

INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION

STATEMENT IN THE MATTER OF: Operation Vika

PLACE: Inverell

NAME: Raymond Gibson Smith

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

OCCUPATION: Handyman

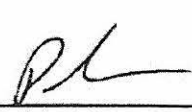
TELEPHONE NO: [REDACTED]

DATE: 27 May 2015

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1. This statement made by me accurately sets out the evidence which I would be prepared, if necessary, to give in Court as a witness. The statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.
 2. I am 47 years of age.
 3. I am self employed as a handy-man and driver. Most of my work is handy-man work but I do deliveries if someone asks me to. I have a four wheel drive vehicle and enclosed box trailer which I use to make deliveries.
 4. I have known Paul Springett ("Paul") for over 30 years. We went to school together. I lived at Paul's house with my son for a few years around 2008 - 2009

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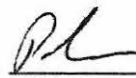
following the break-up of my relationship so I would describe him as a close friend.

5. I moved to the Inverell area approximately 18 months ago but prior to that I lived on the Central Coast.
6. Approximately 3 ½ years ago I received a telephone call from John Hacking ("John") from the NSW Rural Fire Service ("NSWRFS") who works with Paul. John asked if I would be able to deliver some NSWRFS equipment to a regional location. I think Paul may have provided my name to John as someone who could provide delivery services. I have tried my best to remember the location and the type of equipment I delivered but I cannot recall what the details of the first job were.
7. John told me that I would receive payment through Scott Homsey (Scott). I have known of Scott for about 10 or 15 years. He used to date a mutual acquaintance, [REDACTED] and I have also come across him at functions on the Central Coast through his catering business.
8. John told me that I would be paid the same rate as the other contractors used by the NSWRFS although I was not told the amount I was going to be paid for each job. Scott just paid me cash, I assume NSWRFS paid him and he paid me. I cannot remember exact amounts but I know they varied depending on how far I had to travel and it seemed like good money for the work I was doing.

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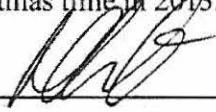
9. After this I did delivery jobs for Scott in relation to transport of NSWRFSS equipment on a few other occasions over a couple of years. The work was not regular. I cannot remember dates but I can remember the following details about some of the jobs I did :

- I travelled to Cooma twice, on one of these occasions I delivered a portable weather station
- I travelled to Coonabarabran to deliver satellite telephones and eskies. I recall the satellite phones were in cases with foam in them to protect the equipment and I took them in my car and put the eskies in the trailer. I delivered these items to the showground at Coonabarabran
- I travelled to Bulga which is out the back of Singleton to collect or deliver a weather station
- I travelled to Katoomba and collected a big printer called a plotter which I took to Baulkham Hills in Sydney
- I travelled to Kelso near Bathurst and delivered a weather station.

I did do more jobs but I cannot recall the details of all the jobs I have done for Scott in relation to the NSWRFSS

10. The times I was called upon to make deliveries were in emergency bushfire situations and were usually inconvenient times like the Christmas period or at 2am in the morning, basically times where they could not find other couriers or drivers. I think they also used me to take sensitive equipment that larger companies might not handle carefully. I remember they got me to take the weather station to Cooma around Christmas time in 2013.

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11. I think the last occasion I did a delivery of NSWRFSS equipment for Scott was around November 2014 taking the satellite phones to Kelso near Bathurst. I was living in Tingha at that time but happened to be on the Central Coast when the delivery was required as I had travelled there to pick up a car I had purchased cheaply through a wholesaler.
12. Although I was working for Scott, I was usually contacted by someone at NSWRFSS when I was required and they gave me instructions about what I needed to pick up and where it was to be delivered to. I always used my own four-wheel drive and trailer to make the deliveries.
13. I usually collected equipment from the NSWRFSS headquarters at Carter Street, Homebush and delivered it to regional or rural areas. There was some times where I collected equipment from brigades or fire grounds and returned them to the head office or other locations where they were needed.
14. Once I had performed the delivery request I would contact Scott and arrange to meet him to collect payment. He paid me cash for the work I did. I did not issue him with an invoice and he did not provide me with any payslip. On a few occasions I met Scott at the Wyoming McDonalds to receive my payment as Scott's business was located just across the road.
15. I have attended Scott's business premises on one occasion but this was not in relation to NSWRFSS deliveries. I did some casual work for Scott for catering job he did at Newcastle University. This is the only time I did catering work for Scott.

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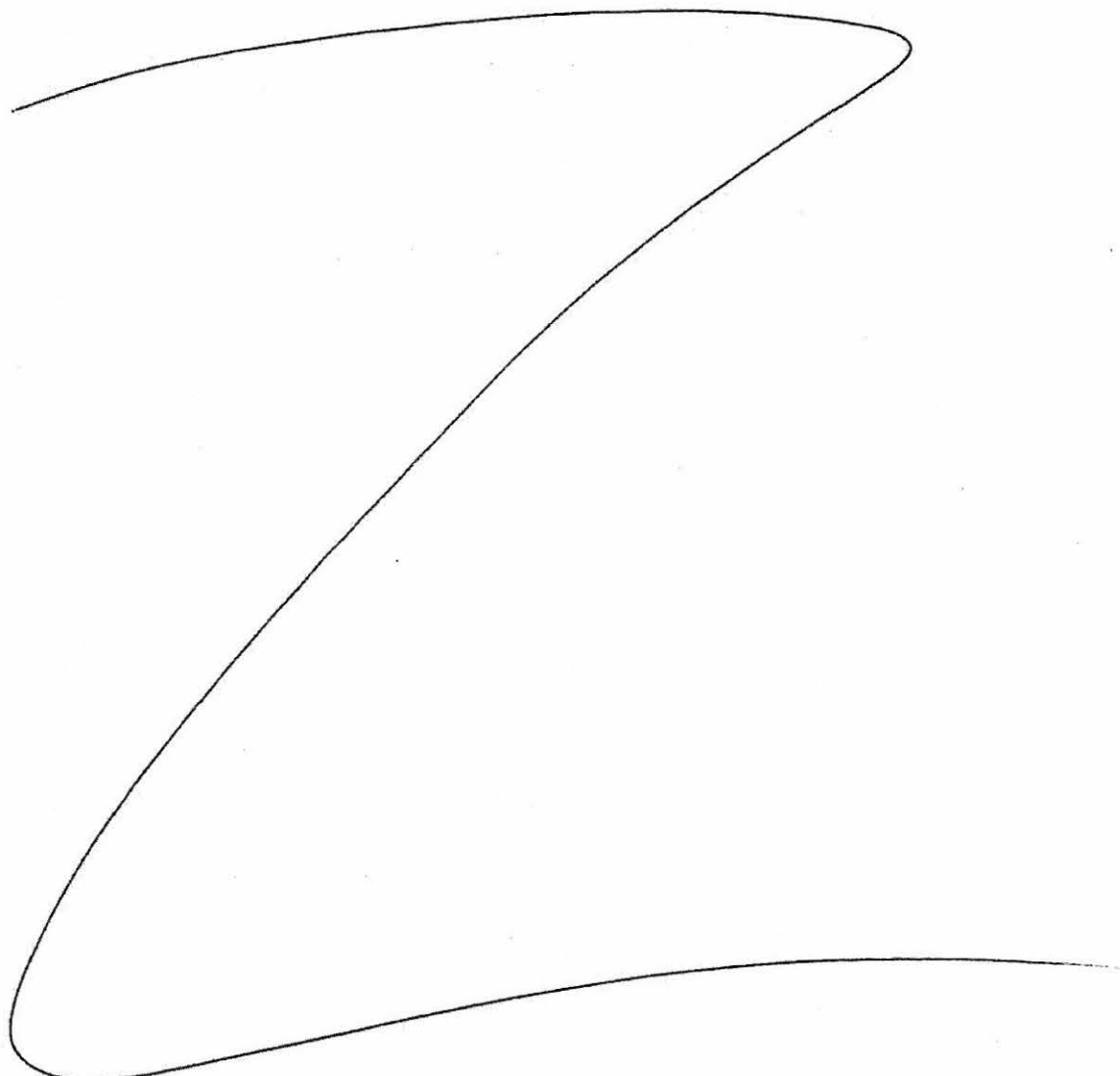



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16. I did not keep any records of the work I did for Scott so I am not able to recall the exact dates or details of the deliveries I did for him on NSWRFs.



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