

INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION

RECORD OF INTERVIEW BETWEEN INVESTIGATOR [REDACTED] OF THE  
INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION AND MR JOHN NINO  
5 PANUCCIO. CONDUCTED ON THE 22 MARCH 2022.

TIME: 9.33 AM

ALSO PRESENT: [REDACTED], SENIOR INVESTIGATOR, ICAC

10 [REDACTED]: Alright, so this is an electronically recorded interview. For the purposes of  
voice identification my name is [REDACTED]. Spelt [REDACTED] (spells).  
I'm an Investigations Officer with the Independent Commission Against  
Corruption. Today is the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March 2022. The time is now 9.33am.  
15 Seated directly opposite me is Mr John Nino Panuccio. P A N U C C I O  
(spells). Is that correct?

PANUCCIO: Yes.

[REDACTED]: Alright.

PANUCCIO: P A N U C C I O (spells).

[REDACTED]: C C I O (spells).

20 PANUCCIO: I O (spells), hm.

[REDACTED]: Okay and seated directly to my right is Senior Investigator [REDACTED].  
For the purpose of voice identification could you just state your name  
please [REDACTED]?

[REDACTED]: [REDACTED].

25 [REDACTED]: Alright, as I explained to you just prior to the commencement of this  
interview, I'd like to ask you some questions in relation to an investigation  
the Commission's undertaking in respects to Angelo Tsirekas, the Mayor  
of Canada Bay. Look, we're - essentially we're looking into allegations  
30 that he's partially exercised his official function in relation to development  
applications and planning proposals. A number of them within Canada Bay  
Local Government area. As I also explained to you that this is a voluntary  
process.

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

35 [REDACTED]: So you don't have to partake in today's interview. However whatever you  
say will be electronically recorded as the interview takes place. We may  
use that recording for Commission's purposes. That may be public  
inquiries and subsequently anything that arises out of that such as referrals  
to the Department of Public Prosecutions for any criminal prosecutions.  
So do you understand that?

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PANUCCIO: Yeah of course.

██████: Alright, and do you agree to have your voice recorded today?

PANUCCIO: Yep.

5 ██████: Alright. Um, also prior to the commencement of the interview I told you some stuff in respects to if you do chose to provide answers to any of our questions today they should be to your best knowl, knowledge and belief, true and accurate. If you provide – deliberately provide false or misleading information to an officer of the Commission exercising their functions under the Act, you may be committing an offence. So do you understand that?

10 PANUCCIO: Yeah of course.

██████: Alright, okay, could I get your full name please?

PANUCCIO: John Giovanni Panuccio.

██████: And how do you spell Giovanni?

15 PANUCCIO: G I V I V V I O N (spells).

██████: And what are you commonly known as?

PANUCCIO: Nino.

██████: Nino?

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

20 ██████: Alright. What's your date of birth please Nino?

PANUCCIO: ██████/54.

██████: And your current residential address?

PANUCCIO: ████████████████████.

██████: Sorry

25 PANUCCIO: ████████████████████ (spells).

██████: Oh ██████, yeah. ████████████████████, what suburb?

PANUCCIO: Eh, Russell Lea.

██████: Russell Lea and your contact phone number please?

PANUCCIO: ████████████████████ 6 077.

30 ██████: A little bit of background yourself – eh from yourself if you don't mind please Nino.

PANUCCIO: Yes.

[REDACTED]: What do you do for a living or are you retired?  
PANUCCIO: I'm retired now.  
[REDACTED]: You're retired?  
PANUCCIO: Yeah.  
5 [REDACTED]: What did you used to do for work?  
PANUCCIO: I used to work for Uplift Cranes.  
[REDACTED]: Mm hm and what did you do for Uplift Cranes?  
PANUCCIO: Well more like a consultant, getting jobs and that. You know looking for jobs.  
10 [REDACTED]: Alright so you were a consultant were you?  
PANUCCIO: Yeah.  
[REDACTED]: When did you finish at Uplift Cranes?  
PANUCCIO: Roughly when I had the major operation on – I had a tumour in my head.  
[REDACTED]: Mm.  
15 PANUCCIO: 2018. Eh, that's when everything when a bit funny.  
[REDACTED]: Is that when you finished your –  
PANUCCIO: No –  
[REDACTED]: - employment?  
PANUCCIO: No I had a major operation at Randwick Hospital and I had a tumour in the  
20 head. It was a nine hour operation. I can't hear from that ear and I'm nearly  
– only about 60% on this ear.  
[REDACTED]: Mm.  
PANUCCIO: And that's when everything sort of – I couldn't – I never functioned again.  
I can't balance, I can't walk that - more than that.  
25 [REDACTED]: Right.  
PANUCCIO: And I can't focus a long time not even anymore.  
[REDACTED]: No, it's alright. So my question is when did you finish your employment  
with Uplift?  
PANUCCIO: That – that year. That year when I got the –  
30 [REDACTED]: Okay, 2018?  
PANUCCIO: '18. Soon as I –

[REDACTED]: As soon as you had your operation?

PANUCCIO: Yeah, no, soon as I had the – I lost all the hearing and that. My balance, so it was about January '18.

[REDACTED]: January '18.

5 PANUCCIO: Yeah.

[REDACTED]: When – when - when did you start with Uplift Cranes?

PANUCCIO: Eh, 2002. Round about that time 2003.

[REDACTED]: Between 2002 to 2018 –

PANUCCIO: Yeah, yeah.

10 [REDACTED]: - was your main role as a Consultant for Uplift Cranes?

PANUCCIO: Yes, yes.

[REDACTED]: Did you do any other work?

PANUCCIO: Na.

15 [REDACTED]: No. Did you – did you own the business or did you have some involvement with ownership?

PANUCCIO: No, no, no, no.

[REDACTED]: No, who owns the business?

PANUCCIO: Santo Rapisarda.

20 [REDACTED]: Right and tell me your role as a consultant, what did you used to do, what did your day look like?

PANUCCIO: Eh, catch up of Project Managers. Have lunch, trying to – trying to get jobs some work.

[REDACTED]: So would that include speaking to developers?

PANUCCIO: Ah, I don't think I had much to do with developers.

25 [REDACTED]: Right.

PANUCCIO: I think I had to deal with more like big companies like Lendlease, Meritons, Westfield, that was our major players. Everything else, developers not much. Are you talking about –

[REDACTED]: Yep.

30 PANUCCIO: - what kind of developers are you talking about?

[REDACTED]: Meritons.

PANUCCIO: Oh yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.

██████: Because they're a developing company.

PANUCCIO: Oh well I don't classify them as a – I mean they know what they're doing.

██████: Yeah okay.

5 PANUCCIO: Yeah.

██████: So Uplift Cranes had –

PANUCCIO: Most of the work at Uplift Cranes is now is just Meritons.

██████: Meritons?

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

10 ██████: And what – what do they provide, what services do Uplift Cranes prov –

PANUCCIO: Tower cranes.

██████: Tower cranes, yep

PANUCCIO: And mobile cranes.

██████: Mobile cranes. Just cranes?

15 PANUCCIO: Just cranes, yeah.

██████: No digging or anything like that?

PANUCCIO: No, no, no, no.

██████: Okay, alright. As I explained to you before we're conducting some enquiries in relation to – or allegations concerning Angelo Tsirekas.

20 PANUCCIO: Yeah, yeah.

██████: The Mayor at Canada Bay.

PANUCCIO: Okay.

██████: Do you know Angelo?

PANUCCIO: Yes I do.

25 ██████: When did you first meet Angelo?

PANUCCIO: Oh, in the 90s.

██████: In the 90s?

PANUCCIO: Yeah, yeah.

██████: Okay and can you tell me about the first time you met Angelo?

PANUCCIO: Oh geez, it was – it was one of those meetings that they have at Canada – at Concord at the time. It was one of the Chambers. Round about – through the union, like through other – other Councillors. Like what was the Councillors name then? He used to be the Mayor of Concord.

5 [REDACTED]: Alright so –

PANUCCIO: That's how I met him.

[REDACTED]: How? Through -

PANUCCIO: Through other – other – other –

[REDACTED]: Through other Councillors?

10 PANUCCIO: Yeah, Councillors, yeah.

[REDACTED]: Okay, was – was Angelo Tsirekas a Councillor himself at that stage?

PANUCCIO: He was in Drummoyne at the time.

[REDACTED]: In Drummoyne?

PANUCCIO: Yeah. I was –

15 [REDACTED]: And did he hold – hold a role as a Councillor in Drummoyne?

PANUCCIO: Yes he did, yeah.

[REDACTED]: Okay and so you met him through other Councillors?

PANUCCIO: Peter Woods his name was. Peter Woods.

[REDACTED]: Peter Woods?

20 PANUCCIO: Yeah.

[REDACTED]: So Peter Woods introduced you to him?

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

[REDACTED]: Okay and this is back in the 1990s?

PANUCCIO: Yeah, yeah, would be 1999 – 98, yeah.

25 [REDACTED]: Alright so, without assuming, walk me through up until –

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

[REDACTED]: - this period of time. Have you kept in contact with Angelo since the 90s?

PANUCCIO: All the time.

[REDACTED]: All the time?

30 PANUCCIO: Yeah.

██████: How would you classify your relationship with Angelo?

PANUCCIO: Eh, always a mate. You know we'd get together. We'd – we have – go to the clubs together sometimes.

██████: Mm.

5 PANUCCIO: You know we, we have a lot of functions. He's come to my wife's 60<sup>th</sup> birthdays or my kids. So we get pretty close and then he had a fall out with his wife and just got a bit sort of apart a bit but up to then we was pretty close. We catch up most of the Saturdays now at the club at Drummoyne.

██████: Mm hm.

10 PANUCCIO: Still we have a – sometimes have coffee at Nield Park. Every Friday we all catch up there, all the boys and sometimes during, during the week too you know.

██████: Okay.

PANUCCIO: 'Cause I always go there get my coffee in the morning and read the paper.

15 ██████: So when you say you catch up at Nield Park with all the boys, who are the boys?

PANUCCIO: Eh, my mates. The, the boys that I've known for years. Like accountant, real estate owner, -

██████: Who are they?

20 PANUCCIO: panel beaters - Oh.

██████: Do you have names for these individuals?

PANUCCIO: Yeah, yeah. My cousin Carlo.

██████: Carlo who?

PANUCCIO: Yeah, Carlo Ianni.

25 ██████: How do you spell the surname?

PANUCCIO: I A N N I (spells).

██████: Oh yes. Okay.

PANUCCIO: There's Gary – Gary, what's his name? Gary Sawyer.

██████: Yep.

30 PANUCCIO: Yeah, Andrew. I don't know his second name –

██████: Okay.

PANUCCIO: - Andrew Carluccio or something like that. There's ██████.

[REDACTED]: Is that [REDACTED]?

PANUCCIO: Yes, him too. Comes there. Tony Pace.

[REDACTED]: Tony?

PANUCCIO: Pace.

5 [REDACTED]: P A C E (spells)?

PANUCCIO: Yeah something like that, yeah.

[REDACTED]: Or P A Y C E (spells)?

PANUCCIO: I don't think it's Y. I think it's the first one.

[REDACTED]: Tony Pace?

10 PANUCCIO: Pace, yeah that's it. Pace, yeah, Tony Pace.

[REDACTED]: Mm.

PANUCCIO: Eh, who else and then Paul, because Paul's a good mate when, and, and he, he joins the table sometimes. The bloke that owns the coffee shop.

[REDACTED]: Paul?

15 PANUCCIO: Signorelli.

[REDACTED]: Signorelli?

PANUCCIO: Yeah. Did I miss anyone out?

[REDACTED]: Um –

PANUCCIO: There's ten of us.

20 [REDACTED]: Okay.

PANUCCIO: Because we always go to functions together or a birthday. We all catch up at a club or something like that.

[REDACTED]: Alright.

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

25 [REDACTED]: What about Frank Colaccico?

PANUCCIO: Oh yeah Frank Colaccico too yeah, he's there, yeah. He's a very close friend of mine too.

[REDACTED]: And Frank Mercuri, does he go along?

PANUCCIO: No, Frank Mercuri doesn't.

30 [REDACTED]: Doesn't, okay.



PANUCCIO: I haven't seen Frank for a long time actually.

█: Mm hm. So would you describe your relationship with Angelo as a, a close personal style relationship – a friendship?

PANUCCIO: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

5 █: Okay. Apart from going to Nield Park or the Drummoyne Club -

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

█: - do you catch up for coffee or dinners with him, with Angelo?

PANUCCIO: I do. Yes, yes, yes I do.

█: Yes, okay and how often would that occur do you think?

10 PANUCCIO: Oh when he's bored. When he's not doing nothing.

█: Right.

PANUCCIO: Yeah, yeah.

█: Okay, so just going back to your employment period from 2002 –

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

15 █: - to 2018. Prior to 2002 can you tell me what you used to do for a living?

PANUCCIO: Eh, I had a fish shop at Haberfield.

█: Fish shop?

PANUCCIO: Yeah fish one, yeah.

█: And how long did you have that for?

20 PANUCCIO: I'm not too sure about four years.

█: So from 1998 to 2002?

PANUCCIO: Yeah, yeah.

█: Yep and what about before owning the fish shop?

PANUCCIO: I was a painter and docker.

25 █: Painter and Docker?

PANUCCIO: Yeah I was working in –

█: Down at Melbourne?

PANUCCIO: No, Sydney.

█: Sydney

PANUCCIO: I was – I used to work at Garden Island.

█: Mm hm.

PANUCCIO: Anywhere there was a job on the waterfront in those days from the 60s onwards. I first got my brief, there's, when did I get my brief? I think I got my brief in '69.

5 █: What does that mean you got your brief in '69?

PANUCCIO: The, the brief was the, like a little book that says you can get on the waterfront.

█: Oh I see.

10 PANUCCIO: Okay that was a union book, the ticket. If you didn't have that you couldn't work on the waterfront in those days.

█: Alright and you worked on the waterfront from the 60s?

PANUCCIO: Yeah, yes, yeah.

█: Okay and what was your job. What did you actually do?

15 PANUCCIO: I was a union organiser at the 75 and then – 75 and then I was in the Committee of the Paint and Dockers Union at the time.

█: I'm sorry I missed that. What did you say?

PANUCCIO: Paint and Docker's Committee.

█: Oh right, yeah, right.

20 PANUCCIO: Yeah, I was in the union and then I was the shop steward delegate at the time and I think I was involved in two campaigns in that period. So I was more like an organiser than, than actually workin.

█: When you say campaigns is that the union campaigns or political campaigns?

25 PANUCCIO: Like the, no, no campaigns for the shorter hours. A lot of – I played a big role in that, the unions. There was 22 unions involved in that period and the redundancy. They were the two major things and plus they want to shut Cockatoo down too. We have sort of campaigned on that – that issue too, you know, yeah.

30 █: Okay, alright, are you a member of a political party Nino?

PANUCCIO: Labor Party.

█: Yeah, Labor Party?

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

█: Do you – which branch are you associated with?

PANUCCIO: Five Dock.

[REDACTED]: Five Dock?

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

[REDACTED]: Okay. Have you been Labor all your life or –

5 PANUCCIO: I haven't changed, no. No, I haven't changed.

[REDACTED]: Fair enough. Alright.

PANUCCIO: Alright.

[REDACTED]: Did at any stage, Nino through your relationship with Angelo, did you used to ask him when he was the Mayor to assist you and developers in the

10 Local Canada Bay area with problems? Did you used to sort of –

PANUCCIO: Not one developer.

[REDACTED]: Not one developer?

PANUCCIO: Not one developer.

[REDACTED]: Right, did – did you ever approach Angelo and ask him for assistance in

15 relation to any developments whatsoever?

PANUCCIO: Developments, yes like - but not developers. Yeah, I've always done that, yeah.

[REDACTED]: What – can you give me an idea or an explanation what that means?

PANUCCIO: I'll give you one big one.

20 [REDACTED]: Yeah.

PANUCCIO: Okay, I done the thing at Majors Bay Park there, synthetic grass and I lobbied Landry at the time.

[REDACTED]: You mean the Minister.

PANUCCIO: The Minister Landry sorry I meant to say that yeah and John Sidoti and

25 that. Trying to get something for the kids there at Majors Bay there.

[REDACTED]: Mm.

PANUCCIO: I don't know what the name of the park was because I'm not –

[REDACTED]: So that was you approaching the Minister Sidoti and –

PANUCCIO: Minister and then Angelo too after that.

30 [REDACTED]: - and Angelo about getting synthetic grass?

PANUCCIO: Yeah, yeah.

██████: Was that on behalf of somebody else?

PANUCCIO: Yes Majors Bay Soccer Club and Concord.

██████: Okay.

5 PANUCCIO: Yeah because they said look, you know ‘em, can we get you to arrange a meetin and I did and we pulled it off.

██████: Okay.

PANUCCIO: Yep, that was the major one. The other ones are little things like garages, if they can do it, if they can’t do it –

██████: Alright.

10 PANUCCIO: - but you know things like that but not developers.

██████: See when you say garages, are they the mums and dads type?

PANUCCIO: Yeah dad things or was for my friends or when anyone says Nino can you ring up someone and see if they can give us guidance on this because if, if you do it the wrong way it’s going to cost you money. If you can do it the right way.

15 ████████: And so would you approach Angelo on those–

PANUCCIO: Yes I would.

██████: - times and say –

PANUCCIO: Yes.

20 ████████: - hey Angelo, mum and dad down the road here –

PANUCCIO: Yes,

██████: - have got a DA –

PANUCCIO: Always.

██████: - might have some issues, what do you recommend?

25 PANUCCIO: Yeah that’s correct I’ve always done that.

██████: Right did he ever promise you anything that he could get involved?

PANUCCIO: No, no, no he always goes – he always says give me the phone number. He’d get his PA –

██████: Right.

30 PANUCCIO: - whatever or get someone to contact them and come back to the Council and sort of – sort of –

██████: Is that what he says to you on every occasion that you may have approached him over these?

PANUCCIO: He said no a few times.

██████: You said it a few times?

5 PANUCCIO: (LAUGHS) Couple -

██████: Right. How many times is a few times?

PANUCCIO: I wouldn't know. I wouldn't know. If it can't be done, it can't be done.

██████: Sure but by then it would be reasonable to assume that you would have his PA's number or would know how to -

10 PANUCCIO: Yeah, yeah, -

██████: - to make the arrangements?

PANUCCIO: - sometimes you would get - he'll ask and say look can you ring her up and raise a meeting. Yeah he's done that, yeah.

15 ██████: Alright, why - in those circumstances, why couldn't you have just rung the PA and said look can I make an appointment that way?

PANUCCIO: Oh no, no that's - no I wouldn't do it.

██████: You don't do it like that?

PANUCCIO: No.

██████: It doesn't get done?

20 PANUCCIO: No.

██████: It's got to go through Angelo?

PANUCCIO: Well, I mean you'd say Angelo can - you reckon - why are you going to waste your time ringing the PA if it can't be done. Ask him the question first.

25 ██████: Alright. Did you have any roles in relation to Angelo Tsirekas' local campaigns?

PANUCCIO: Oh yeah.

██████: Okay.

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

30 ██████: Can you give me - well can you tell me about his local campaigns that you may have assisted him in?

PANUCCIO: I think I - I think about four campaigns I've helped him.

[REDACTED]: You've helped him in four, okay –

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

[REDACTED]: - Let's start at the first one.

PANUCCIO: Yep.

5 [REDACTED]: When did you – when did you far, first help –

PANUCCIO: I can't give you dates. Okay, I think the first one was a dud. It was – he stood for State – State Parliament.

[REDACTED]: That was –

PANUCCIO: That was –

10 [REDACTED]: - when he went for –

PANUCCIO: When – when John Sidoti thrashed him, at the period. That was when Eddie Obeid and all of them, was a bad news for the Labor Party.

[REDACTED]: Mm hm.

PANUCCIO: Yeah that was one campaign that – I think that was the one. Then he went

15 to Federal.

[REDACTED]: So we had a State campaign –

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

[REDACTED]: - that you tried to assist on?

PANUCCIO: Yeah, yeah.

20 [REDACTED]: Alright and you don't remember the date?

PANUCCIO: No.

[REDACTED]: Alright -

PANUCCIO: Na.

[REDACTED]: - and John Sidoti, as you said, thrashed him on that one?

25 PANUCCIO: I think so, yeah. I think.

[REDACTED]: Yeah, what did you do, what was your role in relation to that state campaign?

PANUCCIO: Oh hand out leaflets.

[REDACTED]: Right.

30 PANUCCIO: Put some signs up on – find out family, friends and have them put signs up.

██████: They're the cor, corflutes from the - in the front yards?

PANUCCIO: Yeah, yeah, flutes, that's it, yeah.

██████: Yeah.

PANUCCIO: And – and did around – made as many phone calls I could make, yeah.

5 ██████: Phone calls to people?

PANUCCIO: To people, you know, to give Angelo a go. To -

██████: Alright did you seek fundraising? Did you do fundraising activities?

PANUCCIO: No I didn't do no fundraising in that period no.

██████: Didn't source any cash for him for those –

10 PANUCCIO: Not in that period, no.

██████: No, okay.

PANUCCIO: No.

██████: Alright, let's move on to the next one. I think you mentioned a federal one.

PANUCCIO: Yeah the Federal one for Reid.

15 ██████: Alright.

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

██████: And you assisted him in that campaign?

PANUCCIO: Yeah I did.

██████: Alright.

20 PANUCCIO: I did exactly the same thing.

██████: So leaflets?

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

██████: Signs?

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

25 ██████: Phoning around people for assistance.

PANUCCIO: Yeah. Yep and plus for – there was a couple of fundraisers but I never organised them. I just got people to go there.

██████: But what – what did you do to –

PANUCCIO: I just told people mate that we've got a fundraiser, get some tickets and that and come there and support Angelo at the time.

██████: And who did you approach for those sorts of things –

PANUCCIO: Oh –

5 ██████: - for that particular campaign I should say?

PANUCCIO: I've got no –

██████: You don't know?

PANUCCIO: I do know – I do know. I don't know the people that I exactly told but I told a lot of people. Yeah, yeah.

10 ██████: Alright. And how many fundraisers were for the Reid Campaign that you were involved in?

PANUCCIO: Eh, I think it was one – one big one I think it was.

██████: One big one?

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

15 ██████: Where was that?

PANUCCIO: I'm not too sure if it was at Le Montage. I'm not too sure but I did – I do remember it was a big one.

██████: Alright –

PANUCCIO: Okay.

20 ██████: - and so you – you did the same thing as the State Campaign, you handed out leaflets?

PANUCCIO: Yes.

██████: Signs?

PANUCCIO: Yes.

25 ██████: Phoned up for support for Angelo?

PANUCCIO: Yes, yes.

██████: Got involved in some fundraising –

PANUCCIO: Yes.

██████: - by ringing people and encouraging them to go along –

30 PANUCCIO: Yes.

██████: - and buy a ticket?



PANUCCIO: Yes, I did that.

██████: Did you source any cash –

PANUCCIO: Not that.

██████: - fundraising for him on that occasion?

5 PANUCCIO: No, no, not that occasion, no.

██████: Alright and you think it was at the Le Montage or Le Montage?

PANUCCIO: Yeah I think it was at the – it was a big one but I don't remember where it was. It could be –

10 ██████: Now my – my understanding is that the Reid Campaign was 2016. Would that be –

PANUCCIO: No it was – that was more Joseph was handling I think that campaign. Eh, I was just helpin the – I think it was Joseph more.

██████: When you – when you say Joseph, who's Joseph?

PANUCCIO: The bloke, I think Joseph – I'm not too sure was Chidiac.

15 ██████: Chidiac?

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

██████: Right.

PANUCCIO: Yeah, I think he might have been the – in the – something like that.

██████: Right, but you assisted in the Reid Campaign?

20 PANUCCIO: I did, yeah, I did.

██████: Okay. So my question was more just to try and put some timeframe around it. Would it be accurate to say it was about 2016?

PANUCCIO: When – when –

██████: When the – when –

25 PANUCCIO: When he stood for that, whenever he, yeah, yeah.

██████: When he stood, yeah. Okay, alright so we can agree on that.

PANUCCIO: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

██████: What other campaigns did you assist on?

30 PANUCCIO: When he came back to the Council because he left the Council at that period.

██████: Mm hm.

PANUCCIO: And I told him not to 'cause he was never going to get elected but anyway  
–

██████: So this –

PANUCCIO: - that's, that's near or nay, you know.

5 ██████: Yeah alright. Okay, so that was when he – I understand that he wasn't successful in the Reid Campaign?

PANUCCIO: Yeah, he wasn't succ – both of them.

██████: Do you agree with that?

PANUCCIO: Yes.

10 ██████: Alright and he returned back to Mayor?

PANUCCIO: Yeah, oh well that's when he asked for the help.

██████: Right, what did he ask you to do when he's returned?

PANUCCIO: No he asked me and a few other people you know that he'd like to go back to, you know, the campaign. I said no worries and we – and we backed him up.

15 ██████: Alright and do you remember what year he approached you and spoke to you about that?

PANUCCIO: Oh it would've been just – just after the loss I think, yeah.

██████: The loss of the Reid Campaign?

20 PANUCCIO: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

██████: Alright, what did you do and what did he ask you to do I'm sorry?

PANUCCIO: At first it was just more like you know what do you think, should go back, get back on the ticket.

██████: Mm hm and what was your –

25 PANUCCIO: I said mate –

██████: - what was your response?

PANUCCIO: - I said mate if you want to go back I'll support you.

██████: Mm hm. Okay and – and did you tell him how you would support him or did he ask you how to support him?

30 PANUCCIO: Well that – well whatever way. I'll do a fundraiser for him. I'll do whatever it takes.

██████: Did you engage in fundraising for him for his return?

PANUCCIO: Yes I did.

██████: Okay. Can you tell me about that?

PANUCCIO: Oh I done it – I done one big one but it wasn't there. Where was it. I think just after my operation because he come – that's right 2018 –

5 ██████: Mm.

PANUCCIO: - alright I was in hospital for about, about three weeks.

██████: Mm hm.

PANUCCIO: I was out of action for about a good seven months. I started coming back slowly. It should, would have been in the '19.

10 ██████: Okay.

PANUCCIO: Okay be '19.

██████: So you did a fundraiser for him –

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

██████: - in 2019?

15 PANUCCIO: Yes, I did.

██████: Do you know when he returned to the position of Mayor?

PANUCCIO: I think he was already Mayor.

██████: Mm.

PANUCCIO: Na, I'll be honest, no.

20 ██████: Do you – do you have a –

PANUCCIO: That's a part of – that's a part of – I just can't pick up.

██████: Okay, do you have a – I mean you've indicated that you think he was the Mayor. Is that your recollection?

PANUCCIO: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

25 ██████: By 2019 he was already Mayor?

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

██████: So what's the fundraiser in 2019 you're doing for him?

PANUCCIO: 'Cause there was another election I think it six months after that or fuc, something. It was something – it was supposed to be some election in September or something that year and they cancelled it or something. I don't remember. I know I did a fundraiser.

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██████: But that fundraiser had something to do with the Mayor's –

PANUCCIO: The next election, yeah.

██████: The next election?

PANUCCIO: Yeah, yeah.

5 ██████: And you – and you have some recollection that it was cancelled? Was that – is that your –

PANUCCIO: Yeah,.

██████: is that your evidence?

PANUCCIO: I think so, yeah.

10 ██████: Okay.

PANUCCIO: For some reason or another I don't know what it was delayed or something or –

██████: Mm hm so just – just stepping back to 2017, 2016 when Angelo didn't

15 succeed at the Reid – the Federal Reid Campaign. He approached you and said look can you help me I'm, I'm thinking of going back on the ticket to become the Mayor again.

PANUCCIO: Yeah, yeah.

██████: So at least by 2016 perhaps 2017?

PANUCCIO: There was – I know that he – I know he was back in but I don't remember

20 – I don't think I was involved in that period. I'm just –

██████: Alright let's just -

PANUCCIO: - that's out of my mind that period.

██████: – let, let me try and assist you a little bit. So he's approached you and said look this is what I'm thinking –

25 PANUCCIO: Yeah.

██████: - about returning back to the Mayoral position at Canada Bay. I've just lost the Reid Federal election.

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

██████: Or wasn't successful, so between 2016 to 2019 I think it was that you said

30 that you did do one fundraiser for him. Did you do anything in that period?

PANUCCIO: Oh mate that's the period and I just can't – not recall it at all.

██████: Alright, so in 2018 you've had your operation?

PANUCCIO: Yeah. Yeah, yeah.

██████: And that's affected your memory?

PANUCCIO: That – I've lost all side of that – them years. I'll be honest with you I just don't –

5 ██████: Alright look if during today we speak about other things and it comes to you, you're more than welcome to raise it with me.

PANUCCIO: Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.

██████: Let's focus on 2019.

PANUCCIO: Yep.

██████: You said you held a fundraiser or, or were involved in a fundraiser -

10 PANUCCIO: Yes. Yes.

██████: - for Angelo –

PANUCCIO: Yes.

██████: - and proceeding another campaign?

PANUCCIO: That's right, yes.

15 ██████: Okay, alright. Can you tell me about that fundraiser, where was it held?

PANUCCIO: It was held at Aqua Luna.

██████: Aqua Luna?

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

██████: And where's that located at?

20 PANUCCIO: At Drummoyne.

██████: Tell me about your involvement with that fundraiser. What did you do?

PANUCCIO: Well I got as many people to go to that fundraiser as possible.

██████: So you organised persons to attend?

25 PANUCCIO: Yeah as many people. Yeah there was other people too who organised it. I don't know who – there was other people that he knew that was organising too.

██████: Did the – who organised the initial fundraiser event?

PANUCCIO: I think Heather.

██████: You think Heather, who's Heather?

30 PANUCCIO: Heather, Angelo's girlfriend.

[REDACTED]: Right.

PANUCCIO: Partner.

[REDACTED]: Do you know her surname?

PANUCCIO: Eh, no.

5 [REDACTED]: Okay you think Heather organised it? Okay and – and who –

PANUCCIO: Well, I helped her organise it, -

[REDACTED]: She –

PANUCCIO: - we worked all in together. There was three or four of us –

[REDACTED]: Yeah, but –

10 PANUCCIO: - but like I got most of the people to go there.

[REDACTED]: Okay so you were more the organiser –

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

[REDACTED]: - of people to attend?

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

15 [REDACTED]: And if I understand what you're telling me, Heather was the person who –

PANUCCIO: Collected the money.

[REDACTED]: - took the money?

PANUCCIO: Yeah. Most of it, yeah.

[REDACTED]: Most of it?

20 PANUCCIO: Yeah.

[REDACTED]: What about arranging the – the function centre. The Aqua Luna, do you know who arranged that?

PANUCCIO: I think I might have.

[REDACTED]: You think you might have?

25 PANUCCIO: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

[REDACTED]: Okay, who approached you in the first instance to organise people to attend?

PANUCCIO: Angelo.

[REDACTED]: Angelo.

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

██████: Right, okay and do you know what month in 2019 this took place?

PANUCCIO: It would have been a couple of months before I went overseas. Say May.

5 ██████: Mm hm. Okay and do you recall the conversation what he said to you about this particular fundraiser? Did he tell you what to do or how to do things?

PANUCCIO: No, I just done it. I did it to the best of my ability.

██████: Oh okay so I assumed Angelo spoke to you about –

PANUCCIO: Yes.

██████: - some assistance?

10 PANUCCIO: Yes.

██████: What did he say?

PANUCCIO: No, he said something that had – this, the next campaign – all I know is I did a campaign for him.

██████: Mm.

15 PANUCCIO: Oh Jesus, he never actually told me what to do. –

██████: No.

PANUCCIO: - I mean I – I – actually done it all myself, you know.

██████: No, not asking – I think - let me rephrase my question.

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

20 ██████: It appears that Angelo's come to you -

PANUCCIO: Yes.

██████: - to ask for some assistance -

PANUCCIO: That's right.

██████: - for this fundraising event?

25 PANUCCIO: Yeah, that's correct.

██████: Okay, I'm just trying to ascertain from you what he –

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

██████: - asked you to do or what he said to you.

PANUCCIO: No, he – to fundraise for his next campaign.

██████: Right, do you remember the words he said to you, do you remember what he said or words to the effect of, don't know? Okay I see you shaking your head, is that no?

PANUCCIO: That's no, yes.

5 ██████: Okay. Alright.

PANUCCIO: I don't know.

██████: Alright, so it's safe to say that he approached you –

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

██████: - and asked you for some help?

10 PANUCCIO: Yeah.

██████: And you went along and organised some people?

PANUCCIO: That's correct.

██████: Alright, great. What did that organisation look like, what did you do?

PANUCCIO: It was good, big.

15 ██████: No, sorry, what did you –

PANUCCIO: Sorry.

██████: Just let me finish the question, sorry. What did you do?

PANUCCIO: I – what I done I made sure everything was right. Made sure the plates, they had their three course meal at the time. Made sure that everyone

20 turned up. Made phone calls to bring mates with them and whatever it takes to raise a bit of money for him at that period of time.

██████: What does that mean whatever it takes to raise a bit of money?

PANUCCIO: Well talk to them. Like ring up and say look come on boys let's help this bloke out, it's good for the community. It's that kind of type, you know.

25 ██████: Okay. Do you remember who you rang?

PANUCCIO: I rang after I got back, I rang a lot of people up.

██████: You rang a lot of people?

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

██████: And so apart from ringing people –

30 PANUCCIO: Yeah.

██████: - to come along and support Angelo.



PANUCCIO: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

██████: You said that you were involved in the actual –

PANUCCIO: Yeah, fundraising.

██████: - fundraising with the venue in such as –

5 PANUCCIO: That's right.

██████: - making sure that everything was okay –

PANUCCIO: That's correct.

██████: - such as the tables were all organised?

10 PANUCCIO: Yeah, Heather was there. Most sure that Heather was there with her swipe machine, whatever they put in and whatever she write out the tickets for them.

██████: So there was - Heather was involved in the taking of the money?

PANUCCIO: Heather.

██████: Heather.

15 PANUCCIO: Yeah.

██████: Yeah. Okay and you said there was a swipe machine? Do you mean like an EFTPOS?

PANUCCIO: Well apparently, what do they call it – if you've got a credit card machine or something, I don't know.

20 ██████: Okay.

PANUCCIO: Cash, Credit Card machine whatever she had on it. –

██████: Right.

PANUCCIO: - Actually, that day - that day 'cause you know how I remember because I was upset because I had to go to a meetin that day and I wasn't at the function but I was there until 12 o'clock. Then I had to go away, then come back.

25 ██████: Alright, so what time did the function start, do you know?

PANUCCIO: Oh about 12.30.

██████: And you were there at 12?

30 PANUCCIO: Yeah I was there just because I had to go for lunch with one of the clients.

██████: Okay.

PANUCCIO: And I couldn't – I remember that.

[REDACTED]: With one of whose clients?

PANUCCIO: Santo's.

[REDACTED]: Oh okay. What – were you still working at that stage?

5 PANUCCIO: Well in a way I was but not 100%. He wanted me to go with him, you know.

[REDACTED]: With who?

PANUCCIO: With Santo.

[REDACTED]: Oh so you and Santo went and met a client?

10 PANUCCIO: Yeah, the client and just had lunch and you know try and get work. That's all.

[REDACTED]: Okay.

PANUCCIO: But I couldn't avoid it. He wanted me to go with him so I went with him.

[REDACTED]: Alright, were you – was that – that involvement with Santo was that a paid –

15 PANUCCIO: No, no, no, no, Just -

[REDACTED]: - or did you just volunteer to go along?

PANUCCIO: – volunteer, yeah.

[REDACTED]: So let's just head back to the function. Heather had a credit card machine. Did you see that?

20 PANUCCIO: I, no, -

[REDACTED]: Alright.

PANUCCIO: - I didn't see it. I'll be honest with you, I did see it the second time because we had another fundraiser after that.

[REDACTED]: Mm hm.

25 PANUCCIO: I don't know if she used a credit card that, that time but I just – I just sort of assumed that –

[REDACTED]: Right.

PANUCCIO: - but I don't - I didn't see it with my own eyes.

[REDACTED]: So the first –

30 PANUCCIO: The first one was a fundraiser.

[REDACTED]: - at Aqua Luna?

PANUCCIO: Yes.

██████: You've said to me there was a swipe machine but now you're not sure?

PANUCCIO: Yes I'll –

██████: Okay.

5 PANUCCIO: - be honest with you. I didn't know. –

██████: You said -

PANUCCIO: - I only said that because the second time it had the swipe machine.

██████: Alright, we'll get on to the second -

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

10 ████████: - one a little bit later.

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

██████: You also told me that Heather was there handing out receipts.

PANUCCIO: Yes.

██████: Did you see that happen?

15 PANUCCIO: No.

██████: How do you know it happened then?

PANUCCIO: Because at the end of the night she told me.

██████: She told you, did she?

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

20 ████████: Alright so you were there at 12 o'clock?

PANUCCIO: Yeah to make sure everything was going good.

██████: Setting up?

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

██████: Making sure everything was organised?

25 PANUCCIO: Yeah, yeah.

██████: Then you had to leave?

PANUCCIO: That's correct.

██████: Have lunch?

PANUCCIO: Yes.

[REDACTED]: Where did you have lunch at?  
PANUCCIO: I'm not too sure if it was Golden Century.  
[REDACTED]: Down in China Town?  
PANUCCIO: Yeah I think it was Golden Century.  
5 [REDACTED]: Alright with Santo and a client?  
PANUCCIO: Yeah.  
[REDACTED]: Who is the client?  
PANUCCIO: Oh what's the clients name. I don't remember.  
[REDACTED]: Don't remember?  
10 PANUCCIO: Yeah.  
[REDACTED]: How long did the lunch go for?  
PANUCCIO: Oh couple of hours.  
[REDACTED]: Couple of hours?  
PANUCCIO: Yeah.  
15 [REDACTED]: And then what happened after that lunch?  
PANUCCIO: I went straight back to Drummoyne -  
[REDACTED]: Okay so -  
PANUCCIO: - and then I -  
[REDACTED]: - what time do you think you returned back to Drummoyne?  
20 PANUCCIO: About 3 - 3.30, quarter past three, something like that. About 3.  
[REDACTED]: Alright and was the function still going?  
PANUCCIO: Not, no, it was going but not many people there.  
[REDACTED]: Alright, how many people were there?  
PANUCCIO: I don't know.  
25 [REDACTED]: You don't know?  
PANUCCIO: No.  
[REDACTED]: Do you know how many attended on that occasion?  
PANUCCIO: No, I don't.  
[REDACTED]: Okay, alright. Was Heather still there when you returned?

PANUCCIO: I'm not – I don't think so.

██████: What about Angelo?

PANUCCIO: I, I think Angelo was still there.

5 ██████: Mm hm, alright. Were you – were – were you involved in collecting cash in relation to that Aqua Luna function in May 2019?

PANUCCIO: No, only a couple of occasions because one of them was my – was going out with my daughter. He gave me some money at the end of the afternoon, alright, to give to Angelo and some other bloke. Another friend of mine gave me some cash. I said why didn't you give it to Heather, he said we were waiting for you to come back. I said okay.

10 ██████: Alright, let's just – let's just unpack that for a moment.

PANUCCIO: Yeah, yeah.

██████: So there was a person that gave you some money?

PANUCCIO: Two people.

15 ██████: Two people, yeah, and I'm unpacking it slowly.

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

██████: So there was one individual that gave you money –

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

20 ██████: - that I think you said had a – was involved in a relationship with your daughter?

PANUCCIO: My daughter yeah.

██████: What's your daughter's name?

PANUCCIO: Pina.

██████: Pina?

25 PANUCCIO: Pina Panuccio.

██████: Pina Panuccio?

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

██████: Alright. Is she known by any other name? Is she married?

PANUCCIO: She was married. To Ianni.

30 ██████: Ianni?

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

[REDACTED]: Alright so what was the person's name that was in a relationship with your daughter?

PANUCCIO: Albert.

[REDACTED]: Albert?

5 PANUCCIO: Yeah Coch.

[REDACTED]: Coch.

PANUCCIO: Or something like that. Albert something – South American.

[REDACTED]: Are they – are they married or not?

PANUCCIO: No, no, no.

10 [REDACTED]: No, Albert was a boyfriend I suppose?

PANUCCIO: Yes, yes.

[REDACTED]: How old was your daughter at that stage in 2019?

PANUCCIO: Oh she'd be – she would have been 38 or something, 39.

[REDACTED]: Alright. How old was Albert?

15 PANUCCIO: 43, something like that.

[REDACTED]: Is that Albert Concha?

PANUCCIO: Yeah, that's him, yeah.

[REDACTED]: So talk me through that scenario, what happened with Albert and the cash?

PANUCCIO: Ah they just donated it. They gave it to me, and.

20 [REDACTED]: Tell me what happened? You came –

PANUCCIO: I don't, Oh look –

[REDACTED]: - back from - from lunch?

PANUCCIO: - look I know they gave me – I don't know if it was actually that afternoon or the next mornin but they gave me the cash.

25 [REDACTED]: When you say they, who's they?

PANUCCIO: Steve – eh Arthur, a bloke called Arthur because my mate was in the campaign.

[REDACTED]: Alright.

PANUCCIO: Arthur and – and Albert.

30 [REDACTED]: Arthur and Albert?

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

██████: Alright let's just focus on Albert just for now.

PANUCCIO: Okay.

██████: Because Albert you said gave you some money?

5 PANUCCIO: Yeah he could have gave it to me that afternoon or gave it to me at night. I don't know, I don't remember.

██████: Okay, we can take our time on this.

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

██████: So Albert Concha –

10 PANUCCIO: Yeah.

██████: - who is in a relationship with your daughter –

PANUCCIO: Yes, yes.

██████: - did he attend the function?

PANUCCIO: I don't think he did.

15 ██████: Right.

PANUCCIO: I don't think he did. He – no I don't think he did, no.

██████: And you recall him giving you some money?

PANUCCIO: Yes.

██████: To give towards

20 PANUCCIO: Yes.

██████: - Angelo's fundraiser?

PANUCCIO: Yeah, that's correct.

██████: Do you recall where he gave you the money? Where were you when this happened?

25 PANUCCIO: He could have – he could have gave it to me that afternoon or at home or the next mornin he come and saw me. Out of that three occasions I don't – exactly I don't remember. I know he gave it to me in envelope.

██████: In an envelope?

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

30 ██████: What colour envelope was it?

PANUCCIO: I'm not too sure.

██████: The normal – the normal –

PANUCCIO: Should be white – yeah probably white.

██████: Or a big envelope?

5 PANUCCIO: No it wasn't big.

██████: Do you know how much money was in there?

PANUCCIO: He said something about close to 2000 or something.

██████: Right.

PANUCCIO: Close to it, I don't remember.

10 ██████: Okay.

PANUCCIO: I didn't count it so -

██████: Do you know why he didn't go to the fundraiser?

PANUCCIO: Because he works.

[PHONE RINGS]

15 ██████: That's your phone.

PANUCCIO: Oh. I'll turn that off. I thought I turned it off.

██████: Yeah, that's alright. Sorry just step back before we got interrupted.

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

██████: So Albert – Albert gave you some money?

20 PANUCCIO: Yeah.

██████: In a white envelope?

PANUCCIO: Yep.

██████: Alright and that was – that was for Angelo's fundraiser?

PANUCCIO: Fundraiser, yeah.

25 ██████: Okay now he didn't attend the function as far as you recall?

PANUCCIO: I don't think he did, no because I didn't see – look he could have come – he could have come late because he was workin and saw me or he saw me at home or he gave it to me the next day but I think it was more that afternoon.

30 ██████: You think it was more that afternoon?



PANUCCIO: Yeah.

██████: Did your daughter still live with you at that stage?

PANUCCIO: My daughter?

██████: Yeah, Pina.

5 PANUCCIO: Yeah she did.

██████: Alright.

PANUCCIO: Yeah, yeah, she did.

██████: She did. Alright so your daughter still lived with you. Albert was the  
10 boyfriend and he – to the best of your ability or recollection I should say  
might have given it to you later that afternoon –

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

██████: - if not very shortly thereafter?

PANUCCIO: Yeah, yeah something like that, yeah.

██████: Alright, now –

15 PANUCCIO: I know he gave it to me but you know, but.

██████: Alright so let's just stop there with Albert.

PANUCCIO: Yeah, yeah.

██████: You mentioned another person who gave you some money?

PANUCCIO: Arthur.

20 ████████: Arthur who?

PANUCCIO: Oh, what's his second name. Arthur -

██████: Don't recall? Just recall –

██████: Sorrenti?

PANUCCIO: Yes that's him. Sorrenti, yeah.

25 ████████: Alright, talk to me about Arthur Sorrenti, what happened there?

PANUCCIO: No wev, wev, we've been best mates for years and he was at the fundraiser  
and he – he wanted to put some money in towards it and then at the end of  
the night I think - or that afternoon I think he gave me some money too.

██████: Right, was this when you returned back after the lunch?

30 PANUCCIO: Yes, yes, yes.

██████: So Arthur was there?

PANUCCIO: Yes, yes.

██████: Okay, so you recall that, okay. What happened then when he gave you the money?

5 PANUCCIO: He says nothing. He just said can you, can you give this to Angelo. I said why don't you just give to Heather. I don't remember what happened – something like that.

██████: Something like that okay.

10 PANUCCIO: Yeah but anyway don't matter I had it. I had it, they gave me that money so.

██████: When you say they, was there more than one person?

PANUCCIO: No just them two.

██████: Just them two. Who's the other person?

15 PANUCCIO: I don't know. I don't know who was there. It was – I think Arthur gave me the – the envelope. I'm not too sure about Albert giving it to me at the same time. I'm not too sure.

██████: Okay. So did Arthur give you cash?

PANUCCIO: Yes.

██████: How did he give it to you?

20 PANUCCIO: I think it was in the envelope. He said it was cash.

██████: Right.

PANUCCIO: He said it was around about \$2000 too.

██████: Okay and was Heather still at the function at this stage?

PANUCCIO: I, look I'll be honest. I just don't remember if she was there or not –

25 ██████: Right.

PANUCCIO: - because I don't know what is – they gave me the money, why didn't they give it to her but anyway.

██████: Alright. Why did you –

30 PANUCCIO: I don't think she was there. I don't know what happened, they had a few drinks, just don't remember.

██████: Was the money given by Albert to you on behalf of anyone else or is it on behalf of Albert – sorry Arthur?

PANUCCIO: No, it was Albert, Albert gave me the money. He never said that to me, no.

██████: No sorry Arthur gave you some money.

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

██████: At the function.

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

5 ██████: Was it his money or was it somebody else's money?

PANUCCIO: He, he said it was for someone – brother in law, could have been. Could have been his brother in law he said. Something like that. I don't know he said something. I don't know. Said this is 2000 from someone.

██████: When you were organising this fundraiser did you ring Arthur?

10 PANUCCIO: Yeah, yeah, Arthur, he was there.

██████: Did you ring his brother in law?

PANUCCIO: I'm not too sure. I could -

██████: Do you know who the brother in law is?

PANUCCIO: Yeah I think I know – met him. I met him sometime or I'm thinking of  
15 some other fundraiser. I'm not too sure.

██████: You're not sure?

PANUCCIO: Yeah I met him at that Labor – Labor Party – I think at the Labor Party at Five Dock. I met him – I think I met him there a couple of occasions, yeah.

██████: Do you know his name?

20 PANUCCIO: No, Steve. Steve, it was Steve. Second name, no.

██████: Alright so at the function you at least have one envelope from Arthur -

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

██████: - and perhaps later that evening, maybe the next morning you were provided with another envelope –

25 PANUCCIO: Yeah, yeah.

██████: - from Mr Concha?

PANUCCIO: Albert, yeah.

██████: Albert, yeah. Arthur and Albert.

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

30 ██████: Two individual envelopes. What did you do with the cash?

PANUCCIO: Oh gave it to Angelo.

[REDACTED]: When did you give it to Angelo?

PANUCCIO: I'm not too sure. It was that after – that late afternoon. It goes back or the next morning – first thing next morning.

[REDACTED]: Alright where – where did you give him the cash, where were you?

5 PANUCCIO: Where he lives at Harris Farm.

[REDACTED]: At Harris Farm?

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

[REDACTED]: In – in the – so just – just think about that for a moment.

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

10 [REDACTED]: So when I say where were you when you gave him the cash can you recall exactly where you were?

PANUCCIO: No.

[REDACTED]: Alright.

PANUCCIO: Exactly where I was?

15 [REDACTED]: Yeah.

PANUCCIO: Well, no.

[REDACTED]: Alright were you in – I understand – do you know where Angelo lives?

PANUCCIO: Yes I do.

[REDACTED]: Okay can you tell me?

20 PANUCCIO: [REDACTED].

[REDACTED]: [REDACTED]?

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

[REDACTED]: [REDACTED] is –

25 PANUCCIO: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]: Mm.

PANUCCIO: Alright.

[REDACTED]: Is that on [REDACTED] at Drummoyne?

30 PANUCCIO: Yeah, could be, -

[REDACTED]: Okay.

PANUCCIO: - yeah.

[REDACTED]: Alright so he –

5 PANUCCIO: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]: Is it your recollection that you gave him the envelopes of cash whilst at–

PANUCCIO: I gave him – I gave him everything and what else – I’m pretty it was that – the next day. I gave him some money, yeah.

10 [REDACTED]: Alright so you gave him the two envelopes of cash?

PANUCCIO: I gave him that, yeah.

[REDACTED]: And is it your recollection that you’re at Harris Farm when you did this or you’re not sure.

PANUCCIO: Could have been at Harris Farm or downstairs I’m not too sure.

15 [REDACTED]: Mm hm.

PANUCCIO: Anyway.

[REDACTED]: When – when you gave Angelo the envelopes of cash what did you tell him?

PANUCCIO: Oh this was from last night or whatever.

20 [REDACTED]: Right and what was his response?

PANUCCIO: Nothing just yeah okay, whatever, I don’t know. I don’t remember the words he said, you know.

[REDACTED]: Do you know if he indicated to you that receipts would need to be drawn up and given to them or anything like that?

25 PANUCCIO: I think the receipts were already done.

[REDACTED]: The receipts were already done, how do you know – how do you know that?

PANUCCIO: I think so, I don’t know I thought – because I thought Heather would have done that, all the receipts and all that. I just gave him the cash and he would sort of worked that out himself.

30 [REDACTED]: Prior to the fundraising taking place did you have any discussions with Heather about people promising to provide money and things of that nature?

PANUCCIO: She gave out, she gave out – what they call them. Everyone fills in a forms. I know that everyone filled in a form. I wouldn't have got nothin if they didn't fill in a form.

[REDACTED]: Is that the donation form you're referring to?

5 PANUCCIO: That's right. Yeah they would have filled that in but I don't know how much they put on the form and that but -

[REDACTED]: Nino, can I just clarify one thing with you?

PANUCCIO: Yes mate.

[REDACTED]: So I just want to go back this meeting in Harris Farm -

10 PANUCCIO: Yeah.

[REDACTED]: - Markets which from my memory is sort of on Victoria Road there at Drummoyne. Is that right?

PANUCCIO: That's right, yeah, yeah. You go the back way too.

[REDACTED]: So you told [REDACTED] that you sort of – you think it might have been the day after the function that you went there.

15 PANUCCIO: There.

[REDACTED]: So when you went there did you – why did you go there to start with?

PANUCCIO: To give him the money.

[REDACTED]: Okay. So did you arrange it with him before hand?

20 PANUCCIO: I'm not too sure if I rang him. I rang him – I must have rang him and say look I'm coming around. It could have been two or three days later too.

[REDACTED]: Okay well –

PANUCCIO: You know what I mean I – I'd be telling you – but I know I rang him and I said oh look Ang I've got to catch up with you I've got some money here and I want to give it to you.

25 [REDACTED]: Okay, yeah.

PANUCCIO: Right and I'm not too sure it was in Harris Farm or in the car park. I'm not too sure now why I gave it to him but I did give him the money. -

[REDACTED]: Alright. That's okay.

30 PANUCCIO: - I did give him the money. Whatever money I got I gave it to him.

[REDACTED]: So stemming through that the – you suspect you may have called him before hand, is that correct?

PANUCCIO: Yeah, yeah.

██████████: Okay. Because otherwise he wouldn't know you were coming.

PANUCCIO: Of course. No I would have called him. I don't remember what exactly.

██████████: And you're a bit hazy about whether it was in the coffee shop in, in Harris Farm Markets or whether it was in the carpark. Is that right?

5 PANUCCIO: Yeah well just I rang and would have said well Angelo where are you, you know. So I just – exactly where I gave it to him I don't –

██████████: How often did – do you call Angelo?

PANUCCIO: A lot, a lot, I call Angelo a lot.

██████████: And you're talking about the carpark, which carpark are you talking about?

10 PANUCCIO: Underneath Harris Farm.

██████████: Okay so you just –

PANUCCIO: Because obviously sometimes I pop my car down there too, you know.

██████████: Okay, is that a public carpark?

PANUCCIO: Yeah, public carpark plus there's residents too, yeah.

15 ██████████: Okay, okay and do you know if the carpark, you may or may not know, is there video surveillance in the carpark do you know?

PANUCCIO: Could be.

██████████: Okay alright. So you described to ██████████ this meeting. You mentioned it could be a couple of days after or could be (UNDECIPHERABLE).

20 PANUCCIO: Yeah, yeah, look – I'd be lying to you if I told you it was exactly that day.

██████████: Alright, so just step us through the best you can what you recall happening, as the best you can do? You've established you've spoken to – to Angelo at some point to arrange this.

PANUCCIO: We would have had a coffee, I don't know, I'm not too sure then we went

25 ██████████: Okay.

PANUCCIO: I'll be just sort of be saying something that I shouldn't be saying.

██████████: No that's alright. Do you remember if you had coffee did you buy the coffee or did Angelo buy the coffee?

30 PANUCCIO: I don't –

██████████: Okay, was there – other than you and Angelo was there anyone else there?

PANUCCIO: No.

[REDACTED]: Just you two?

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

[REDACTED]: And where do you usually sit in the coffee shop when you have coffee?

PANUCCIO: Where we can find a spot.

5 [REDACTED]: Okay and what sort of coffee do you drink?

PANUCCIO: Café Latte.

[REDACTED]: And what does Angelo drink?

PANUCCIO: Oh I don't remember. I know what I have.

[REDACTED]: Okay, okay. How long do you think you were there for, no idea?

10 PANUCCIO: Na.

[REDACTED]: So when – have you had coffee there before?

PANUCCIO: Five, ten, fifteen minutes could be. Yeah, could be, I don't know.

[REDACTED]: Could be an hour?

PANUCCIO: I've never stood an hour with anyone. Maybe half an hour, -

15 [REDACTED]: Half an hour maximum?

PANUCCIO: - maybe 20 minutes, yeah, yeah.

[REDACTED]: Alright and did you drive there yourself or how did you get there?

PANUCCIO: No I drove.

[REDACTED]: You drove?

20 PANUCCIO: Yeah.

[REDACTED]: Okay and what sort of car do you drive?

PANUCCIO: A black South Korean cars.

[REDACTED]: Hyundai?

PANUCCIO: What is it?

25 [REDACTED]: A Hyundai?

PANUCCIO: Could be yeah.

[REDACTED]: Okay, so it's your car?

PANUCCIO: My wife's I think.

[REDACTED]: Okay. So how long have you had that car for?



PANUCCIO: Eh, maybe three years.

[REDACTED]: So you're comfortable at that time you gave Angelo that money you had this black car?

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

5 [REDACTED]: Okay is it a black four door car, hatchback?

PANUCCIO: No four door.

[REDACTED]: Four door car?

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

[REDACTED]: Big car or small car?

10 PANUCCIO: Small car.

[REDACTED]: Do you know the rego number?

PANUCCIO: No.

[REDACTED]: Okay. It's your wife's car though is it?

PANUCCIO: Yes.

15 [REDACTED]: Okay alright and you drove that car to there?

PANUCCIO: Yes.

[REDACTED]: At that point in time?

PANUCCIO: Yes.

[REDACTED]: Okay and you – it was only you and Angelo?

20 PANUCCIO: Yes.

[REDACTED]: Okay. That's all.

[REDACTED]: Alright. Did you have any role in filling in the donation slips?

PANUCCIO: Na, not one.

[REDACTED]: Not one?

25 PANUCCIO: No.

[REDACTED]: Whose role or job was it to do that?

PANUCCIO: Heather.

[REDACTED]: Heather.

PANUCCIO: I might have handed out the, the – some of the forms but I didn't fill in –

[REDACTED]: Can you recall when you might have handed out the donation forms?  
PANUCCIO: Mate you're going back a long time.  
[REDACTED]: Was it prior to the fundraiser or was it at the fundraiser?  
PANUCCIO: It was prior I think.  
5 [REDACTED]: Prior?  
PANUCCIO: Yeah, prior and at the fundraiser I wasn't there so it would have been handed out some there but I would have gave people some forms to fill in what they're going to do. I would have gave that, I would have done that, yeah.  
10 [REDACTED]: Okay. Did you take anyone to the fundraiser, did you pick them up or drop them off?  
PANUCCIO: No, no, no.  
[REDACTED]: Anything else apart from that?  
PANUCCIO: No, that was it.  
15 [REDACTED]: Okay alright and I think you mentioned there was, apart from the provision of those two envelopes to Angelo you mentioned cash. Was there anything else that you gave Angelo –  
PANUCCIO: Yeah.  
[REDACTED]: - after the event?  
20 PANUCCIO: Yeah.  
[REDACTED]: Alright.  
PANUCCIO: I gave him \$7000 to look after for me.  
[REDACTED]: You gave him how much?  
PANUCCIO: \$7000.  
25 [REDACTED]: Is this in the same meeting?  
PANUCCIO: That was mine. Yes.  
[REDACTED]: Alright. So tell me about that.  
PANUCCIO: No, 'cause I had \$10,000 at home right.  
[REDACTED]: You had 10 at home?  
30 PANUCCIO: Yeah, right and every - every so often I was taking 100, 100, 100 out and it was going like down to below.  
[REDACTED]: Sorry just slow down I missed that. You were taking –

PANUCCIO: I was taking 100 here, 100 there and I was just – and it was going down. That was my money for going overseas because I just got my superannuation and I said I'll grab it and I'll give it to Angelo to put away for me so I won't touch it.

5 [REDACTED]: Why couldn't you give it to your wife?

PANUCCIO: Because – because I didn't want her to know I had \$7000, \$10,000.

[REDACTED]: Okay, why couldn't you have put in the bank?

PANUCCIO: Because I was living at it. I was sort of thinking you know it's there at home.

10 [REDACTED]: So you're telling me you had \$10,000 cash at home?

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

[REDACTED]: And you'd been taking 100 here, 100 there –

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

[REDACTED]: - dribs and drabs?

15 PANUCCIO: Yes, that's correct.

[REDACTED]: It's causing you some concerns because you were diving in –

PANUCCIO: Yeah at the same period I had the money. Yeah, now it's come back to me, yeah.

[REDACTED]:

20 [REDACTED]: And, okay, alright and so you felt like that your savings has been dwindled by your spending habits?

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

[REDACTED]: Is that fair to say?

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

[REDACTED]: And you gave \$7000 to Angelo to –

25 PANUCCIO: Yeah.

[REDACTED]: - hold on to?

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

[REDACTED]: And the purpose of that was?

PANUCCIO: To give it back to me round about two months later 'cause he was going overseas and I was going overseas also.

30 [REDACTED]: When you were going to go?

PANUCCIO: In July.

[REDACTED]: In July?

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

[REDACTED]: And where were you going to go?

PANUCCIO: To Italy.

5 [REDACTED]: To Italy?

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

[REDACTED]: Alright were you going with Angelo?

PANUCCIO: No.

10 [REDACTED]: Okay, alright. So I suppose my question is why did – why did you think Angelo would be a good option to hang on to your money than apart from any other person or –

PANUCCIO: Have you ever met – have you ever met Angelo?

[REDACTED]: Well I'm asking the question I suppose. What's your – what's your thinking behind that?

15 PANUCCIO: Because it's very hard even to give it back to ya once he's got it in his hands. So if I was to said to him Angelo give me a hundred or two hundred, he would have said no, no, no, he would have said to me. So he was that kind of a person, yeah.

[REDACTED]: Alright. Have you given him cash before?

20 PANUCCIO: No that's the only time I gave it to him.

[REDACTED]: So this is the only circumstance –

PANUCCIO: Yeah the only time because I was going overseas. He was going to come over and I just wanted some money just in case, you know.

[REDACTED]: He was going to come over, what does that mean?

25 PANUCCIO: Yeah, he was coming over to Europe too. He said -

[REDACTED]: Oh okay.

PANUCCIO: Yeah he said he was coming over to Europe. He was – he was – was some junket there with the Council or something. They were all going over.

[REDACTED]: Were you going to meet up in –

30 PANUCCIO: He said he was – when he was finishing his junket or whatever they go around different towns, he was going to come past. I said well you come past and come to where my brother lives down there and you can stay with us.

[REDACTED]: Okay well let's – well we'll get into the trip in a minute.

PANUCCIO: Okay.

██████: So how did you give him the cash? Was it in 50s, 100s, -

PANUCCIO: No, it would have, it would have –

██████: - 20s, 10s?

5 PANUCCIO: – it would have been – it could have been 100’s or 50’s or even 20’s because I was putting money back and – and taking money out.

██████: Where, right.

PANUCCIO: So it could have been – most of it would have been 100’s.

██████: Where was this in your house? Where did you store the cash in your house?

10 PANUCCIO: Downstairs where I live with my son.

██████: With your son. Did, are you married?

PANUCCIO: I was.

██████: Was?

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

15 ██████: And were you married at that time?

PANUCCIO: Oh, still there but I live downstairs.

██████: So it’s –

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

██████: - a separated arrangement is it?

20 PANUCCIO: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

██████: So why didn’t you want your wife to know about the money?

PANUCCIO: Because I just – what they don’t know don’t hurt.

██████: Did you have joint bank accounts with her at that stage?

PANUCCIO: No, nothing, nothing with her.

25 ██████: Did she have access to your bank account at that stage?

PANUCCIO: No.

██████: Then why couldn’t you have put the cash in your own bank account? She would never have known about it.

PANUCCIO: Because most of the money was coming from – when I put it all away. When I got my super. I just put it away then no one knows what's happening.

██████: How much from super did you get?

5 PANUCCIO: At that time it was 20,000.

██████: 20,000.

PANUCCIO: 20,000 yeah.

██████: Okay, where was the other 10,000?

PANUCCIO: Where was it?

10 ██████: Yeah. Well you had 20 in super.

PANUCCIO: Well I would have gave it – I'm not too sure if I gave it all to me – to me son at the time. I'm not too sure. I gave it to them and they gave me back in cash. I don't remember. I honestly I had 10 grand and I ended up spending about 3.

15 ██████: Alright let's just – let's just unpack this. You said to me you've got 20 grand in super?

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

██████: Alright when did you get that?

PANUCCIO: When I had the operation.

20 ██████: In 2018?

PANUCCIO: 2018, yeah.

██████: Right who are your Super – who's your Super fund?

PANUCCIO: Cbus.

██████: Cbus, yep. So you got 20 grand out in 2018.

25 PANUCCIO: Yeah.

██████: And you've told me that you gave that to your son, the 20 grand?

PANUCCIO: I think I would have gave it to someone in the family and they gave me back ten.

██████: Who's the someone in the family?

30 PANUCCIO: Could have been my son.

██████: Alright, what's your son's name?

PANUCCIO: Johnny Panuccio.

[REDACTED]: Johnny.

PANUCCIO: Yeah, Johnny – Johnny - John.

[REDACTED]: And he gave it back to you did he or part there of?

PANUCCIO: No, ten back, yeah.

5 [REDACTED]: Do you know when he gave you the ten back?

PANUCCIO: Oh no, I would have – he would have just gave it to me before I go overseas –

[REDACTED]: And is it.

10 PANUCCIO: - and he said to me – he said to me, here Dad take ten. When you go overseas have a good time.

[REDACTED]: Right. So up until – alright let’s talk about when you went to overseas, what month and year?

PANUCCIO: July.

[REDACTED]: July what?

15 PANUCCIO: 19.

[REDACTED]: So July 19, alright. So between 2018 and July 19 your son held on to the \$20,000?

PANUCCIO: Well if he, if I gave it to him, yes, all of it.

[REDACTED]: Or potentially another family member?

20 PANUCCIO: Could have been.

[REDACTED]: Who else is the options?

PANUCCIO: It could have been my wife too.

[REDACTED]: Sorry.

25 PANUCCIO: It could have been my wife. The only two I would have done anything with.

[REDACTED]: What about your daughter?

PANUCCIO: No I don’t think I would have done it with my daughter.

[REDACTED]: Why – alright so you’ve given me potentially two options, either your son or your wife.

30 PANUCCIO: Yeah, yeah.

[REDACTED]: But earlier you said you didn’t want her to know about the money or give –

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

██████: - her any money so I'm –

PANUCCIO: Yeah because I got – I got three times I got money that year.

██████: Right. What are the – what are the three times?

5 PANUCCIO: I think I got a compensation claim.

██████: Compo?

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

██████: How much did you get for that, was it a lump sum or was it ongoing?

PANUCCIO: I think it was lag, ongoing large sum or something.

10 ██████: Which one or was it both?

PANUCCIO: I got that the year after. Hang on. I think that was the Super. That, that was the Super I think. That 20,000 was the Super.

██████: Yep.

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

15 ██████: - but you're talking about three –

PANUCCIO: I think I got it the year later the compensation claim.

██████: In 2019?

PANUCCIO: 2020.

██████: 2020.

20 PANUCCIO: Yeah and –

██████: Alright.

PANUCCIO: - then I got industrial deafness in 2022.

██████: In 2022.

PANUCCIO: No, 2020. I got, twice I got two large sum of money.

25 ██████: Yep, and then the other one –

PANUCCIO: No I think the first one because you know I think got superannuation out twice.

██████: Right.

PANUCCIO: Them - them two years.



[REDACTED]: When –

PANUCCIO: I think one could have been my wife and the other one I think I gave it to my son. If you check that out I think I got it twice the superannuation.

[REDACTED]: Alright so there's two amounts from Super you got.

5 PANUCCIO: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

[REDACTED]: The 20k was one of them?

PANUCCIO: Yeah, one of them was 20 – I think it could have been even 25.

[REDACTED]: Could have been 25?

PANUCCIO: Yeah, yeah.

10 [REDACTED]: Okay and what was the other one?

PANUCCIO: Might have been 20 (UNDECIPHERABLE) yeah, yeah.

[REDACTED]: Alright and when did you get those out?

PANUCCIO: Look I've got – I have to go and give you – check up the dates. –

[REDACTED]: Mm hm was it -

15 PANUCCIO: - It would have been around that period.

[REDACTED]: – would it have been in what 2019?

PANUCCIO: 18 and 19, yeah.

[REDACTED]: 19 alright. So the compo and the industrial deafness pay-outs they were after –

20 PANUCCIO: I think it was the year later.

[REDACTED]: Okay so we can potentially rule that out.

PANUCCIO: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

[REDACTED]: So, do you have a recollection of giving some money to your wife –

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

25 [REDACTED]: - from your superannuation?

PANUCCIO: Yes I do.

[REDACTED]: Alright, how much did you give her?

PANUCCIO: I. You think - you'd have to check it out.

[REDACTED]: Do you have a recollection?

PANUCCIO: Na.

██████: Okay and do you have a recollection of giving some money to your son as well?

PANUCCIO: Yeah, yeah.

5 ██████: Right. A portion, perhaps \$20,000 if I remember correctly?

PANUCCIO: Yeah, yeah, that's right.

██████: Alright so 20k –

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

10 ██████: - and then at some point prior to you leaving in July '19 to go overseas he gave you 10,000 to spend overseas?

PANUCCIO: Yeah, yeah I'll put it away, yeah.

██████: Do you remember when you went in July 19 or when you went overseas?

PANUCCIO: It would have – would have been July.

██████: Would have been July?

15 PANUCCIO: Yeah.

██████: Where'd you go?

PANUCCIO: Italy.

██████: Italy?

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

20 ██████: Do you remember how close it was prior to you leaving Australia your son gave you the money?

PANUCCIO: I think he would have gave it to me at least four or five months before that because I would have said son give me the money or my – whoever gave it to me then. It could have been my wife. Look I had – I had the ten grand and it was little bit on the way and I thought it could be a safe place to give it to Angelo, same times I gave him the envelopes. The two envelopes. That's why

25 ██████: Why couldn't you just give the money –

PANUCCIO: That's – that's what it was. I don't remember. Honestly I gave it to him that time.

30 ██████: Yep.

PANUCCIO: Right and I said put it away for me right and I'll get it when I'm – just before I go –

[REDACTED]:                    Alright.  
 PANUCCIO:                   - and yeah.  
 [REDACTED]:                    So why couldn't you give the money back to your son if you had some issues with spending?  
 5    PANUCCIO:                    I've got no issues with my son. My son's got a good job.  
 [REDACTED]:                    No, no, no, sorry, if you just listen to my question.  
 PANUCCIO:                    Oh, oh.  
 [REDACTED]:                    You told us earlier you were taking money from that \$10,000 you had in dribs and drabs, this is –  
 10   PANUCCIO:                    Because –  
 [REDACTED]:                    - this is cash at your home?  
 PANUCCIO:                    Because I just wanted to go – give it to Angelo. Feeling that I – you know that I – you know someone can sort of hold it for me. No one knows nothin. I have a little bit of a habit too, huh. So you know I just didn't want to sort  
 15   of spend the money.  
 [REDACTED]:                    When you say a habit what do you mean?  
 PANUCCIO:                    Oh just a bit of a habit, that's all?  
 [REDACTED]:                    Oh a spending habit?  
 PANUCCIO:                    Yeah could have – yeah spending habit yeah.  
 20   [REDACTED]:                    Nino I just want to go back for a sec –  
 PANUCCIO:                    Yeah go back yeah, yeah.  
 [REDACTED]:                    - and clarify something. So we've been talking about superannuation which is money received okay.  
 PANUCCIO:                    Yeah, yeah.  
 25   [REDACTED]:                    So when you receive money from superannuation, how do you receive it?  
 PANUCCIO:                    It goes – it comes into a bank account.  
 [REDACTED]:                    Okay, so which bank account did it go into?  
 PANUCCIO:                    Could have been mine.  
 [REDACTED]:                    Well it's your super, I think it had to be your bank account wouldn't it?  
 30   PANUCCIO:                    Look that's why I said to you I have to go back and have a look. You didn't – I thought I was coming here for the fundraiser. I didn't know you were going to come for the superannuation.

[REDACTED]: That's alright but who do you bank with?

PANUCCIO: At the time I think I went – well hang on a second or could be the Westpac.

[REDACTED]: Mm hm.

PANUCCIO: Alright, I don't know if it went in that one or the Commonwealth.

5 [REDACTED]: So they're the only two banks you bank with Westpac and Commonwealth?

PANUCCIO: Yeah, yeah.

[REDACTED]: You've never banked with anybody else?

PANUCCIO: Not – not the – for the period you're talking about.

10 [REDACTED]: Okay, so Westpac – so with Westpac what accounts do you have at Westpac?

PANUCCIO: Well this here.

[REDACTED]: So okay do you have a credit card or is it a savings account or what is it?

PANUCCIO: Eh, it just comes in, what do they call it?

15 [REDACTED]: An everyday sort of account is it?

PANUCCIO: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

[REDACTED]: Okay.

PANUCCIO: (UNDECIPHERABLE) you've got to put money in it –

[REDACTED]: To take it out.

20 PANUCCIO: - to take it out. Yeah you can't – it's not a loan.

[REDACTED]: So when the money –

PANUCCIO: So the money would have went into one of those accounts.

[REDACTED]: Yeah okay and those accounts were in your name?

PANUCCIO: Yes.

25 [REDACTED]: And so the money's gone into that account, either the Westpac –

PANUCCIO: Yeah,

[REDACTED]: - or the Commonwealth account?

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

[REDACTED]: And then did you take the money out?

PANUCCIO: Could have.

██████████: Well you would have had to taken money out to give to your son wouldn't you?

PANUCCIO: Or give it to my wife or she would have took it out. –

5 ██████████: Well.

PANUCCIO: I would have gave her permission to take it out. Oh well I would – no that's right I might, I might have transferred it to them. That's what I might have done.

██████████: Okay so you've got electronic banking?

10 PANUCCIO: That's, that's what I might have done.

██████████: You would have electronic banking access to your bank accounts?

PANUCCIO: Yeah could have, yeah.

██████████: So do you recall whether you trans – if you did transfer was it in one lump sum or was it in lots of small amount or what was it?

15 PANUCCIO: Could have been all.

██████████: Alright.

PANUCCIO: I think it could have been just one.

██████████: Just one, okay.

PANUCCIO: Yeah, yeah.

20 ██████████: And how af, how long after received this payment do you think it happened?

PANUCCIO: Oh look I don't – I, exactly when they gave it to me I don't – my son gave it to me but look I just put it away and I manage one of my ten grand and that's it. I just you know –

25 ██████████: Okay. Nino I just want to remind you about what ██████████ told you to start with about this.

PANUCCIO: I'm not worried about that.

██████████: Okay.

PANUCCIO: What are you worried about?

30 ██████████: I'm just saying to you, you need to be mindful with – you have to be truthful with us okay.

PANUCCIO: That \$10,000 was mine.

██████████: Alright.

PANUCCIO: I'm truthful.

[REDACTED]: I'm just reminding you, you've got to be truthful with us okay.

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

[REDACTED]: Because it is a criminal offence to tell us something that's untrue, -

5 PANUCCIO: Yeah.

[REDACTED]: - okay.

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

[REDACTED]: So [REDACTED]'s got some further questions for you?

[REDACTED]: Alright. So you said Johnny gave you your \$10,000 you said -

10 PANUCCIO: My son did.

[REDACTED]: - you had a habit of spending that money?

PANUCCIO: Yeah, yeah.

[REDACTED]: And you were fearful that you were just delving into your cash supplies?

PANUCCIO: That's right.

15 [REDACTED]: Leading up to your trip to Italy and -

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

[REDACTED]: - by July 19. So I think you said in your evidence so far is that you received the \$10,000 four to five months prior to leaving Australia.

PANUCCIO: Yeah. Something -

20 [REDACTED]: Is that - is that right?

PANUCCIO: Well around about that, yeah.

[REDACTED]: Around about perhaps -

PANUCCIO: Perhaps.

[REDACTED]: - January February maybe. Would you agree with that?

25 PANUCCIO: Yep.

[REDACTED]: Okay. At what stage did you become concerned about your spending habit?

PANUCCIO: Just everyday -

[REDACTED]: In, In.

PANUCCIO: - I was just getting 100 here and a 100 there. It was going to go before I know it, it was - probably have nothing left.

██████: Mm and you gave \$7000 to –

PANUCCIO: Yep.

5 ██████: - Angelo to hang on to?

PANUCCIO: Yep.

██████: And had you had some conversations with Angelo on how you were going to get your money back?

PANUCCIO: I just told him, just before I leave I'll come and get it.

10 ██████: Before you leave to Italy?

PANUCCIO: Italy, yeah.

██████: Okay and did you do that?

PANUCCIO: No. 'Cause he – he didn't have it.

██████: What do you mean he didn't have it?

15 PANUCCIO: Well he said he didn't have it.

██████: Did you ask him where it went?

PANUCCIO: Yeah he said that the, the –

██████: Tell me, I'm all ears.

PANUCCIO: You blokes have got it all something, I don't know.

20 ██████: Alright. So what did he tell you about that?

PANUCCIO: That's it. That it just went down and the money is gone and I said when am I going to get it back and that's – that's – he did say that.

██████: Alright. Did you go to Italy?

PANUCCIO: Yes I did.

25 ██████: Did you meet Angelo overseas?

PANUCCIO: Yes I did.

██████: Where did you meet him?

PANUCCIO: He come over from one of the islands because he was over there with some function. He come over for about two days, two or three days. Come over from Liparti I think. Frank Colaccico was over there too at the time I think.

30 There was a junken.

[REDACTED]: A junket?

PANUCCIO: Like well five or six people from the Council.

[REDACTED]: Yeah okay. They were all around Europe or something, yeah.

[REDACTED]: Which town in Italy were you in?

5 PANUCCIO: Huh?

[REDACTED]: Which town in Italy were you in?

PANUCCIO: I was in Bagnara.

[REDACTED]: Alright, we'll get into the details of the trip in a sec.

PANUCCIO: Yeah. Yeah.

10 [REDACTED]: Who did you go to Italy with, who did you fly with?

PANUCCIO: My wife.

[REDACTED]: Your wife?

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

[REDACTED]: How did you pay for your flights?

15 PANUCCIO: She paid for it.

[REDACTED]: She paid for it did she?

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

[REDACTED]: How much were the flights, do you recall?

PANUCCIO: No, na.

20 [REDACTED]: Who booked your flights?

PANUCCIO: My daughter.

[REDACTED]: Who does she work for?

PANUCCIO: Flight Centre.

[REDACTED]: Did – did you assist in paying for Angelo's trip or accommodation?

25 PANUCCIO: Oh I think – I'm not too sure. I'm not too sure at the time that I assisted him.

[REDACTED]: What do you mean you're not too sure?

PANUCCIO: Well I'm not too sure that he – I think he asked or something. I had to give my daughter some money because it was short for something, for some unknown reason. I'm not too sure. I've got to check out with my daughter.

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██████: Right, let's just – let's just think about that for a moment.

PANUCCIO: Yeah, yeah,

██████: Do you have a recollection of providing any sort of financial assistance to Angelo Tsirekas on -

5 PANUCCIO: I think I did. I might have –

██████: - for that trip?

PANUCCIO: - because he was in a bit of trouble there at the time.

██████: What do you mean a bit of trouble, what trouble was he in?

10 PANUCCIO: Well divorce and all the rest of it and I think he was going over – I'm not too sure if I, I, I gave my daughter some money for a trip or something. I think I might have. I think I -

██████: Mm take your time.

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

██████: Do you remember how much you gave to your daughter?

15 PANUCCIO: I'm not too sure. It could have been 4000.

██████: Perhaps a bit more?

PANUCCIO: No, it wasn't – I – I did. I think it was short of something. About maybe 4 – 4 – 5 maybe.

██████: More?

20 PANUCCIO: No. I don't know. It could be, no. About 4 or 5.

██████: Alright, talk us through that, what happened?

PANUCCIO: Because he paid – he paid it back. When did he pay it back? Can I look in my phone?

██████: Yeah sure.

25 [NO CONVERSATION – PANUCCIO LOOKING AT PHONE]

PANUCCIO: He paid back, wait a sec – there it is. June, paid me back 2500.

██████: 27 June 2019 –

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

██████: - so you're showing us your Commonwealth Bank Statement?

30 PANUCCIO: Yeah, yep, yep.

██████: Two and a half grand? Yep.

PANUCCIO: Yeah, yeah.

██████: And then any other repayments?

PANUCCIO: And then he gave me another –

██████: Was that 19 wasn't it?

5 PANUCCIO: Yeah, yeah.

██████: Yes.

PANUCCIO: Yeah, yeah, so I just helped him out on that one and then the other one we paid back. So it must have been 5000 then. 2500, another time was 2500.

██████: When was that time?

10 PANUCCIO: Eh, bloody hell. I can't find it.

██████: That's alright.

PANUCCIO: I'd find it if I took my time.

██████: That's alright.

PANUCCIO: I've got to go back again.

15 ██████: That's okay.

PANUCCIO: I can't find it.

██████: Okay.

PANUCCIO: Alright. Can't find it. It's there somewhere.

20 ██████: Alright so let's just recap a tad. So we're all on the same page. You recall now providing some financial assistance towards Tsirekas' trip overseas?

PANUCCIO: Yep.

██████: Your best recollection is that you gave the cash to your daughter Pina?

PANUCCIO: Yep, yep.

██████: She works for flight Centre?

25 PANUCCIO: Yep.

██████: Okay and you gave him \$5000 towards that trip.

PANUCCIO: Yep.

██████: Did he ask you for that? What was the circumstances in how that – how that happened?

PANUCCIO: Well, probably didn't have any money on him or something he asked helped him out. He had no money.

[REDACTED]: He had no money?

5 PANUCCIO: Yeah he was going through a divorce and he just had no money. I helped him out.

[REDACTED]: Okay and that was leading up to the trip overseas to Italy?

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

[REDACTED]: Alright do you know when he left?

PANUCCIO: No.

10 [REDACTED]: Do you recall when you left?

PANUCCIO: Not the exact date, no.

[REDACTED]: Alright but you – sorry you were about to say.

[REDACTED]: How did you know that he had no money?

15 PANUCCIO: The way he was always, you know, he kept saying he's got no money until the divorce thing comes out. He kept saying that, he said he's got no money, I said you know.

[REDACTED]: So what did you do about that?

PANUCCIO: Nothing. Just asked me if I can help him out.

[REDACTED]: So he asked you if you could help him out?

20 PANUCCIO: No. Yeah at the time, yeah.

[REDACTED]: Okay so this is in what before you went to Italy in 2019, is that right?

PANUCCIO: Yeah that's right.

[REDACTED]: Okay, so where did this conversation take place?

PANUCCIO: Oh, in what way?

25 [REDACTED]: Well where was it, where were you?

PANUCCIO: Where was I?

[REDACTED]: Yeah.

PANUCCIO: Oh, might have been in June or something like that, could have taken place.

30 [REDACTED]: And, and what physical location were you when the conversation took place?

PANUCCIO: Oh mate could have been at the coffee shop, at Pauls. He said look can, can you get your daughter to, you know, I said no problem, I'll help you out.

5 [REDACTED]: So it could have been either at Nield Park, which you said you meet regularly –

PANUCCIO: Yeah could have been or Harris Farm.

[REDACTED]: - or Harris Farm. Do you ever meet Angelo anywhere other than those two locations?

PANUCCIO: Oh they're the main ones.

10 [REDACTED]: Main ones. Nowhere else is regular?

PANUCCIO: I've been up the road a couple of times but that's –

[REDACTED]: What, what's up the road?

PANUCCIO: Another coffee shop up the road. Been there maybe another 4 or 5 occasions but not much. Most of it is Paul – most of it's Paul. Some – most of it's Harris Farm and just everywhere else is just sort of one off or two off.

15 [REDACTED]: So with the Nield Park meeting is it with Paul's coffee shop there?

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

[REDACTED]: You usually go – roughly go weekly and there's other people there?

20 PANUCCIO: Yes.

[REDACTED]: Okay so were those people there – if it was there –

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

[REDACTED]: - were those other people also present?

PANUCCIO: No. It would – he's very private. He would have just told me.

25 [REDACTED]: Okay.

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

[REDACTED]: So in June 2019 were you working?

PANUCCIO: No.

[REDACTED]: So what – what were you living on?

30 PANUCCIO: Well I think I've got 7 grandkids who earn \$3000 a week and they used to put some money away for me sometimes.

[REDACTED]: Okay.

PANUCCIO: So I'm pretty lucky in that sense.

[REDACTED]: Yep, so put money away.

PANUCCIO: I think – I think over the years I've got to know a lot of people and I think – my grandkids sort of look after me in that kind of a sense.

5 [REDACTED]: That's fine. So how do they look after you, is it cash?

PANUCCIO: Well they buy – here nonno have 500 here. 4-500 there and it adds up. I put 'em away. Everything they give me I put it away for a rainy day.

[REDACTED]: Where do you put it away?

10 PANUCCIO: Sometimes I put it at home with this, this and that but that time there I probably would have said to them 'cause I already put 7000 away for Angelo to hold for me. I would have probably said to them you know boys you know can you just put some money away – extra money in case for a rainy day and I would have had their money put away somewhere else for them. I wouldn't touch their money.

15 [REDACTED]: What do you do to support yourself?

PANUCCIO: What do I do?

[REDACTED]: How - where you live, is there a mortgage in the place you live?

PANUCCIO: No I don't pay nothing.

[REDACTED]: You pay nothing, okay. What about electricity bills, water bills?

20 PANUCCIO: Nothing.

[REDACTED]: Who pays all that?

PANUCCIO: The wife.

[REDACTED]: Yeah.

PANUCCIO: I pay nothing.

25 [REDACTED]: Okay so food from day to day?

PANUCCIO: Well the kids do that, you know. You know I mean they all live there. They all live in the one house.

[REDACTED]: Okay.

PANUCCIO: I've got seven grandkids that live in one house.

30 [REDACTED]: So are you telling me at this point – in this point in time in June 2019 you had no income stream other than –

PANUCCIO: No but I had – I had – like I said I had superannuation so I would have got – I would have given it to them and they would have gave it back. A little bit here, it works all in together.

[REDACTED]: Sure.

PANUCCIO: Not that – that I spent all the money at once.

[REDACTED]: Let's just deal with this one issue.

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

5 [REDACTED]: So he income stream you've told us about is a superannuation account with Cbus?

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

[REDACTED]: And how much was that when you left your employment?

PANUCCIO: It would have been 40,000.

10 [REDACTED]: Okay.

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

[REDACTED]: And then you've had – you told us about a couple of compensation claims, you had workers comp claims?

PANUCCIO: Yeah that's after that yeah.

15 [REDACTED]: That's after that?

PANUCCION: Yeah.

[REDACTED]: So at this point in time in June 2019 I think you told [REDACTED] you left work in 2018. Was that right?

PANUCCIO: Yeah I think so. Round about that. It could have been that time, yeah.

20 [REDACTED]: You had – you had no income stream other than the money that –

PANUCCIO: I probably will still – I'll be honest I think I was still even getting paid while I was sick for 12 months.

[REDACTED]: Okay.

PANUCCIO: So anyway.

25 [REDACTED]: So how much were you getting paid?

PANUCCIO: I don't know. I don't know we'd have to look back.

[REDACTED]: Okay so what, we're talking a \$1000 a week, \$2000 a week?

PANUCCIO: I don't remember. It could have been 800 or something, 1000 a week. It could have been.

30 [REDACTED]: And you did tax returns each year did you?

PANUCCIO: Well I'll probably would have done me tax returns to the last minute. I think – look I'll be honest with you until I had the accident, I think that's it. That was it for me. I didn't work anymore after that.

[REDACTED]: Okay, so after the accident you didn't work?

5 PANUCCIO: No.

[REDACTED]: So you shouldn't have been paid after is that what you're saying?

PANUCCIO: Well I would have got my superannuation. I would have got – I would have got everything you know what I was entitled to. Yeah, would have got a bit of money there.

10 [REDACTED]: Okay, so I'm just trying to establish –

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

[REDACTED]: - this money you've given to Angelo that [REDACTED] was just talking about that you needed to –

PANUCCIO: The trip.

15 [REDACTED]: - to go overseas. Where did it come from?

PANUCCIO: Like I said my grandkids have all got money. They all got money in the house. I would have got – I would have said give me 5000 and I'll give it back to you. One of those things you do in the family thing.

[REDACTED]: But Angelo's not family.

20 PANUCCIO: No, my family.

[REDACTED]: Okay.

PANUCCIO: I would have said to them lend me 5000 to give - to help Angelo out.

[REDACTED]: Okay, so you've given back the money you lent Angelo?

PANUCCIO: He gave it back to me and I gave it back to them.

25 [REDACTED]: Okay.

[REDACTED]: I just want to take a step back. You recall the fundraiser that you attended and assisted and organised on behalf of Angelo. You've given us some evidence that either the day or a few days later you gave Angelo donations from that fundraiser.

30 PANUCCIO: Yep.

[REDACTED]: And \$7000 cash to hold. That's your evidence so far, am I correct?

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

██████████: And then sometime, at a different time I should say, correct me if I'm wrong you gave 5 – about \$5000 to – to your daughter to assist in Angelo travelling overseas –

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

5 ██████████: - 'cause he asked you for that assistance?

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

██████████: Now, given – let's, let's focus on the fundraiser. At what stage did you give that money towards Angelo's travel, was it prior to or after?

PANUCCIO: Oh, it would have been after that.

10 ██████████: Do you remember how long after that fundraiser that occurred?

PANUCCIO: Na.

██████████: When – Angelo spoke to you about assisting him in financially to travel, do you know what that assistance was for, was it for the flight, the ticket or was it for an upgrade or was it for accommodation?

15 PANUCCIO: No, I don't - I'm not too sure what it was now. Yeah.

██████████: Alright, when – talk to me about the circumstances and how you gave the money to your daughter. Where – where did that take place do you recall?

PANUCCIO: I just gave it to her.

██████████: Where? Was it at your home, was it at her work, where was it?

20 PANUCCIO: I don't remember.

██████████: You don't remember?

PANUCCIO: No.

██████████: Was it cash?

PANUCCIO: Yes.

25 ██████████: And where did the cash come from?

PANUCCIO: Money I had at home and my grandkids and that gave it to me.

██████████: Where do you store it? Is it in a –

PANUCCIO: No, I don't store anything 'cause I just -

██████████: Well I mean, no hang on, it's –

30 PANUCCIO: I put it upstairs. Look you hide things like that. The kids want to put money away. There was – I just took 5000 away from them and sorted it out after.



██████: When I said hang on I couldn't quite finish my sentence. Did you have a particular location in the house you put your cash in?

PANUCCIO: No, it's just –

**INTERVIEW SUSPENDED**

5 **INTERVIEW RESUMED**

10 ██████: Right I apologise for that Nino. The batteries died on us. The time is now 10.59. We've recommenced the interview immediately. I mean just take you back to the question prior to the batteries dying in the tape recorder. I just want to ascertain where you keep the money in the house. You've indicated you keep it in the various drawers.

PANUCCIO: Yep.

██████: Yep.

PANUCCIO: But even my grandkids keep it in their drawers.

██████: Okay.

15 PANUCCIO: I mean they all live there. I mean you should know that.

██████: So – and then when you need some money they can provide it to you?

PANUCCIO: Yes. No problem.

██████: Sure. Okay. You gave that money to your daughter –

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

20 ██████: - to assist Angelo travelling overseas?

PANUCCIO: That's correct, yes.

██████: You don't know whether it was for a flight, an upgrade or accommodation?

PANUCCIO: That's correct, yes. I don't remember. He probably would have said it to me but I don't remember what it was.

25 ██████: When you gave the money to your daughter did she say anything to you?

PANUCCIO: No, she just said no, it's good.

██████: I mean I assume you had to have a conversation about what the money was going to be used for?

PANUCCIO: No, this – this – no – no.

30 ██████: You don't remember?

PANUCCIO: No.

██████: Would it be reasonable to assume that you gave her the money and said this is for Angelo's trip?

PANUCCIO: Yes I would have said that, yeah.

5 ██████: That's what I'm getting at, okay and I think you said she agreed that that's fine, there's no problems. Is that what she told you?

PANUCCIO: Good, that's it.

██████: Yeah, okay and that was prior to him leaving to go to Italy?

PANUCCIO: It would have been that – about that period yeah.

10 ██████: And you can't recall whether it was before the fundraiser in Aqua Luna or after and if you can recall you know more than welcome to help me out?

PANUCCIO: No, no, I can't.

██████: Alright, okay. So from the date of the fundraiser or around about that time you gave him \$7000 cash to hold.

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

15 ██████: To assist you in saving it?

PANUCCIO: Mm hm.

██████: Because you were going overseas?

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

██████: And you gave him a further \$5000 towards his flight?

20 PANUCCIO: That's right.

██████: That's right. Is that – that's – is that accurate?

PANUCCIO: Well if it was \$5000 yes.

██████: Alright and this money came from yourself?

PANUCCIO: Yep.

25 ██████: Right. Didn't come from anyone else?

PANUCCIO: No.

██████: Did you meet Angelo overseas?

PANUCCIO: Yes.

██████: In I think you said about July 19?

30 PANUCCIO: It could have been August.

[REDACTED]: It could have been August? Anyway let's call it the Italy trip.

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

[REDACTED]: Alright, who else was with him when you met him?

PANUCCIO: At Italy?

5 [REDACTED]: In Italy, yeah.

PANUCCIO: His partner, Heather.

[REDACTED]: Heather?

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

[REDACTED]: Did you assist Heather in travelling overseas?

10 PANUCCIO: No.

[REDACTED]: No, do you know anyone that provided any financial assistance for Heather to travel overseas?

PANUCCIO: No.

15 [REDACTED]: Okay when you were overseas did – did you or members of your family provide accommodation for Angelo and Heather?

PANUCCIO: Yeah my brother did.

[REDACTED]: Your brother, what's your brother's name?

PANUCCIO: Rocco.

[REDACTED]: Rocco. What city, or what town or village does Rocco live in?

20 PANUCCIO: Bagnara.

[REDACTED]: Bagnara.

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

[REDACTED]: How long did they stay with you for?

PANUCCIO: Three days or something.

25 [REDACTED]: Three days?

PANUCCIO: Three or four days, yeah.

[REDACTED]: What did you do for the three days –

PANUCCIO: Three days.

[REDACTED]: - with Angelo and Heather?

PANUCCIO: Coffee.

█: Coffees? Did you stay with your brother as well?

PANUCCIO: Yeah, it's mother's house. It's our mother's house.

█: It's your mother's house, yeah.

5 PANUCCIO: Yeah, yeah, it's got apartments upstairs and I stayed downstairs. He stayed upstairs.

█: Was it just Heather and Angelo or was it other

PANUCCIO: Just -

█: – just other – were other people there?

10 PANUCCIO: No just Heather and Angelo.

█: So you had three days with Heather and Angelo at Bagnara?

PANUCCIO: It could have been – it could have been even four or five days. I'm not too sure.

█: Three to five days perhaps?

15 PANUCCIO: Yeah, yeah.

█: Okay. Did you go to dinners, lunches?

PANUCCIO: Um, we had pizzas. We were staying at my brother's house. Went to the beach. He went for walks.

█: Did –

20 PANUCCIO: He went back to Lipari.

█: This is Angelo?

PANUCCIO: Yeah like where Frank – Frank – where Frank Colaccico comes from.

█: Was Frank Colaccico overseas at that stage?

PANUCCIO: I think he was, yeah.

25 █: Alright, did you see him?

PANUCCIO: Um, I think I might have, yeah, yeah.

█: Okay, where was that at?

PANUCCIO: Bagnara. I think he might have come over with his son or something. I'm not too sure. I think he came over with his son, yeah, for about a day I think.

30 █: Mm.

PANUCCIO: Yeah because –

██████: And – and was Angelo there as well at the same time?

PANUCCIO: No, no, no, I don't think so.

██████: You don't think so?

5 PANUCCIO: No.

██████: Who – who – when you went out for dinners or lunches who paid for those?

PANUCCIO: If they went out they paid themselves.

██████: They paid themselves did they?

10 PANUCCIO: Yeah, yeah.

██████: Did Angelo or Heather provide any financial assistance towards the food in the house or was that all just provided?

PANUCCIO: No they didn't pay anything.

██████: They didn't pay anything, just if they went out?

15 PANUCCIO: Yeah, they went out, yeah.

██████: Did you provide him with any cash whilst you were overseas?

PANUCCIO: No.

██████: Did you or any other persons associated with that trip provide cash to Angelo Tsirekas or Heather Crichton?

20 PANUCCIO: What do you mean?

██████: Well whilst you were overseas did you see anyone else give him cash?

PANUCCIO: No, no, no, no one.

██████: Alright, so as far as I understand you didn't make or any financial contributions to Heather Crichton's flights. Do you know if anyone else did?

25 PANUCCIO: No.

██████: And the only contribution you made to Angelo's flights was the \$5000?

PANUCCIO: That's it.

██████: Have you ever provided any financial assistance for Angelo on any other occasions for any other reasons?

30 PANUCCIO: Na. No.

[REDACTED]: Okay. That's including travel, food?

PANUCCIO: Na, nothin.

[REDACTED]: Have you bought him meals in Sydney or anything like that?

PANUCCIO: Nothing. In Sydney?

5 [REDACTED]: Yeah.

PANUCCIO: Oh yeah, yeah I've bought him you know bacon and eggs or coffee or something like that. Yeah but he's always, yeah, yeah. I think when he got – when he settles up the last three years, when he got the loan, he was on his own then, yeah.

10 [REDACTED]: Do you know if your daughter Pina provided funds on behalf of other persons towards Tsirekas' travel?

PANUCCIO: I don't think so, I don't know.

[REDACTED]: Just a quick, what you said he settled up after getting a loan did you say just then?

15 PANUCCIO: I think he got a loan I think, yeah Angelo.

[REDACTED]: So I don't understand that, what do you mean?

PANUCCIO: I think he went to a broker and got some money from a broker or something.

[REDACTED]: And when did this occur?

20 PANUCCIO: I don't know. It would have been a couple of years ago. Maybe been about that period.

[REDACTED]: Okay and you said he settled up. What does that mean?

PANUCCIO: Well he divorced.

[REDACTED]: Oh settled the divorce?

25 PANUCCIO: Yeah.

[REDACTED]: Okay, got you.

PANUCCIO: Yeah the divorce. Yeah.

[REDACTED]: Alright. Do you - you mentioned Frank Colacicco?

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

30 [REDACTED]: Who's he?

PANUCCIO: He's my wife's – he looks after my wife's properties.

[REDACTED]: How many properties does your wife have?

PANUCCIO: I think about four or five.

██████: Are they rented?

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

██████: So he does the rental on all four?

5 PANUCCIO: Yeah, yeah.

██████: What's your wife's name?

PANUCCIO: Frances.

██████: Are you aware if Frank Colaccico and Angelo Tsirekas are friends or have some sort of relationship?

10 PANUCCIO: Yes, yes, yes.

██████: Have you ever asked Frank to assist you in any of your business dealings on behalf of Santo Rapisarda or anything of that nature?

PANUCCIO: No.

██████: Do you know Frank Bruzzano?

15 PANUCCIO: Yeah he's the Bank Manager. He's done, done a couple of loans for – for my family.

██████: Just stepping back I forgot to ask you, do – what's Frank Colacicco do for a living, do you know?

PANUCCIO: Yeah real estate.

20 ██████: Mm hm. Sorry and back to Bruzzano, what's he do? You said Bank Manager.

PANUCCIO: I think he was a Bank Manager, yeah. He was – makes, he makes loans and that. I think one of my two daughters might have been taken loans off him.

25 ██████: He provides loans does he?

PANUCCIO: Yeah, yeah.

██████: Okay which – you said, I think you said your daughter got a loan off him, is that right?

PANUCCIO: Yeah I think my daughter would have. Yeah one of my daughters, yeah.

30 ██████: One of your daughter's?

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

██████: Who were the other daughters?

PANUCCIO: Maria.

██████: Maria. So there's Maria, Pina –

PANUCCIO: Pina, yeah.

██████: - and Johnny's your son?

5 PANUCCIO: Johnny could have got a loan or tried to get a loan off him.

██████: Any other children?

PANUCCIO: Eh Tony.

██████: Tony. Any other children?

PANUCCIO: No just the 11 grandkids.

10 ██████: And plus 11 grandkids, okay. Do you know if Frank Bruzzano and Angelo Tsirekas have any connection, social connection or anything like that?

PANUCCIO: No I don't. Are you talking about the same bloke?

██████: I'm asking you. Do you know a Frank Bruzzano?

PANUCCIO: Frank Bruzzano?

15 ██████: Yeah.

PANUCCIO: No I don't know Frank Bruzzano..

██████: Who did you think I was talking about?

PANUCCIO: I thought you were talking about the Bank Manager who's called – I've got the wrong bloke.

20 ██████: You've got the wrong bloke?

PANUCCIO: I don't know that bloke at all.

██████: Okay, what about –

PANUCCIO: I don't know him at all.

██████: That's alright you don't know him at all.

25 PANUCCIO: At all.

██████: Do you know Pierre or Joseph Jacob?

PANUCCIO: I know Joseph.

██████: You know Joseph. What's Joseph do?

PANUCCIO: Joseph Chidiac you're talking about?



[REDACTED]: No, no, Jacob. Joseph Jacob.

PANUCCIO: I know them but I've never met them.

[REDACTED]: Never met him?

PANUCCIO: I know him but I've – I don't do (UNDECIPHERABLE) any more.

5 [REDACTED]: Alright. What about Chidiac? Joseph Chidiac?

PANUCCIO: I know Chidiac.

[REDACTED]: Yeah, talk to me about him. What do you know about him?

PANUCCIO: He come in and – years ago I met him, Angelo's campaign manager and that's how I got to meet him. Before that and then I knew he had a restaurant at Concord.

10 [REDACTED]: Mm hm.

PANUCCIO: A mate of mine who used to do the pizzas there. What was his name, forget his name.

[REDACTED]: Okay.

15 PANUCCIO: But then I just – I've just known him like that. I don't go anywhere with him or anything like that but I just know him.

[REDACTED]: You just know him?

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

[REDACTED]: Do you know if Joseph Chidiac and Angelo Tsirekas have – are friendly or friends?

20 PANUCCIO: Oh yeah.

[REDACTED]: Yeah.

PANUCCIO: Yeah.

[REDACTED]: How do you know that?

25 PANUCCIO: Because I used to see him all the time together too.

[REDACTED]: Are they – is Joseph a member of a political party?

PANUCCIO: Well he was the one that made me – he was the one that was signing up all the players. So he has to be the Labor Party.

[REDACTED]: When you say signing up all the players what do you mean by that?

30 PANUCCIO: All the people that – members.

[REDACTED]: Right at the Branch.

PANUCCIO: Yeah, at the Branch yeah.

██████: Okay, do you go to branch meetings?

PANUCCIO: Oh I go to say two out of four.

██████: Alright and have you seen Joseph Chidiac at those Branch meetings?

5 PANUCCIO: I've seen him yep.

██████: Okay and is this signing the book to go into the Branch meeting that you're talking about or is there other things he's signing up people for?

PANUCCIO: No, it'd be members. Like he'd bring new members in.

██████: Bringing in new members, okay.

10 PANUCCIO: Yeah.

██████: Do you know what John, Joseph Chidiac does for a living?

PANUCCIO: No.

██████: No idea?

PANUCCIO: Na.

15 ██████: Alright. Has Angelo Tsirekas spoken to you about his issues with or his involvement with the Commission's work. Has he had a conversation with you about what we're doing?

PANUCCIO: Yes.

██████: What did he say to you?

20 PANUCCIO: No, he's just being investigated.

██████: Eh ha.

PANUCCIO: And - but he never went in specifics.

██████: Yeah.

PANUCCIO: That's as far as he went with me.

25 ██████: Alright but I think earlier you said that you had a discussion about your money that -

PANUCCIO: Yeah, yeah, he said that you's raided the place.

██████: Mm hm.

PANUCCIO: And the money was taken.

30 ██████: Right.

PANUCCIO: And that was it and then I got a letter from one of the lawyers saying that they tried to get the money back and that was it.

5 [REDACTED]: Mm hm, did you have any other discussions about – with Angelo about the missing money? Did you come to some arrangement with him about that or -

PANUCCIO: No I just see -

[REDACTED]: - or – the money that was taken?

PANUCCIO: what happens. No.

[REDACTED]: Okay.

10 PANUCCIO: I just told him to you know.

[REDACTED]: The lawyers acting for Angelo, have you spoken to them?

PANUCCIO: No.

[REDACTED]: Have you ever had the opportunity to speak to Angelo on behalf of developers where you then subsequently provided cash or other financial assistance for your lobbying Angelo Tsirekas?

15 PANUCCIO: Put that in a better way.

[REDACTED]: Alright, alright, okay, you said earlier that you spoke to Angelo in relation to developments.

PANUCCIO: Oh developers, yeah, yeah.

20 [REDACTED]: Yes. Were you ever given cash from those persons, the developers, to then pass on to Angelo for his assistance?

PANUCCIO: No.

[REDACTED]: Okay.

[REDACTED]: Do the people you advocated for give you cash, advocating for them?

25 PANUCCIO: Na, na. The only time I ever got money from people was for the fundraiser and I gave it to Angelo. It's the only time I ever got cash.

[REDACTED]: Any other sort of payments, other than cash. No? Yep.

[REDACTED]: [REDACTED], anything else? No okay. Nino I've got nothing else to ask you. Is there anything you wish to raise with me at this point in time?

30 PANUCCIO: Not really.

[REDACTED]: Okay. As the time is now 11.14am what I propose to do is cease the interview but prior to doing that Nino I'm just going to ask you a couple of final questions. Is everything you've told us today been truthful to the best of your knowledge and belief?

PANUCCIO: It is.

█: Okay and everything you've told us today has been of your own free will?

PANUCCIO: Yes.

█: So that means that you've volunteered all this information to us okay.

5 PANUCCIO: Yes.

█: Okay. What I propose to do now is cease the interview and the time is now 11.14am.

PANUCCIO: Thank you.

█: That's alright.

10 **END OF INTERVIEW**

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