

INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION

STATEMENT IN THE MATTER OF: Operation Spicer

PLACE: Cardiff South
NAME: Linda Siemek
ADDRESS: Known to ICAC
OCCUPATION: Unemployed
TELEPHONE NO: Known to ICAC
DATE: 8 August 2014

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1. This statement made by me accurately sets out the evidence which I would be prepared, if necessary, to give in Court as a witness. The statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.
 2. I am 34 years of age.
 3. In early 2011 I wasn't working. My mother, Tatiana Powiniski told me that she had spoken with one of my relatives in Sydney, Lara Tucker (nee Tarasanko). Lara worked for company which needed some letters distributed around the Newcastle area and they were looking for a local person to do it. My mum asked if I would be interested in earning some extra money to do the deliveries. I was told that the envelopes would already be stuffed and that I would just have to deliver them. I agreed to do the letter drops and my mum took care of the

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arrangements, I'm not sure if she spoke with Lara or Lara's mum (Lara's mum and my mum are cousins).

4. Sometime later, I'm not sure when, my mother later told me that the letters would be delivered to my house. She told me the date and time period that the delivery truck would deliver the letters. She also told me that I would receive instructions on where to deliver the letters.
5. I wasn't home when the letters were delivered to my house. I came home to find there was over a dozen medium sized boxes stacked in the driveway outside my garage.
6. I opened the boxes and saw that these were the letters I was to deliver. There two basic instructions with the boxes: firstly they identified the suburbs that the letters were to be delivered to; and secondly I believe the delivery came on a Friday and the instructions were that the envelopes had to be delivered over that weekend.
7. My three children helped me deliver the letters, I think maybe some of their friends may have helped but I can't remember. I was paid about \$1,500 to distribute the letters, but I'm not sure exactly how much it was or how I received the money. I could have received a cheque in the mail, or they could have put the money into my bank account. It was very hard and tedious work delivering the letters. It took us 4 days to distribute them. I don't think we delivered all the letters, but we did most of them.

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8. I remember that after we had delivered the letters, I received a phone call from Jodie McKay about the letters. I'm not sure how she knew it was me who delivered them. She asked me why I was handing out the flyers. I told her exactly the same story of how it happened and how I came to deliver the flyers.
9. Ian Kirkwood works for the Newcastle Herald and was writing a story about the flyers. He is a friend of my father's. My father told me that when Ian was writing the story he recognised my name and called my dad who confirmed that it was me who was distributing the flyers. Jodie McKay must have got my number from Ian.
10. I don't know a person named Ann Wills, and I don't recall ever speaking with her.
11. After I was contacted by the ICAC about the letters, I came across one of the letters / envelopes in my backyard. This is the envelope and the letters which my children and I delivered.

Exhibit: I produce the envelope containing the letters regarding Jodie McKay.

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