

## ANNEXURE C

Time by my watch is 3.10 pm on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> March 2002. This is a taped interview between Alan Orchard from the Police Anti Corruption Branch and Detective Senior Constable Lennie Mosheev from Adelaide CIB currently on secondment to a special task force.

Q1. Lennie, as I explained to you prior to commencement of the tape I'm investigating an incident which occurred some years ago where a current police investigation was terminated. Do you understand the nature of this investigation.

A I certainly do.

Q2. It is my intention to now interview you about this matter and as a member of the Anti Corruption Branch I've authority to direct you to truthfully answer questions, furnish information, produce equipment or other items, documents or any records that are relevant to this investigation. Do you understand.

A Yes I do.

Q3. You are required to obey my directions promptly and diligently. If you fail to obey my directions without good and sufficient cause you may be in breach of the code of conduct, in particular, Regulation 14 of the Police Regulations, disobeying a lawful order or failing to carry out a lawful order promptly and diligently. What do you understand from what I've just said.

A That I'm required to by code of conduct to answer your questions in an appropriate manner and as quickly as required.

Q4. I'm now directing you to truthfully and to the best of your ability answer all questions I put to you regarding this matter and to furnish any information or produce any equipment, items, documents or records relevant to this investigation. Do you understand that.

A I certainly do.

Q5. If any answer that you do give or any information, equipment, items, documents or records which you furnish or produce is false or misleading or found to be so at any subsequent time you may be charged with a breach of the code of conduct, in particular Regulation 14 of the Police Regulations, disobeying a lawful order or fail to carry out a lawful order promptly and diligently and/or Regulation 12 in respect to honesty and integrity. What do you understand from what I've just said.

A That at a later time if it's led to the fact that I haven't told the truth or haven't furnished the right documents etc, then I can be charged under code of conduct.

Q6. I'm now directing you to truthfully answer all questions I put to you. For the purpose of the tape could you please state your full name, rank, ID and current posting.

A Leonid Steven Mosheev, Detective Senior Constable, 1843/8 currently attached to Operation cormorant at Child Exploitation Section and I'm seconded from the Adelaide CIB.

Q7. As we agreed prior to the commencement of the tape we are looking at an incident involving a criminal investigation which was undertaken by a task force some years ago in regards to a paedophile who was arrested in Queensland in recent days. Can you tell me of your involvement in that particular matter.

A Yes. I was one of the, on the primary team and that time I was at Darlington CIB. In 1991 I had received some information about some sort of child pornography paedophile person at Dover Gardens. My memory on these issues is scant. I'll do the best I can. I was working with Detective Senior Constable John Carr and we attended at this Dover Gardens address. A person by the name of Brian Perkins was present. We entered those premises, conducted a search and I located two canisters of unprocessed film, negatives and they were seized. There were other items in there but at the time we didn't have enough evidence to seize anything else. We took those items. Subsequently they were developed and they were of nude young intellectually, appeared to be intellectually disabled children. The, Perkins then, we then re-attended and Perkins disappeared and we could not locate him.

In 1993 Operation Deny was formed. I can't remember why it actually came up but because of my involvement with Perkins earlier and other names of Glenncross, Hawks and Barton. There was allegations of a paedophile network. I think in September of 1993 we conducted raids along with Elizabeth, Holden Hill, Christies Beach and Darlington CIBs and raided the premises of those people that I've mentioned. They were all arrested. The operation was headed by Detective Superintendent Simons, Peter Simons. People that were working with me at the time on this operation in my group was Inspector James Blandford who was a senior constable at the time, Bernie Martin who's currently at Child Family Unit at Darlington er Sturt, Ian Feltus was the analyst and I think Bosley from Photographics and we attended at an address at Hackham West and located Perkins and seized a considerable amount of exhibits. I can't recall when we had a debrief and it was possibly that day after we'd done most of our work or it could have been some weeks later, I'm not sure but at debrief we were told by Peter Simons that we were to cease all investigations into any

further victims or any other offenders. Most of us were in disbelief about this because of the exhibits that had been located.

We were told that that was on the, Peter Simons advised us that it was on the authorisation of Col, Colin Watkins, the Assistant Commissioner at the time. There would be no debate about it and it would be where we would finish, just to finish our current files off and we would not pursue any other avenues of investigation. So that's basically what I did, I continued on to get as much as I could for current investigation and I did not pursue, from what I can recall I didn't pursue any other major angles of investigation.

Q8. Right. Now Brian Perkins was the person you arrested and he's the person who's just been recently arrested interstate.

A That's correct. He's been arrested last night, Brian Perkins, and he was the person I arrested in 1993.

Q9. And do you know for what offences he was arrested last night.

A On the warrant, on a warrant that was issued for breach of bail. He absconded after he, I think he had a review of his bail in the Supreme Court the supreme my understanding is the Supreme Court gave him bail and he absconded.

Q10. And that offence was in relation to the two rolls of film that you located back in 1991.

A No. That was, part of the offence was that. It was pruient interest which is suggesting child of committing indecent act. There were two counts that I charged him with. One was on a boy by the name of LH [REDACTED] LH [REDACTED] he's an intellectually disabled child. The other one was his, some sort of REDACTED called REDACTED and he was also charged with indecent assault on I think LH [REDACTED] and possession of child pornography which was all the exhibits we'd found in 1993. Bearing in mind that the exhibits are 1993, hundred and hundreds of photographs, and some of them could be well of young males in this State and possibly the subject of this current task force we're on at St Anns Special School but as I said we weren't at liberty to conduct further enquiries into that.

Q11. Now at the time in 1993 when Perkins was arrested in regards to, was he associated with these other three people, Barton, Hawkins and Glennross.

A Yes our intelligence showed he had associations and certainly the paperwork that we seized that's the case.

Q12. And you were directed by Peter Simons not to pursue any further victims or offenders, is that correct.

A That's correct, and we questioned that and there were a lot of people at the meeting, I can't remember exactly how many but Wally Conte and Greg Ramm were definitely people there and but there was considerably more than that and we questioned quite strongly as to why we couldn't continue and we were told that Peter Simons didn't know but he was ordered to convey that message to us and there was no, nothing to be entered into, in discussion about it.

Q13. So it was fairly clear cut directions from a senior officer not to pursue the matter any further.

A Absolutely, you know, you've got the Assistant Commissioner saying that well, I think you tend to follow those orders and we just continued on with the file. I, and this is again, and I don't mean to prejudice anyone's name but I heard and I can't remember from but at that particular meeting or that debrief there were insinuations that **REDACTED** **REDACTED** who was unmarried, that's what I was told, he was an associate of these people, these people who were the target of our operation, and that and also could have been a paedophile himself.

Q14. And you don't recall where that information came from.

A No, look, of recent times we've discussed things in amongst the task force. What I, if I said anything now that would only be conversation from other people and for me I can't remember anything else of where that came from. I can tell you where I've heard, you know, in general discussion, I can say that if that's what you'd like to know.

Q15. Yep, just like to know where you heard that from.

A My understanding is and it's quite a possibility that it came from personnel from Elizabeth CIB at the time and one of them was the name of Dickson, Greg Dickson. I don't think he's in the job any more and I think John Bean was the Sergeant out there as well.

Q16. Was John Bean a team member on Operation deny

A No I don't think so. He was, my understanding was he was just at Elizabeth CIB to keep the show running there while these other detectives were involved in this job.

Q17. And the operation was run out of which station.

A Out of our individual stations. I worked from Darlington. They worked from Holden Hill.

Q18. That wasn't everybody brought together to work out of one particular area.

A No, no, and that's logistically, that made it very, very difficult. We had exhibits in different locations.

Q19. And the debrief with Peter Simons, where did that take place.

A Now I think it was Holden Hill, I think, I'm not positive about that but I think it was Holden Hill.

Q20. So it would be quite fair to say that there were detectives from Elizabeth and Holden Hill CIB also present at this.

A My understanding is that one person from, at least one person from each of the areas had to be at that debrief.

Q21. Have you heard of any other I suppose rumours, or innuendo in regards to Mr Watkins interfering in this or any other matters.

A Oh look just catching me out on that, I really can't think of anything else at the moment. I'd really have to have a think about that but I can't think of anything at the moment.

Q22. This debrief by Peter Simons, was it documented in any way that you're aware of.

A I can't answer that, don't know, no, don't know.

Q23. So the instruction to cease the operation was only a verbal command.

A Yeah, yep, it was just holding like a chairperson holding the meeting and it was just a direction verbally. There was nothing in writing that I saw.

Q24. At the end of the day was there a final report prepared in regards to the operation that you're aware of.

A Yep, I recently read the PCO file on Operation Deny and I've got to say I'm quite astounded by a couple of reports in there by John Bean, particularly, where if I've read it right, the first, one of the first reports was he had to give an assessment of how the operation ran and whether we needed to have a further task force set up and from what I can read in the document he absolutely categorically stated there was no need for a further task force, and that we'd done enough to finish off the investigation yet another report sometime later in that same file is suggesting that, absolutely slating the department in my opinion, that they didn't run a task force, that they didn't have a permanent task force on paedophilia and that they didn't, and they neglected to do something for Operation Deny. So one hand we've got one report that's against it and then another report that's all for it, quite, quite unbelievable in my opinion, if I've read it correctly.

Just a couple of things with John Bean, I, you may need to speak to James Blandford for this but my understanding was that he attended at Darlington Police Station to assess the exhibits we had, to determine the extent of another task force. My understanding is Vicki Sherlock was present at the time as well. He evidently went into the room and looked at the exhibits but just quickly scanned them basically without really looking at what they had, said there's not enough information here for a task force and walked out which, and I remember that from happening back then and also he was asked to go to Sydney, I think it was Sydney to pick up some exhibits which we were all a bit astounded that a man who had nothing really to do with our operations requested to go to Sydney to pick up exhibits, and my understanding is that he virtually didn't bring anything back with him which he was requested to bring some stuff back and he didn't.

Q25. Who would have requested him to do that.

A Oh, that would be just a guess, but I would say it would be a decision made by the Assistant Commissioner and then it's an extradition, er sorry it's an interstate matter and they usually are the ones who authorise it. It'd have to be a commissioned officer, either Mr Simons or Col, Colin Watkins.

Q26. So the PCO docket that you're referring to is in regards to Operation Deny.

A That's right.

Q27. Do you know the current whereabouts of that docket is.

A That's in our, it's at Child Exploitation at the moment.

Q28. Right. Now you probably realise and as we discussed the main thrust of this interview today is in regards to any possible intervention or interference by then Assistant Commissioner Colin Watkins. Other than what you've told me is there anything else that you feel I should know about that we haven't discussed.

A No I think they were the issues that I've thought about and that I can remember. As I said it's a long time ago. There could be other things but predominantly what I've said is what I recall about that time ago.

Q29. Are you aware whether any other officers on the operation submitted any reports in regards to having the operation stopped, voicing their opinion about it.

A Not particularly that, not particularly that operation but I do know on Operation Deny docket, PCO docket, Brett Dickson submitted a report which was to go a senate investigative committee I believe and asking for I think, for a task force to be set up. There's been some comments by commissioned officers that didn't really allow that to continue in that format, and I don't really understand the intricacies of it but I've read that docket and his actual report isn't attached to the PCO docket. It's just a short minute basically explaining that Dickson had submitted something to a senate investigation committee.

Q30. Okay, in that case I'll, nothing further to say, I'll terminate the interview at 3.28. Thank you.

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