she's forgotten about it?---Look, I wouldn't do that via
14:35:40 22
                 text, it just wouldn't happen.
14:35:42 23
                 Your evidence was you were subtly telling her on the phone.
14:35:42 24
                 during the phone call is what you said, that - - -
14:35:46 25
14:35:49 26
                 ?---During the phone call, just talking to her about when
14:35:53 27
                 are we going to hook up, you know, what about that thing,
                 you know, and she was just trying - you could see that
14:35:55 28
                 she's just trying to avoid me here.
14:35:58 29
14:36:01 30
                 You don't mention "thing" in any of the text messages.
14:36:01 31
                 okay, and you'd say well you'd only be - - - ?---Absolutely
14:36:03 32
                 not, I wouldn't do that. I would not do that.
14:36:04 33
14:36:06 34
                 So you obviously must be getting frustrated. She's owing
14:36:06 35
                 you this money and you're talking to her about it on the
14:36:10 36
                 phone, yet you're just sending messages backwards and
14:36:12 37
14:36:16 38
                 forwards, do you agree?---Yes.
14:36:16 39
14:36:17 40
                 In just the same loving way?---I'm trying to be as charming
                 as I possibly can until we're going to meet.
                                                                Until we meet
14:36:21 41
                 face-to-face. Have we met face-to-face yet? We haven't
14:36:25 42
14:36:29 43
                 met face-to-face yet.
14:36:29 44
14:36:29 45
                 Let's go to p.20, 19 December, okay. You respond to one of
                 her messages, "Wow, so much info. I don't know how to
14:36:34 46
                 begin to answer. I'm under the pump.
14:36:38 47
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move in over Christmas.
                                           Not going to happen, not my
14:36:42 1
14:36:45 2
                 fault".
                                        on", so you're talking about being
                                                  "and I still have no
14:36:48 3
                 out of prison for
                 friends"?---Yes.
14:36:51 4
                 "I can't relate to people." You talk about how the time in
14:36:51
        6
                 prison was really difficult for you, "fucked with your
14:36:53 7
14:36:57 8
                 head"?---Yes.
                 That's why I say you would have remembered, wouldn't you,
14:36:57 10
14:36:59 11
                 the exact time you were released and remembered exactly
                 those
                                        , like you did when you previously
14:37:02 12
                 give evidence?---No.
14:37:05 13
        14
14:37:06 15
                 No?---It's all vague, it's 13 years ago. It's all
                 compressed. It's all compressed. That's all I can tell
14:37:09 16
                 vou.
14:37:12 17
14:37:12 18
14:37:13 19
                 Let's go to p.22, so text message Christmas Eve 2012 which
                 was the time you said roughly you'd previously met her, but
14:37:18 20
                 now step away from, no doubt, because of these messages.
14:37:22 21
14:37:26 22
                 But you see 11.28?---What page?
14:37:29 23
14:37:31 24
                 So it's page 22. It's 24 December. You reply to her and
                 you say, "Thank you so much for the lovely card, Santa
14:37:33 25
14:37:37 26
                 hasn't found me yet. He must feel I'm still a bad boy.
                 Will we ever catch up, Nic, or are you too scared to tell
14:37:43 27
                 me the truth"?---Yes.
14:37:43 28
14:37:44 29
14:37:45 30
                 Okay? --- Yep.
14:37:46 31
                 If you're desperate to see her for money, and she's got
14:37:46 32
                 your money, why are you saying, "Are we ever going to catch
14:37:49 33
14:37:54 34
                 up"?---I want to know whether or not are we ever going to
14:37:57 35
                 catch up to sort out, to have this discussion over this
14:38:00 36
                 money. Why would I be persisting to try to get in contact
14:38:03 37
                 with her if there was nothing involved here?
14:38:06 38
14:38:06 39
                 Because you were just friends and you've now realised - - -
                 ?---Because we were just friends. We were just friends.
14:38:08 40
                 Here I am trying to call her, text her, and she keeps
14:38:10 41
                 brushing me off, brushing me off, and you think we're just
14:38:15 42
14:38:19 43
                 friends.
                           Okay, okay, you think that.
14:38:22 44
14:38:22 45
                 She didn't owe you money?---Yes, she did.
14:38:25 46
                 Let's go on then. So you being your charming self no doubt
14:38:25 47
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wished her a Merry Christmas on Christmas Eve, p.23. You
14:38:30 1
14:38:36 2
                 skip through and we go to p.26. You wish her a Happy New
                Year, again, no issues there, do you agree with
14:38:44 3
                 that?---Page 26? Could you read that for me?
14:38:51 4
14:38:56 5
14:38:56 6
                       It was just a - you said her a basic New Years
                message. The one I want to read next, because I only want
14:39:01 7
14:39:03 8
                 to take you to about four or five more. I just want to
                 flick through so you can se what's going on. So we get to
14:39:07 9
                 26 January 2013, there's a big jump. So if we go to that
14:39:09 10
14:39:13 11
                 date, she hasn't been, or there's been no contact between
                 you for 25 days, okay?---Maybe by phone only.
14:39:17 12
14:39:23 13
14:39:24 14
                Well, let's see what you say in the message if it's by
14:39:27 15
                 phone.
                         "Hey, precious, are you still alive? Have you
                 fallen in love and overwhelmed? Is life still unkind?
14:39:32 16
14:39:32 17
                 Have you mentioned - you moved outside. Where the bloody
                 hell are you, Lara? Ha, ha. Text me to let me know you're
14:39:37 18
                 all right." So she's obviously not been in touch with
14:39:42 19
14:39:45 20
                 you? --- Yes, that's right, yes.
14:39:46 21
14:39:46 22
                 If she owed you money you would have been desperate to see
14:39:49 23
                 her. This is now
                                              after your release?---Yes.
14:39:53 24
                 And then what you do, in fact, is, you're right, you tee up
14:39:54 25
14:39:58 26
                 this meeting?---Correct.
14:40:00 27
                 But then let's go to pp.34 and 35. 34 we see is 31
14:40:02 28
                 January. She sends you a message saying, "Yes it'd be
14:40:09 29
                 great to finally catch up." You talk about restaurants
14:40:12 30
                 that you could go to. Now let's go to p.35, okay?---Yes.
14:40:14 31
14:40:20 32
                You've obviously spoken to her between those two messages,
14:40:20 33
14:40:23 34
                 okay, and I say that because you say, "Nic, you sounded a
                 bit irritated, you must be in heaps of pain"?---Correct.
14:40:26 35
14:40:29 36
                 Okay? --- Yes.
14:40:29 37
14:40:30 38
                 "I wouldn't want to trouble you or make you do thinking
14:40:31 39
                 that would aggravate your situation, so please take care.
14:40:33 40
                We could leave it for another time when you're feeling
14:40:37 41
                 better." And pausing there, all right?---Yes.
14:40:40 42
14:40:42 43
                 If your evidence is right, she's been avoiding meeting you
14:40:42 44
14:40:49 45
                 for over
                                                 ?---Correct.
       46
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You finally got the green light 20 minutes earlier. You

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call her and then you're saying, "Actually, don't worry
14:40:51 1
14:40:53 2
                 about it, we can put it off if you want." That's what
14:40:58 3
                 you're saying?---No, I'm not saying that. I can't really
                 recall but - - -
14:41:02 4
14:41:02 5
14:41:03 6
                 No, no, tell me, what's happening there?---To the best of
                 my recollection, I can't - - -
14:41:06 7
14:41:10 8
                 You sent the text, tell us what that means? If it means
14:41:10 9
                 anything but what it obviously says?---She sounded
14:41:14 10
14:41:18 11
                 irritated with me when I spoke to her about seeing her and
                 I just didn't want to upset her to the point where she
14:41:23 12
                 would shut the door on me.
14:41:27 13
14:41:28 14
14:41:29 15
                 It's just not true, is it? The reality is you had no
                 problems in pushing it back because she didn't owe you
14:41:32 16
                 money. You weren't desperate to see her for this
14:41:36 17
                 cash?---No, rubbish.
14:41:36 18
        19
14:41:38 20
                 Rubbish?---I'm not overly desperate. I'm now financial,
                                                 . I'm making money. You
14:41:41 21
                 I'm working. I've
                 know, we're still good friends. I'm just thinking it's
14:41:46 22
14:41:48 23
                 going to be a matter of time before I see her and we're
14:41:52 24
                 going to sort this out.
        25
14:41:53 26
                 Okay, so the evidence you gave - - - ?---As far as I was
                 concerned, she'd had it for years while I was in prison.
14:41:54 27
                 It's money in the bank, you know. I've waited that long.
14:41:57 28
                 Why couldn't I wait another
                                                          It wasn't going to
14:42:00 29
14:42:03 30
                 be the be all and end all. Sure I wanted the money, but at
                 the end of the day I wasn't going to do anything that was
14:42:08 31
                 going to shut her down and leave me in the cold.
14:42:10 32
14:42:13 33
14:42:15 34
                 So the evidence you gave to the Commissioner's questions
                 last time wasn't accurate when you said you needed money on
14:42:18 35
                 your release and you needed money to get up. You had
14:42:20 36
                 "nothing", and I can take you back - - - ?---Yes, I had
14:42:22 37
                 nothing, and I'd started working. If you'd looked at one
14:42:23 38
                 of the texts you would have seen that I was taking on paid
14:42:26 39
14:42:30 40
                             I'm now making money, I'm paying tax. I'm
                 getting a bank account. I'm doing all these things.
14:42:34 41
14:42:37 42
14:42:37 43
                 For someone who has given evidence as often as you, you
                 would understand that what you said back on 31 October to
14:42:38 44
14:42:40 45
                 now is inconsistent, do you agree with that?---It wasn't as
                 defined as this because I didn't have these notes to
14:42:47 46
                 reflect on, you know, I didn't have any of - I'm just
14:42:49 47
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giving you a roundabout scenario of what I recall at that
14:42:53 1
                 time. but it's all true, this is all - everything that's
14:42:58 2
14:43:00 3
                 happened, we just got the dates wrong, that's the only
14:43:04 4
                 problem here.
14:43:05 5
14:43:05 6
                 So let's go to p.42 and 43. You've met now, you've seen
                 each other. If we go to 2 February 2003, we know you've
14:43:10 7
14:43:14 8
                 met because it looks like you - - - ?---What page is that
14:43:16 9
                 one?
14:43:16 10
14:43:17 11
                 If you look in the top right corner it's 0002.9955.
                 message from her to you on 2 February 2013?---I'm sorry,
14:43:25 12
14:43:33 13
                 2nd of - - -
14:43:34 14
14:43:34 15
                 February 2013?---Yes, yes.
14:43:37 16
                 So this is after you've met, she sends you a message
14:43:37 17
14:43:40 18
                 saying, "Am home tucked under a blanket on my couch reading
                 and just thinking how nice it was to see you and have a
       19
                 laugh. You haven't aged at all and still have an
14:43:47 20
14:43:49 21
                 incredible knack for telling stories in a very funny way.
14:43:52 22
                Years may have passed but it doesn't feel like it in lots
14:43:55 23
                 of ways.
                          Will be in touch and will hope to be able to see
       24
                 you in public next weekend. Drive safely, hun, and don't
14:44:00 25
                 let anything overwhelm you because you are one in a
14:44:02 26
                 million", kiss kiss kiss, okay?---Yes, yes.
14:44:04 27
                Now this is after you've met her?---Yes.
14:44:05 28
       29
14:44:06 30
                Your evidence last time was when you met her you basically
                 had a fall out, is the words you used, because she couldn't
14:44:09 31
                 remember anything about money. Let's see what your
14:44:15 32
14:44:17 33
                 response is?---Yes.
14:44:18 34
                 Because this is obviously when you must have had the fall
14:44:18 35
                       Your response, next page. So this is 3 February
14:44:21 36
                        You say, "Sorry for such a late response, left my
14:44:27 37
14:44:32 38
                 phone charger at home. All good now. First, let me thank
                 you so much for a lovely dinner, Nic, and great company.
14:44:36 39
       40
                 Despite all of your ailments you look incredibly beautiful
14:44:41 41
                 and to be totally honest, I was a little lost for words and
                 didn't say half the things I intended to say.
14:44:44 42
                                                                 I got caught
14:44:48 43
                 up in your upcoming defamation case, that my mind went into
                 overdrive trying to process all the information. Maybe
14:44:52 44
14:44:54 45
                 next time when I'm a little relaxed, and you're just a
                 little less irritated, we could talk about good times, like
14:44:58 46
                 the Supper Club and Beyonce. Good luck next week, hope all
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goes well for you. Keep me posted on all your goings on if
14:45:04 1
14:45:07 2
                 I don't see them in the papers before then. Take care
14:45:10 3
                 sweetheart, you're always in my thoughts, love kiss
                 kiss kiss, all right?---Yes.
14:45:15 4
14:45:16 5
14:45:16 6
                 Do you agree there's no suggestion there of any fall out or
                 any anger or animosity on your behalf about money?---No,
14:45:20 7
14:45:24 8
                 no, there isn't because, like I said, I wouldn't put that
14:45:27 9
                 in a text.
14:45:28 10
14:45:28 11
                 You wouldn't text her, would you? Your evidence last time
                 was you basically stopped contact with her after you - -
14:45:31 12
                           Now we met again, and I think you're being
14:45:35 13
14:45:38 14
                 selective with the text messages we've got here. Have you
14:45:41 15
                 got the last text message that she sent me?
14:45:44 16
                 You say you've got the same phone, have you?---Yes.
14:45:44 17
14:45:47 18
14:45:47 19
                 You say you've got the same phone, same number. You've got
14:45:50 20
                 the text messages, haven't you?---Yes.
                                                          No, I don't have
                 the text messages, no, I changed phone and when I changed
14:45:52 21
14:45:55 22
                 phone I couldn't - after I had all my data on to the new
14:46:00 23
                 phone, and then I've lost that phone, so that was an old
14:46:04 24
                 iPhone 5. I now have an iPhone 10, and I don't have any of
14:46:08 25
                 those pictures, anything anymore, nothing was saved to the
14:46:11 26
                 Cloud, nothing no where.
14:46:12 27
                 When you're talking about a defamation case, you were
14:46:12 28
                 talking about money that she was expecting to get from the
14:46:16 29
14:46:19 30
                 police, do you agree with that?---Yes, yes.
14:46:21 31
                 Wouldn't you have obviously said to her. "What about the
14:46:22 32
                 money you know me, Nic"?---Well, I wasn't going to say that
14:46:25 33
14:46:29 34
                 in a text, was I?
14:46:30 35
                 You don't mention - there is no suggestion in any of these
14:46:31 36
                 texts of any fall out between the two of you, do you agree
14:46:34 37
14:46:37 38
                 with that?---What about later on? How do we explain not
                 having any contact from 2013 till now if we're such good
14:46:42 39
14:46:47 40
                 friends? If we're such good friends why haven't we had any
                 contact?
14:46:49 41
14:46:49 42
                 You got a girlfriend, didn't you, we can see that in the
14:46:50 43
                 messages?---Where's the girlfriend in the messages?
14:46:54 44
14:46:56 45
                 Absolutely not.
14:46:59 46
                 Sorry, no, that's my fault, I withdraw that, misread it the
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wrong way around. Now you would constantly try and talk to
14:47:03 1
14:47:06 2
                her, and if we look at p.49, this is the last one, 19
                March, okay. This will be the last one. The last one is,
14:47:10 3
                it says, "Sorry, can't talk", it's her to you, "because I'm
14:47:32 4
14:47:35 5
                working tonight at
                                             ." So you're obviously trying
                to call her? --- Yes.
14:47:40 6
14:47:41 7
14:47:43 8
                She's too busy.
                                  "Will try to talk to you tomorrow
14:47:46 9
                 afternoon. Hope you're well and not working too
                hard"?---Yes.
14:47:47 10
14:47:47 11
                So this is
                                after your release from
14:47:48 12
14:47:51 13
                 prison?---Still trying to keep in contact with her, still
14:47:55 14
                trying to get some resolution.
14:47:56 15
                And no fall out, do you agree?---Well fall out - it's in
14:47:56 16
                conversation and on telephone. Maybe a tad, but still
14:48:00 17
                trying to keep her motivated enough to be able to get some
14:48:04 18
14:48:08 19
                 result at some stage but, yes, and that's when it all went
14:48:12 20
                 awry at the La Porchetta restaurant at Highpoint Shopping
14:48:20 21
                Centre where I ended up, I ended our relationship.
14:48:23 22
14:48:23 23
                If it wasn't for these text messages you would have left
14:48:27 24
                this Commission with dishonest evidence before it about
                Nicola Gobbo's - - - ?---No, not true, not true.
14:48:30 25
14:48:33 26
                the times wrong, I've got the dates wrong, but the
14:48:36 27
                 information I gave is true and I believe it reflects in
                         I'm trying to be as charming as I can, keep her on
14:48:40 28
                        I'm doing all the calling, I'm doing all of the
14:48:43 29
                waiting, I'm doing - I want what's mine and I couldn't get
14:48:48 30
                                                       down the track, so
                 it and I just thought - I'm
14:48:51 31
                be it, you know, I just can't - - -
14:48:54 32
14:48:57 33
14:48:57 34
                Sorry, I can't hear. Slow down, slow down, take your
                time?---I couldn't take it any more, I just couldn't take
14:48:59 35
                it any more, and then when she introduced me to Paul, I
14:49:02 36
14:49:06 37
                 just thought this is crazy, this is crazy, I'm not doing
                this, and I ended our relationship, and that's the end of
14:49:11 38
14:49:13 39
                it, and that's where we stand today and that's it.
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                You understand that - - - ?---The mobile phone number is
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                 still the same and she could have contacted me any time,
14:49:17 42
                but I believe she understood what she'd done and I wouldn't
14:49:20 43
                want to call her any more, and she was debt free.
14:49:25 44
14:49:28 45
                You're a lot more jumpy - - - ?---She had no obligation
14:49:28 46
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toward me.

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                 You're a lot more jumpy and aggressive in your response
14:49:31
         2
                 today. Is that because you've been caught out lying,
         3
14:49:32
                 Mr Cooper?---No, absolutely not. I'm not jumpy at all.
14:49:35 4
                 I'm calm as.
14:49:39 5
         6
                 The charm wearing off?---I'm not yelling, I'm not
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14:49:41
14:49:43
       8
                 screaming.
                 You understand - - - ?--- Under control.
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        11
                 Let me just put - - - ?---I'm trying to explain to you the
14:49:43 12
                 situation.
14:49:46 13
14:49:46 14
                 Can I just - - -?---I can't - it's all good.
14:49:47 15
14:49:50 16
14:49:50 17
                 Can I just put to you squarely, you lied about the Iliovski
14:49:55 18
                 meeting, what do you say about that?---No, absolutely not.
14:50:00 19
14:50:00 20
                 Nicola Gobbo has never asked you to cook again?---No, no
14:50:04 21
                 that's a lie. She's lying.
14:50:06 22
14:50:06 23
                 And you are lying about Nicola Gobbo giving, you giving her
                 a lot of money to hold, drug money to hold, in effect, for
14:50:11 24
14:50:14 25
                 you on your release?---No, and that's why she paid my
14:50:18 26
                 canteen and she looked after members of my family while I
14:50:21 27
                 was away and all such, so, yes - no, of course she did, of
14:50:26 28
                 course she took the money.
14:50:27 29
14:50:27 30
                 Right.
                         Thanks Mr Cooper.
14:50:30 31
                 COMMISSIONER: Yes, any re-examination?
14:50:30 32
14:50:33 33
                 MR WOODS: I have a few questions, but I think Mr Cooper's
14:50:33 34
                 counsel might have a few.
14:50:37 35
14:50:40 36
                 MS CLARK: Yes, Commissioner.
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                 <RE-EXAMINED BY MS CLARK:</pre>
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14:50:41 41
                 Yes, Mr Cooper, it's Ms Clark. Can you hear me?---Yes, I
14:50:44 42
                 can.
14:50:44 43
                 I just have one question. It's been suggested to you by
14:50:44 44
14:50:48 45
                 Mr Nathwani that Ms Gobbo didn't owe you any money and that
                 if she did you would have raised that with her
14:50:53 46
                        following your release from custody, do you
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| 14:51:01 | 1 | understand that?Yes. |
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| 14:51:01 | 2 | under stand that: les. |
| 14:51:02 | 3 | If I can just take you to the text message on 24 December |
| 14:51:04 | 4 | 2012, and it's the one in the top right-hand corner ending |
| 14:51:08 | 5 | in O116?Can you give me the date that that message was? |
| 14:51:15 | 6 | |
| 14:51:15 | 7 | 24 December 2012?Yes. |
| 14:51:36 | 8 | |
| 14:51:36 | 9 | In that message you say, "Will we ever catch up, Nic, or |
| 14:51:40 | 10 | are you too scared to tell me the truth?"?Yes. |
| 14:51:44 | | |
| 14:51:44 | | What's the "truth" that you're referring to in that |
| 14:51:47 | | message?Well, that you don't have the money. |
| 14:51:53 | | T have nothing funther |
| 14:51:53 | | I have nothing further. |
| 14:51:54 14:51:55 | | COMMISSIONER: Thank you. Yes. |
| 14:51:55 | | COMMISSIONER. Mank you. Tes. |
| 14:31:36 | 19 | <pre><re-examined by="" mr="" pre="" woods:<=""></re-examined></pre> |
| | 20 | TRE-EXAMINED BY THE WOODS. |
| 14:51:57 | | Mr Cooper, just a couple of questions. It's Mr Woods here. |
| 14:51:59 | | You can hear me?Yes. |
| 14:52:01 | | |
| 14:52:03 | | When this evidence - when you gave this evidence on 31 |
| 14:52:08 | 25 | October?Yes. |
| 14:52:12 | 26 | |
| 14:52:12 | 27 | I asked you to identify the timing at which you understood |
| 14:52:16 | | or you recalled that this conversation took place?Yes. |
| 14:52:21 | | |
| 14:52:21 | | And I asked you - doing the best you can to remember is |
| 14:52:26 | | what I asked you at the time. At that stage were you doing |
| 14:52:29 | | the best that you could to remember the dates at which this |
| 14:52:32 | | occurred?Yes, I did, but I obviously answered "possibly" |
| 14:52:40 | | and I made a mistake, yes. |
| 14:52:42 14:52:43 | | And the difference was a period of three months from either |
| 14:52:45 | 37 | - December 2012 to March 2013, is that correct?Yes, over |
| 14:52:40 | | seven years, you know, it could - like I said, it's |
| 14:52:57 | | compressed in my mind. |
| 14:52:59 | | compressed in my minut |
| 14:52:59 | | Thank you?All around the same time. |
| 14:53:01 | 42 | |
| 14:53:01 | 43 | Your evidence is that she owed you a significant amount of |
| 14:53:04 | 44 | money and it was in the vicinity of \$250,000, is that |
| 14:53:08 | 45 | right?That's correct, yes. |
| 14:53:09 | | |
| 14:53:09 | 47 | Mr Nathwani made the point to you, with some significant |

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force, about that not being the case for one reason,
14:53:13 1
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                 because you were being nice and congenial with her in text
                 messages. You recall those questions?---Yes.
14:53:24 3
14:53:27 4
                 And you said that you had to be charming, and that was what
14:53:27 5
14:53:31 6
                 you were attempting to do?---Correct, yes.
14:53:34 7
14:53:34 8
                 You've said that you wanted to get your money back from
                 Ms Gobbo during that period of time, is that right?---Yes.
14:53:37 9
14:53:41 10
14:53:41 11
                 You were challenged on not demanding your money back in a
                 clear way in the text messages and you accept that you
14:53:49 12
14:53:52 13
                 didn't do so in the text messages, you didn't say, "I want
14:53:55 14
                 my money back", and you explained why?---No, I would never
                 have done it over a text message.
14:53:59 15
14:54:00 16
                 Why is it that you felt that you had to turn on the charm,
14:54:00 17
                 rather than be directly demanding of Ms Gobbo, in order to
14:54:05 18
                 get your money back?---Well, being very paranoid coming out
14:54:10 19
                 of gaol, not knowing who was listening to her phone, who's
14:54:18 20
                 looking at our text messages, she's still dealing with
        21
                                           , I was very paranoid and trying
14:54:22 22
                 police.
14:54:27 23
                 to be as charming as I possibly could to arrange a meeting
14:54:31 24
                 with her so we could thrash this out.
14:54:33 25
14:54:33 26
                 What I'm interested in is in particular you say you didn't
                 want to be demanding - it seemed to me you were saying that
14:54:37 27
                 you were being charming instead of that?---Yes.
14:54:40 28
14:54:42 29
14:54:42 30
                 What did you think was the best approach in order to best -
                 have the best chance of getting your money back from
14:54:47 31
                 Ms Gobbo?---Well, I wasn't going to get it back if I
14:54:50 32
                 threatened her, I was not going to get it back if I was,
14:54:53 33
14:54:56 34
                 you know - I mean, the ball's in her court. Seven years
14:55:01 35
                 has passed.
                              I didn't even know what had happened to the
                 money, you know. I had no idea, you know, what situation
14:55:04 36
                 she's in financially even and I just tried to be as
14:55:09 37
14:55:15 38
                 courteous as I possibly could to arrange a meeting to talk
                 about this.
14:55:17 39
14:55:17 40
14:55:18 41
                 They are all the questions I have. Thank you, Mr Cooper.
14:55:20 43
                 <(THE WITNESS WITHDREW)
14:55:20 44
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                 COMMISSIONER: Have the text messages been tendered?
14:55:22 46
14:55:22 47
                 MR WOODS: No. In fact, the solicitors assisting reminded
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