

INTERVIEW

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HELD AT:

The Office of Mr. Terry Scott

PARTICIPANTS ATTENDING INTERVIEW

Mr. Paul O' Sullivan	Paul O' Sullivan & Associates	
Ms. Melissa Naidu	Director at Paul O' Sullivan & Associates	
Mr. Terry Scott	Suspect's Attorney	
Mr. George Barkhuizen	Suspect	
Constable Weideman	Investigating Officer	(CONSTABLE)
Warrant Officer Mdlalose	Booyens SAPS	(WO 1) [Deep Voice]
Warrant Officer Msomi	Booyens SAPS	(WO 2)

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5 **INTRODUCTIONS**

TERRY: George I think you know everybody but –

GEORGE: Yes.

PAUL: Morning.

TERRY: Paul O' Sullivan –

10 **GEORGE:** How do you do?

PAUL: Paul O' Sullivan.

TERRY: And Melissa Naidu.

CONSTABLE: George.

GEORGE: Thank you very much.

15 **MELISSA:** Hi.

GEORGE: How do you do?

MELISSA: Good and you?

GEORGE: Warrant, how are you doing?

WO 1: Howzit George?

20 **GEORGE:** Okay and you?

WO 1: I'm okay, no, thanks.

GEORGE: How you're doing?

WO 1: I'm alright.

GEORGE: Good.

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[Participants ordering tea or coffee]

5 **MR. TERRY SCOTT WANTS TO CLARIFY THE PROCEDURE OF THE INTERVIEWS**

PAUL: Alright, well obviously –

TERRY: Before we start can we just make sure – I want –

PAUL: Yes.

TERRY: Can I start?

10 **PAUL:** Go ahead, absolutely.

TERRY: It's not RHIP

PAUL: No, no, no it's fine.

TERRY: Do you understand that term?

PAUL: Yeah, absolutely.

15 **TERRY:** Rank has its privileges.

PAUL: Yes, no go ahead.

TERRY: Okay. First of all good morning everybody, and thank you for accommodating me by coming to my Offices, it does help a lot. What I'd like to just understand before we begin, and I indicated in my earlier discussions with Paul that we
20 are willing to "cooperate" if it assists in finding out the Perpetrators of this sad event. But I would like to know the basis of the Questioning, is it to help you with your Inquiries? Or is it on the basis that an Offense is likely to be raised following this? That we're looking in a 'warned and caution' type environment? I would just like to understand the Platform, and I said that simply from a practical point of view that it would be good to have yourself –

25 **PAUL:** Yes.

TERRY: In the Private Investigation side and the Police as well.

PAUL: Yes.

TERRY: So we don't have to duplicate it.

PAUL: That's fine and that's why we're all here together.

5 **TERRY:** Okay, I appreciate that.

PAUL: And I can say that we all speak with one voice. The purpose of the Interview is to deal with anomalies which have come up, and in order to establish whether or not your Client is a Suspect, at this point in time without answers to certain questions he would be regarded as a Suspect. And that's why it is necessary for the Interview to be
10 done under Caution, so that your Client understands that he's not obliged to say anything, and anything he does say will be taken down and may be used as Evidence against him, and you know that's a straightforward process. And obviously he has got Legal Advice here and at any moment in time during the Interview, you know, he's a free man and he's willing to say – able to say, "I'd rather not say anymore." He's got a right to remain silent.
15 So we can go through that process. Unfortunately because it's such an involved Case there is a lot of picking around to do, so as the Interview progresses, and I imagine this will take an hour or two but as the Interview progresses you'll start to understand the picture that's forming in our mind, alright.

TERRY: I've got a time-span of – I've allocated 3 (three) hours –

20 **PAUL:** Yes.

TERRY: After my discussion with Melissa, she said approximately 2 (two).

PAUL: Yes.

TERRY: I *erred* on the side of Caution of allowing 3 (three). It's just my next commitment is at two o' clock.

25 **PAUL:** That's fine. I also have a Meeting at two o' clock, so I'm fairly comfortable that we'll be finished before two o' clock. Alright –

TERRY: Can I just –

PAUL: Yes.

TERRY: George, do you understand?

5 **GEORGE:** Yes.

TERRY: Okay, are there any questions you want to ask before they begin?

GEORGE: No.

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PAUL: Okay, there you go. Alright, so thanks Terry and obviously I appreciate
10 your cooperation in allowing this Investigation to continue in this Format. What I'd like to do
is just for the Record, because we are recording, it is not **11h17** and the date today – after
all the tea-stirring is finished –

TERRY: The **8th of September.**

PAUL: **8th Of September.** Sorry, I didn't know there were so many people
15 that take sugar, but anyway. So we have present with us, now I've just – so we've got it all
here, we've got Constable Weideman who is the Investigating Officer. We've got Terry
Scott who is the Attorney, and his Client is George Barkhuizen. We've got myself, Paul O'
Sullivan. We've got one of my Directors, Melissa Naidu. We've got Warrant Officer
Mdlalose from Booyens Speur Tak. And we've got Warrant Officer Msomi from Booyens
20 Speur Tak, and that's basically it. Okay, so what I'd like to do if I can George, and you
know we've got some snacks here, because unfortunately we're working on a very, very
big Case at the moment and I only got to bed at 03h00 this morning, and then I was up
again at 06h00 and I didn't have time to eat yet. So I gripped some snacks on the way
here, you are welcome to as well. What I'd like to do first of all – and I might take Notes,
25 but now that I'm recording it probably not, but Melissa will certainly take Notes. What I'd
like to do is just to get some Background Information on yourself first, okay. So – and it's
the way I always, you know, when I'm dealing with my Interviews I like to just know about
the person that I'm dealing with, okay.

GEORGE: Uh-huh.

5 **BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON MR. GEORGE BARKHUIZEN**

PAUL: And I've been doing this for something like 41 (forty-one) years now. So I've never resorted to using sticks or stones, or threatening behaviour or anything like that, so we can be completely relaxed here. I've got your name; George Barkhuizen, is there a middle name at all?

10 **GEORGE:** Yes.

PAUL: What's your middle name?

GEORGE: Frederick, Frederick.

PAUL: Frederick, okay, and your ID Number for the Record?

GEORGE: 690922 5111 083.

15 **PAUL:** Okay, perfect, and you're obviously a South African, you were born in South Africa. Where were you born?

GEORGE: South Africa.

PAUL: Yeah, where about were you born?

GEORGE: Gauteng.

20 **PAUL:** Gauteng?

GEORGE: Mmm.

PAUL: Alright and you grew up in Gauteng?

GEORGE: Yes.

PAUL: Did you go to School, where?

25 **GEORGE:** Jo'burg South.

PAUL: Jo'burg South. What School did you go to?

GEORGE: Forest High.

PAUL: Forest High?

GEORGE: Mmm.

- 5 **PAUL:** Okay, very good. After School did you have any, what we call, Tertiary Education at all? Did you go to University, or did you go to a Technical College or something?
- GEORGE:** I went to Damelin and I went to WITS Business School.
- PAUL:** Okay and what Subjects did you study there?
- 10 **GEORGE:** Economics primarily, and Business Management *per se*.
- PAUL:** Okay, very good. And if I work it out now you'll be 45 – no, 45.
- GEORGE:** 45.
- PAUL:** Okay, so you've been working for like 25 (twenty-five) or 26 (twenty-six) years. Can you start with your first sort of type of work, what you were doing?
- 15 **GEORGE:** Okay, Mmm, as an Employer or Employee?
- PAUL:** Employee – or what was your first job when you finished School?
- GEORGE:** When I finished School?
- PAUL:** Mmm.
- GEORGE:** You see that's a problem there because I worked since I was 13, so –
- 20 **PAUL:** Okay, well let's go there, I'd like to understand that.
- GEORGE:** I ran – my Dad had a whole lot of Video Shops –
- PAUL:** Uh-huh.
- GEORGE:** And I used to run one or two of them.
- PAUL:** Okay.
- 25 **GEORGE:** So I would go there after School.
- PAUL:** Okay.
- GEORGE:** Okay.
- PAUL:** Alright, where were the Video Shops? In the Rosettenville area?
- GEORGE:** No. The one that I looked after was in Malvern.

- 5 **PAUL:** Malvern, okay, very good. Like the Portuguese area or –
- GEORGE:** Ah, ja.
- PAUL:** Okay.
- GEORGE:** Basically.
- PAUL:** Alright, in Jules Street or –
- 10 **GEORGE:** Jules Street.
- PAUL:** Okay, very good, very good. And –
- GEORGE:** After that I finished Matric, I went to the Military and started working in Insurance.
- PAUL:** Okay, let's just deal with your Military career.
- 15 **GEORGE:** Sure.
- PAUL:** Was it Subscription?
- GEORGE:** Yes.
- PAUL:** Or Conscription should I say.
- GEORGE:** Conscription.
- 20 **PAUL:** I always get the two mixed up. And what Unit were you in?
- GEORGE:** I was in – well firstly I wasn't called up.
- PAUL:** Okay.
- GEORGE:** I volunteered.
- PAUL:** Alright.
- 25 **GEORGE:** I don't know why I wasn't called up, but I just wanted to get it out the way.
- PAUL:** Uh-huh.
- GEORGE:** So I went to – provisionally went to Bloemfontein, 1.SSB.
- PAUL:** The Infantry Battalion?

5 **GEORGE:** No, the Special Services Battalion.

PAUL: Okay.

GEORGE: And I was there for probably about 3 (three) weeks.

PAUL: Okay.

GEORGE: And then we were moved to – certain of us who were selected, we

10 went to Lohatla, Northern Cape.

PAUL: Uh-huh.

GEORGE: We did some Special Training that what needed to be done.

PAUL: How long did you do that for?

GEORGE: A while.

15 **PAUL:** That must have been interesting.

GEORGE: Very.

PAUL: Alright, did you see any Active Service?

GEORGE: I can't talk about it.

PAUL: Okay. Okay, well very simply, did you go to the Borders?

20 **GEORGE:** I can't talk about it.

PAUL: Okay, alright.

GEORGE: And then when what needed to be done was done.

PAUL: Okay.

GEORGE: I then had a choice of Placement, and I chose WITS Command.

25 **PAUL:** Okay.

GEORGE: And that's where I –

PAUL: On the East Rand or –

GEORGE: No, in Jo'burg.

PAUL: In Jo'burg, okay.

- 5 **GEORGE:** Jo'burg, CBD.
- PAUL:** Alright.
- GEORGE:** And then – ja, that's when I finished my Service.
- PAUL:** Okay, perfect. And how long did you do, 2 (two) years or 3 (three) years?
- 10 **GEORGE:** 2 (Two) years.
- PAUL:** 2 (Two) years, okay, very good. And then you went to work, or you went to Damelin or –
- GEORGE:** No, no I went to work at Commercial Union.
- PAUL:** Okay.
- 15 **GEORGE:** An Insurance entity, it's been bought over by at the time, Fedlife.
- PAUL:** Okay.
- GEORGE:** After that I went to work for – I was offered a job at Alexander Forbes.
- PAUL:** Uh-huh.
- GEORGE:** After that I was offered a job at –
- 20 **PAUL:** Did you take the job at Alexander Forbes?
- GEORGE:** Yes.
- PAUL:** Okay.
- GEORGE:** Each [inaudible – over talking] [0:11:39.9] a Client –
- PAUL:** What was your, what was your work involved in there?
- 25 **GEORGE:** Scope?
- PAUL:** Hey?
- GEORGE:** What was the scope of work?
- PAUL:** Ja, ja, ja.
- GEORGE:** On CU it was primarily short – ag, long-term. So I was –

- 5 **PAUL:** About Life Insurance and stuff?
- GEORGE:** More Pension Funds –
- PAUL:** Pension, okay.
- GEORGE:** And the like.
- PAUL:** Ja.
- 10 **GEORGE:** My Client at the time was Alexander Forbes.
- PAUL:** Uh-huh.
- GEORGE:** They, like I said, in turn offered me a job.
- PAUL:** Mmm.
- GEORGE:** So I went there. My scope –
- 15 **PAUL:** Okay.
- GEORGE:** My scope just –
- PAUL:** Grew.
- GEORGE:** Tripled.
- PAUL:** Ja, as they do.
- 20 **GEORGE:** At Alexander Forbes.
- PAUL:** Mmm.
- GEORGE:** And I looked after a number of Funds, not Pension Funds but –
- PAUL:** Ja.
- GEORGE:** The other Funds.
- 25 **PAUL:** Okay.
- GEORGE:** We called it the “big three,” so it was FedEx, Murray and Roberts and Anglo.
- PAUL:** Okay.
- GEORGE:** Alright, and –

5 **PAUL:** Very big Pension Funds I imagine.

GEORGE: Ja, but I wasn't looking after the Pension Funds. I was looking after the other Funds.

PAUL: Okay.

GEORGE: Which was the – it's a bit of a cross between short and long-term.

10 **PAUL:** Uh-huh.

GEORGE: Where you'd have your Capital Disability, alright, you'd then have your – where you get Boarded, so you've got your Temporary Total/Temporary-Temporary.

PAUL: Uh-huh, Uh-huh.

GEORGE: Okay and then a whole lot of other things, I helped out with HR

15 Accounts and [inaudible – over talking] [0:13:37.2] –

PAUL: So you spend a while there?

GEORGE: I was there a while, ja, a couple of years.

PAUL: Ja and where did you go after that?

GEORGE: Well Murray and Roberts was my biggest Client, and they offered me

20 a job.

PAUL: Uh-huh.

GEORGE: So I went to go and work there.

PAUL: On Administration?

GEORGE: Administration, ja.

25 **PAUL:** Of their Pension Fund presumably, or –

GEORGE: No, no again I – my area of expertise was ideally Secondary Funds. So that's your – well, Medical Aid.

PAUL: Uh-huh.

5 **GEORGE:** I helped out with that. I helped out with the various Funds which I had been working on. And I helped out with a bit of Investment Strategies.

PAUL: Okay.

GEORGE: And, ja, there you go.

PAUL: Very good. Alright and how long did you spend at Murray and
10 Roberts?

GEORGE: Probably about 2½ (two and a half years).

PAUL: Uh-huh, and where did you go after that?

GEORGE: Well when I was at Forbes my son was born.

PAUL: Say again?

15 **GEORGE:** When I was at Alexander Forbes my elder son was born.

PAUL: What's his name?

GEORGE: Warrick.

PAUL: Warrick?

GEORGE: Ja, and part of the reason why I moved across to Murray and Roberts
20 is because their Medical Aid was just so much better.

PAUL: And he had some issues?

GEORGE: Ja, he's got – at the time he was diagnosed Level 3 CP, Cerebral
Palsy.

PAUL: Okay.

25 **GEORGE:** At the time.

PAUL: Yeah, I know about Cerebral Palsy.

GEORGE: Okay.

5 **PAUL:** I have a sister, God bless her soul, she's passed now but she had Cerebral Palsy. She was like strangulated at birth or something, and yeah, that's not an easy thing to deal with and I imagine quite costly. How old is Warrick now?

GEORGE: He's 23.

PAUL: 23, Okay, so you've – how long had you been married before Warrick
10 was born?

GEORGE: We got married – Odette and I wanted to discuss and not be forced into marriage.

PAUL: Uh-huh.

GEORGE: And that's what caused a big rift in her family.

15 **PAUL:** Uh-huh, she got married after Warrick was born?

GEORGE: No, no we got married yesterday, 24 (twenty-four) years ago.

PAUL: Uh-huh, okay and he was born 23 (twenty-three) years ago?

GEORGE: He was born **December 27th**.

PAUL: Okay, so it's like almost 24 (twenty-four) years ago.

20 **GEORGE:** Correct.

PAUL: Ja, ja, okay now I understand. So that means you got – Maths hey.

GEORGE: I'm pretty good, just ask –

PAUL: **September the 7th 1994?**

GEORGE: '91.

25 **PAUL:** '91?

GEORGE: Ja.

PAUL: Sorry 23 (twenty-three) years ago.

GEORGE: Ja.

5 **PAUL:** You see, okay now I've got that. So 23 (twenty-three) – so it's quite a long time – 24 (twenty-four) years ago, no, 23 (twenty-three).

GEORGE: Sorry, what's 23 (twenty-three)?

PAUL: He was born 23½ (twenty-three and a half) years ago. You got married 24 (twenty-years) ago, ja.

10 **GEORGE:** On the 27th of December this year he will be 24.

PAUL: Okay, perfect. I was working it out in my head trying to –

TERRY: So to answer the question , Odette was pregnant –

GEORGE: Correct.

PAUL: Okay.

15 **TERRY:** Before you got married.

PAUL: Alright and for the most part you had another son, or was there a daughter? You had another –

GEORGE: Ja, but we're going to – you said you want to draw a Timeline –

PAUL: Yeah, I mean I'm building it in my head, so forgive me if I jump around
20 a bit, but I'm trying to build this picture in my head.

GEORGE: Okay, so I joined Alexander – I joined Murray and Roberts, okay, because I had 3 (three) Tier Medical Aids. We had found out when Warrick was give or take about 18 (eighteen) months old that he, ja, that he had CP.

PAUL: Uh-huh.

25 **GEORGE:** And in a nutshell what happened is I went to my Director and I spoke to him and I said, "I need a Plan" for Advancement.

PAUL: Mmm.

GEORGE: I had written quite a few Insurance Exams.

PAUL: Mmm.

5 **GEORGE:** I was by far more qualified than most of the people working with me.

PAUL: Mmm.

GEORGE: And they were “no,” you know, we “can’t” give you a commitment.

PAUL: Wow.

GEORGE: And when the Offer came up from Murray and Roberts the first thing I
10 checked was Medical Aid.

PAUL: Mmm.

GEORGE: And with the promise of Promotion that I would become Director, well,
just call it a “local” Director as soon as the Manager or that “local” Director retired.

PAUL: Mmm.

15 **GEORGE:** Which was going to be in 3 (three) to 4 (four) years time.

PAUL: So you saw an improved career prospect?

GEORGE: Yes, as well as salary, but most importantly Medical Aid.

PAUL: Mmm, so you went to Murray and Roberts?

GEORGE: Correct.

20 **PAUL:** And how long did you spend there?

GEORGE: I was there for about 2 (two)/2½ (two and a half) years.

PAUL: And after that?

GEORGE: I left Murray and Roberts. I converted, I converted a whole lot of – do
you know a little about Pension Funds?

25 **PAUL:** A little bit, we Investigate, especially her, she used to work for a
Pension Fund. She was a Fraud Investigator on Pension Funds, so I think we’ve done a
number of Investigations on –

GEORGE: Okay.

5 **PAUL:** On Pension Funds, because most primarily what we do is Fraud Investigations, so we've done quite a few of them. And by doing an Investigation you understand then how the Pension Funds work.

GEORGE: Okay, well then you'll understand that at the time Pension Funds, or most of the Pension Funds were Defined Benefit.

10 **PAUL:** Yes.

GEORGE: Okay, which is a number of years multiplied by a percentage –

PAUL: Yes.

GEORGE: Of final salary, etcetera, etcetera.

PAUL: Mmm.

15 **GEORGE:** Okay.

PAUL: Ja.

GEORGE: And the [LU?] paid Fund and all these other things needed to be converted to Defined Benefit.

PAUL: Yeah.

20 **GEORGE:** Okay which is Savings Account –

PAUL: Ja.

GEORGE: Coordinate to a Provident Fund to have.

PAUL: Mmm.

GEORGE: Okay, so part of my scope was to help convert that –

25 **PAUL:** Okay.

GEORGE: From Defined Benefit to Defined Contribution.

PAUL: Okay.

GEORGE: And then put a Proposal to move forward and, and, and, and, and, and.

PAUL: Mmm.

- 5 **GEORGE:** I dealt with the EXCO, Tim Trollip, you know Tim.
- PAUL:** How do you know I know?
- GEORGE:** Sorry?
- PAUL:** How do you know I know him?
- GEORGE:** Well Tim and I go back a long time.
- 10 **PAUL:** Okay, alright very good.
- GEORGE:** Okay.
- PAUL:** A small world hey?
- GEORGE:** Ja. And, yes, I used to make Presentations to the EXCO –
- PAUL:** Okay.
- 15 **GEORGE:** Of Murray and Roberts Holdings in terms of where we were going.
- PAUL:** Uh-huh.
- GEORGE:** Okay, what then happened is after the whole change and everything happened, and all the Structures, and we had taken on most of the Administration Internally away from Alexander Forbes, which was part of what I was employed to do. I
- 20 was – the Retirement of my Boss came up and I was passed over.
- PAUL:** Uh-huh.
- GEORGE:** And it was because I was too young.
- PAUL:** Right.
- GEORGE:** Which is – anyway, but what I also did was this, that I did a – I did a
- 25 Projection of what it would cost to –
- PAUL:** Let me just put my phone away.
- GEORGE:** To pay for Warrick.
- PAUL:** Alright.
- GEORGE:** Right, moving forward for the rest of his life.

5 **PAUL:** Uh-huh.

GEORGE: And I am a bit of a numbers person, so it wasn't difficult for me I then spoke to the new Boss and they said, well, they're actually going to be "dropping" their highest Tier, which is what we were on, and with that what I was earning in terms of Projections, etcetera, etcetera, we would be coming up short.

10 **PAUL:** Okay, so you decided you want to make a plan or something.

GEORGE: What I then did is I met up with one of my friends and we opened up a Furniture Store in Alrode South.

PAUL: Was it branded at all or was it just a standard – it wasn't a Franchise or something?

15 **GEORGE:** No, it wasn't

PAUL: Okay, a stand alone?

GEORGE: Ja. Odette took a Revolving Credit, she worked at the Standard Bank and we started it with R3 500.00 (three thousand five hundred rand), okay, that was – I was still working at Murray and Roberts. I resigned from Murray and Roberts I think it was

20 in **September**, and we did almost R800 000.00 (eight hundred thousand rand) in 6 (six) months.

PAUL: Wow. That probably was around about **1994** by this stage.

GEORGE: '95.

PAUL: '95, Okay.

25 **GEORGE:** Ja.

PAUL: Wow, that's pretty good, so you're set really or you're moving towards that.

GEORGE: Set?

PAUL: You're set, you're Business is stable now and you're moving forward.

5 **GEORGE:** Well the problem with Retail is that –

PAUL: It's a fickle Business isn't it?

GEORGE: Yes.

PAUL: Ja.

GEORGE: Okay and a large portion of my decision to open this type of Store was
10 based on the Projected façade of the less Educated people.

PAUL: Mmm, Uh-huh.

GEORGE: Okay and that was quite simple.

PAUL: Yeah.

GEORGE: And please, I'm – nothing personal –

15 **PAUL:** It's the part of the Market you were going for.

GEORGE: Correct.

PAUL: Ja.

GEORGE: So in essence what happened is that everybody was of the opinion
that with the ANC government now in power, alright, what was going to happen is that
20 every work out there their salaries would be doubled and tripled.

PAUL: Mmm.

GEORGE: So they just went and they just spent money, and just blew money and
just Consumer Credit and everything else –

PAUL: Mmm.

25 **GEORGE:** And so on and so on.

PAUL: Mmm, Mmm.

GEORGE: Towards the latter part of **1996** middle **1997** we had 7 (seven) Stores.

We had our own Wholesale –

- 5 **PAUL:** What was your Trading style on the Shops? What did you call yourselves?
- GEORGE:** It was, it was all Informal Trading so it was – there wasn't a name for the Group.
- PAUL:** Okay, okay.
- 10 **GEORGE:** Okay, but ja, that was a whole lot of Stores.
- PAUL:** Okay.
- GEORGE:** And because you don't make money when you sell –
- PAUL:** Uh-huh.
- GEORGE:** I think you know that.
- 15 **PAUL:** Ja.
- GEORGE:** Okay, you make money when you buy.
- PAUL:** Ja.
- GEORGE:** Okay.
- PAUL:** Mmm.
- 20 **GEORGE:** And that was my philosophy.
- PAUL:** Mmm.
- GEORGE:** So we just – I just purely handled the Procurement.
- PAUL:** Okay.
- GEORGE:** And I did really good Deals and that's why we made so much money.
- 25 **PAUL:** Okay.
- GEORGE:** What then happened is during this time Warrick was going for Physio and Speech and Occupational Therapies and everything else.
- PAUL:** Uh-huh.
- GEORGE:** Odette had been working at Standard Bank still.

- 5 **PAUL:** Uh-huh.
- GEORGE:** And one of the Stores that we had – I actually bought the Store.
- PAUL:** Okay.
- GEORGE:** Okay, it was in Rosettenville.
- PAUL:** Okay, in the Main Street or –
- 10 **GEORGE:** In Main Street, ja.
- PAUL:** Okay, I think I know the one.
- GEORGE:** No, it's actually in [inaudible – over talking] [0:26:37.0] –
- PAUL:** I remember – no, but I remember there used to be a –
- GEORGE:** There were plenty.
- 15 **PAUL:** A Furniture Store there.
- GEORGE:** Ja.
- PAUL:** Because back in the '90s I was actually working at the Police in –
what's it? Forest –
- MELISSA:** Booyens.
- 20 **WO 1:** Booyens.
- PAUL:** Ja, but –
- WO 1:** In Kenilworth.
- PAUL:** Kenilworth, that's it, ja.
- GEORGE:** Kenilworth, CID.
- 25 **PAUL:** Yes, I was based there so you know obviously I knew the area quite
well, but anyway, carry on.
- GEORGE:** What then happened is that the, the Specialist that we would take
Warrick to, she suggested that it may be time for us to have another child.
- PAUL:** Okay.

5 **GEORGE:** And the reason why is that Warrick would be motivated, because Warrick wasn't motivated, he wasn't at all.

PAUL: Mmm.

GEORGE: So in '97 we decided to have another child.

PAUL: Uh-huh.

10 **GEORGE:** And Odette was pregnant, but before that I had asked her if she would like to leave the Bank –

PAUL: Uh-huh.

GEORGE: And she did, and the Rosettenville Store I gave to her.

PAUL: Okay.

15 **GEORGE:** I said, "it's yours," don't worry about Stock, don't worry about anything at all. What I'll do is, I will do what I need to do and I'll just replenish, whatever cash you get is "yours."

PAUL: Uh-huh, Uh-huh.

GEORGE: But there were two conditions.

20 **PAUL:** Mmm.

GEORGE: On a Friday and a Saturday she wasn't allowed in the Store, and that's because that's when the most cash came in.

PAUL: Uh-huh.

GEORGE: Right, and ja, I had been shot twice at my other Stores –

25 **PAUL:** Okay.

GEORGE: Because of this.

PAUL: Robberies?

GEORGE: Ja.

PAUL: Okay.

5 **GEORGE:** So she agreed to that and fine. What then happened is in, just call it, 1997, I can't remember, she was there on a Friday and I didn't know this and some guys came in and they held a knife to her stomach, she was pregnant with Wade.

PAUL: Mmm.

GEORGE: And they slapped her around a bit, and they took the money, and it
10 doesn't matter okay. They then phoned me –

PAUL: Who phoned you? The robbers?

GEORGE: Sorry?

PAUL: Who phoned you?

GEORGE: Odette.

15 **PAUL:** Oh, sorry, ja.

GEORGE: Ja.

PAUL: Okay.

GEORGE: Ja, they phoned me and she said that she was at the Office – I mean
at the Furniture Store –

20 **PAUL:** Mmm.

GEORGE: And I said, "okay, what's going on?" And then she told me. I then left –
I think I was in Vosloorus at the time, we had a Store there.

PAUL: Okay.

GEORGE: And then I shot through and anyway she was fine, shaken up, and ja,
25 right then and there I decided to sell the Stores.

PAUL: Uh-huh.

GEORGE: So I wrote a Business Plan which I'm pretty good at, and I sold it to a
rather large Entity, I'm not allowed to say who it is. They bought all the Stores, and ja, we
were doing pretty okay. You know we didn't need to have an Income at all.

- 5 **PAUL:** Okay, so your Uncle in the Furniture Business was taking good care of you?
- GEORGE:** Well somebody did.
- PAUL:** Ja.
- GEORGE:** What then happened is we started buying Houses, okay.
- 10 **PAUL:** Uh-huh, which areas did you buy in?
- GEORGE:** Primarily the South.
- PAUL:** Uh-huh.
- GEORGE:** And with the idea of using that as a Rental Option to move forward.
- PAUL:** So like Investment Properties?
- 15 **GEORGE:** Correct. My ex-wife's brother he was in the Glass Business, and we sat down and we had a chat and I said, "ja, listen I might be interested."
- PAUL:** Ex-wife? You had a prior wife?
- GEORGE:** Ja.
- PAUL:** Okay, alright.
- 20 **GEORGE:** Ja, School Sweetheart, fell pregnant, had a daughter she's now 26.
- PAUL:** Do you see her?
- GEORGE:** Sorry?
- PAUL:** Do you see the daughter?
- GEORGE:** I see her probably 2 (two) maybe 3 (three) times a year, we chat on
- 25 Skype probably 2 (two)/3 (three) times a week.
- PAUL:** Okay, very good, but she knows you as her Father and that?
- GEORGE:** Excuse me?
- PAUL:** She knows you as her Father?
- GEORGE:** Ja, ja, ja.

5 **PAUL:** Okay.

GEORGE: They used to stay up here and then they moved to Toti, well to Margate, then Durban, then Toti, so that's where they stay now.

PAUL: Okay, alright.

GEORGE: Alright, ja – sorry, I lost my train of thought.

10 **PAUL:** No it's fine, so we've got to the – your ex-wife's –

GEORGE: Oh, Glass ja.

PAUL: Introduced you to the –

GEORGE: Glass Business.

PAUL: The Glass Business, ja.

15 **TERRY:** Ex-wife's brother.

PAUL: Brother, ja.

GEORGE: So I had a look at how simple it was, I mean really simple, but at the same time I had – I had asked for a Windscreen to be fitted on my Opel Monza at the time, and while it took 3 (three) weeks for PG to make an Appointment, and then another 2 (two)

20 weeks for them to get the Glass and I was like, "you're kidding?"

PAUL: So you saw there was a gap there?

GEORGE: Ja. So I contacted all my old connections in Insurance and I said, "what do you think?" and they said, "please!" and the reason why they said "please" is because they know I'm a type of person who gets things done and doesn't take nonsense.

25 **PAUL:** Good.

GEORGE: And calls a spade a spade.

PAUL: Okay.

GEORGE: Alright and I sort of gave them a little bit of an indication of what I thought and they said, "we'll support you one hundred percent."

5 PAUL: Great.

GEORGE: I then spoke to Odette about it, she was a bit adverse to it because of the ex-wife. And then I said, "trust me." And she did.

PAUL: Okay and you ex-wife anyway is living in – well perhaps not then but –

GEORGE: She was still – she was still in Jo'burg.

10 PAUL: But now she's living in Toti your ex-wife?

GEORGE: Correct.

PAUL: Oh.

GEORGE: We then started the Glass – we started it as a Sole Prop, probably in **March 1998**, we then made it a PTY, I think that was in **September/October** – ag, a CC,

15 right, it was in Odette's name.

PAUL: Okay.

GEORGE: Profile Auto Glass CC.

PAUL: And when was that? '98/'99?

GEORGE: No, '98.

20 PAUL: Okay.

GEORGE: It was **September/October**.

PAUL: Alright.

GEORGE: That's when it was Registered. We started Trading, I – one thing about me is I don't like to rely on Staff to tell me how to do things.

25 PAUL: Uh-huh.

GEORGE: I need to know and then we can work together.

PAUL: Ja.

5 **GEORGE:** So I went to Shatterprufe and I did a whole lot of Training, finding out all the other stuff and this-and-that. And then, ja, for the first 2 (two) years I – we – while I did the Fitments and it became – ja, we did a whole lot of work.

PAUL: Okay, very good.

GEORGE: And our Business went from –

10 **PAUL:** So that's like 15 (fifteen) years ago now?

GEORGE: Ja, the – no, that's actually, what, 17 (seventeen) years ago.

PAUL: Okay, ja.

GEORGE: We were the first guys to only do Mobile Fitments, only.

PAUL: A Mobile Fitment is where you pick up the Screen and you go and visit
15 somebody at the house or whatever, is that a Mobile Fitment?

GEORGE: In other words, you have a Meeting here now –

PAUL: Yeah.

GEORGE: Okay, we make arrangements, we come here, we fit your Windscreen
–

20 **PAUL:** While I'm in the Meeting, when I come out I've got a new Windscreen?

GEORGE: There you go.

PAUL: Very good, ja.

GEORGE: So your car doesn't have to be Booked in for four hours –

PAUL: Ja.

25 **GEORGE:** For this or for that, or whatever.

PAUL: Ja.

GEORGE: It did cost us a little bit more than PG and that because we had to use Accelerated Polyurethanes and everything else for it to dry quicker, so that you could drive within a half an hour –

5 **PAUL:** The Accelerated Components probably cost a bit more.

GEORGE: Correct, okay, but because of the Service factor it was a win-win situation which everybody loved.

PAUL: Yeah, I can imagine.

GEORGE: Okay, so we very rapidly moved to probably about 8 (eight) – no,
10 probably about 7 (seven) bakkies, 7 (seven) vans on the road and ja, there you go.

PAUL: How many have you got on the road now?

GEORGE: No our dynamics changed, totally changed.

PAUL: Okay.

GEORGE: Alright, the ideology of Insurance Companies is to get their Score
15 Cards up.

PAUL: Uh-huh.

GEORGE: And the way you do that is your Suppliers and their Suppliers, and their Suppliers need the right Structure.

PAUL: Uh-huh.

20 **GEORGE:** So what we did is we sold all our vans, this was last year and the year before to our Fitters. We then helped them start –

PAUL: Self-employed or whatever?

GEORGE: Correct.

PAUL: Okay.

25 **GEORGE:** What we then did is we helped them to obtain the best Insurance, we did what we needed to do and we then Contracted to them.

PAUL: Sub-contract, ja.

GEORGE: Ja, so –

PAUL: And how many of those arrangements have you got in place now?

5 **GEORGE:** Quite a few.

PAUL: How many? I'm trying to picture the scale of the Operation.

GEORGE: Probably – I don't know, probably about 7 (seven)/8 (eight) presently.

PAUL: Okay, alright.

GEORGE: Give or take.

10 **PAUL:** Uh-huh, good.

GEORGE: And, ja.

PAUL: Now I've got a fairly good idea – and that's your Business now isn't it?

That's your main Business? Or –

GEORGE: That is one of the Businesses.

15 **PAUL:** What other Business activities have you got then?

GEORGE: Alright, over the last period of time I've been buying/fixing and selling Houses.

PAUL: Okay.

GEORGE: And I've been working – well the last call it 3½ (three and a half
20 years)/4 (four) years, I – okay, I don't want to say it's a Revolutionary Software Solution,
but it's a Revolutionary Software System –

PAUL: That does what?

GEORGE: It's targeted at Financial Institutions.

PAUL: Okay.

25 **GEORGE:** And it just does a whole lot of things.

PAUL: Alright.

GEORGE: And we had signed – Odette only found out about this in **April/March,**
April.

PAUL: Okay.

5 **GEORGE:** I've always got a lot of Irons in the Fire.

PAUL: Uh-huh.

GEORGE: And I used to tell Odette about them, and then some of them would fizzle out and some of them this-and-that, and whatever.

PAUL: You're an Entrepreneur.

10 **GEORGE:** I try, I try.

PAUL: Ja,

GEORGE: And eventually Odette said, you know what, stop telling me. She said "only" tell me when it's done and it's working.

PAUL: Okay.

15 **GEORGE:** Okay.

PAUL: So she didn't want to hear about your dreams.

GEORGE: Ja. So – no, it's just – there's just a whole lot of them.

PAUL: And this Software is it developed now or is it still in developmental stages?

20 **GEORGE:** It's complete.

PAUL: Complete?

GEORGE: And it's sold.

PAUL: Sold to who?

GEORGE: I can't tell you.

25 **PAUL:** Okay, but it's sold?

GEORGE: The problem unfortunately is that with that Article which appeared in the Star, okay, everything has been stopped.

PAUL: Okay.

GEORGE: Ja. And we're talking upwards of R300 Million for the Software.

5 **PAUL:** Sjoe.

GEORGE: Ja.

PAUL: That's a lot of money.

GEORGE: It's a lot of money.

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10 **PAUL:** Okay. Alright, let's go to then your – you know we have to go there, your relationship to Odette. How was your relationship with her? Let's say in the last year, how was your relationship with her?

GEORGE: I think, I think that's a wrong question to ask if I may.

PAUL: Okay.

15 **GEORGE:** I think what you need to do is you should say, in the last 10 (ten) years.

PAUL: Alright.

GEORGE: I think that would be fair.

PAUL: Okay, in the last 10 (ten) years then, how was your relationship with
20 her?

GEORGE: In the last 10 (ten) years we, like any marriage is, okay you'd have your good years and your bad years.

PAUL: Of course.

GEORGE: Okay, we had good years and we had bad years. In the last year I had
25 been working on buying another Insurance Broker. I own through various avenues, I have Shares in a number of Brokers and those Brokers give us Business.

PAUL: Uh-huh.

GEORGE: I'm a Shareholder, okay.

PAUL: Okay.

5 **GEORGE:** And that's the way to – you need to own the Supply Chain, yes, okay, so I was working on a – buying another Broker and Odette wasn't pleased about it, and she was concerned about previous Investments which I had made and decisions, which I don't blame here – blame her. And I said, "trust me." And she says "no!" So I said, "fine, then I won't." For the last –

10 **PAUL:** So you stopped the Transaction?

GEORGE: Correct.

PAUL: You were going to buy an Insurance Broker –

GEORGE: Insurance Broker.

PAUL: Okay and then she said she didn't want you to do that, so you stopped
15 the Transaction.

GEORGE: Correct.

PAUL: And would that have been a lot of money? Is that why she was concerned?

GEORGE: Again, you guys are pretty smart, okay and when you buy something
20 you don't – it's not like buying a house.

PAUL: Mmm.

GEORGE: Okay, it's based on Performance.

PAUL: Mmm.

GEORGE: So you agree on a Figure, you then put down a Deposit and what then
25 happens is that it needs to prove itself over the next 18 (eighteen) months, right, and equably you then start getting more Ownership of the Business, right, and therefore what proves itself.

PAUL: Mmm.

GEORGE: And ultimately in theory it pays for itself.

5 **PAUL:** Mmm, Mmm.

GEORGE: Ja, so it wouldn't really cost us anything –

PAUL: Alright.

GEORGE: Except for the initial R100 000.00 (one hundred thousand rand)/R200 000.00 (two hundred thousand rand).

10 **PAUL:** So you pay a Deposit and then the Balance you pay out of its Cash Flow or whatever?

GEORGE: Correct.

PAUL: Alright. Anyway, so that didn't go ahead.

GEORGE: Yes. So since **2011** I had been working on trying to get back into the
15 buying and selling of Property 'flipping' Houses as everybody knows it now. And Odette was very wary about it because of the Economic Climate, oh, the NCR you know and all that other good stuff.

PAUL: Ja.

GEORGE: And I wrote Business Plan after Business Plan after Business Plan,
20 and Odette just said "no, no, no." So last year I revised my **2013** Business Plan and I said, "right," this is how we're going to do it. These are the probable Partnerships, okay, and this is how it's going to work. And then Odette said "yes" let's do it.

PAUL: Okay.

GEORGE: But we need to "agree" on the Property. I said "fantastic." So we did.
25 Unfortunately with the Police being here I can't really get into some things, but it took me probably about 13 (thirteen) months of Investigation and Interviews, and a lot of Fees –

PAUL: Uh-huh.

GEORGE: To work out how to pay R5 000.00 (five thousand rand) and Legally not pay Capital Gains Tax –

5 **PAUL:** Okay.

GEORGE: Or Personal Tax Legally.

PAUL: Okay.

GEORGE: And ja, we got it right.

PAUL: On Property?

10 **GEORGE:** On – basically on Property.

PAUL: Alright, so you went out and bought some Property then or what?

GEORGE: Ja, but then – because that was Odette's biggest concern, okay, was the, the Tax implications.

PAUL: Alright, So how many Properties do you have now?

15 **GEORGE:** No, no, no – so we then found a Townhouse, bought it, coat of paint –

PAUL: Flogged it.

GEORGE: Sold it, we made R80 000.00 (eighty thousand rand).

PAUL: Okay.

GEORGE: And so we carried on. The last Property was in Elsburg, I got it for a
20 hundred odd Thousand Rand, it needed a lot of work –

PAUL: Residential or –

GEORGE: Ja.

PAUL: Okay.

GEORGE: A House.

25 **PAUL:** Yeah, alright.

GEORGE: It cost R96 000.00 (ninety-six thousand rand)/R97 000.00 (ninety-seven thousand rand), and we sold it for just on R700 000.00 (seven hundred thousand rand).

PAUL: Wow.

5 **GEORGE:** Ja.

PAUL: That was a nice mark-up, and you probably lived there for a week so you didn't have to pay Capital Gains Tax.

GEORGE: No, not at all.

PAUL: Okay.

10 **GEORGE:** Not at all.

PAUL: Alright, well anyway we're not interested in the Taxes. So that's good.

GEORGE: So ja, I – then Odette and I we'd have issues probably 3 (three) times a year, and it was always the same, same cycle –

PAUL: Okay.

15 **GEORGE:** Always, okay, and one was my birthday, one was her birthday and one was probably the first week in **January** – ah, first – sorry, the first week or two in **January**, okay. My birthday was because I've got a lot of Clients and a lot of friends who – they flew me down to Pinnacle Point, not, not, not this last –

PAUL: It's a Golf Course or something?

20 **GEORGE:** Ja, so Mossel Bay.

PAUL: Ja.

GEORGE: Okay, for the weekend.

PAUL: Okay.

GEORGE: And I was like, "hell yes."

25 **PAUL:** With Odette?

GEORGE: Sorry?

PAUL: With Odette?

GEORGE: No without Odette.

PAUL: Okay.

5 GEORGE: Alright, and – but she had said “go,” please.

PAUL: Uh-huh.

GEORGE: You know and it was great. And every birthday it would be something else.

PAUL: Uh-huh, Uh-huh.

10 GEORGE: I’m not a big party person. I’m not a big – I don’t want attention, I despise it actually. And this – anyway, so ja, this birthday I decided “no” I’m not going to do anything at all.

PAUL: Mmm.

GEORGE: And I said, you know, let’s go out for coffee and breakfast and
15 everything else, and –

PAUL: This birthday when you said –

GEORGE: Last year.

PAUL: Okay, alright.

GEORGE: And it was alright you know. **December** came, Odette kept telling me
20 that she wanted to have, now that she was “older” and she was “wiser,” which I choose not to get into the reasons for those words. She has said that she wanted to have a little girl and I said “no,” end of story. Around her birthday she turned – ja, and ja, she felt like she was going to not be able to have children. Okay, I had already been –

PAUL: That would have been her –

25 GEORGE: Snipped.

PAUL: What birthday would it have been? What was her birthday again, Odette?

GEORGE: She would have been – she was 42.

PAUL: Okay, alright 42, okay.

5 **GEORGE:** Okay, so that was a bit of a contentious thing between her and I. I had a vasectomy.

PAUL: You had?

GEORGE: Ja, about a year after Wade was born. Yes, it is reversible but it's like a ten to 15 percent probability.

10 **PAUL:** Uh-huh.

GEORGE: And there you go. Okay ja, and anyway Odette's birthday it was fine. The New Year's – New Year's we would always have a party, you know, invite the family over, friends at our house. And I don't drink alcohol at all, at all okay, so I, I chose not to partake in the champagne and the this and the that, and Odette wasn't too happy about
15 that and I said, "okay, but you know I don't drink." I'm lying, I have 1 (one) glass of champagne and that is every **7th of September**.

PAUL: Every?

GEORGE: **7th Of September**.

PAUL: Okay.

20 **GEORGE:** And that's to celebrate the Anniversary.

PAUL: Alright.

GEORGE: Okay and that's it. And **January, January** is always about getting money in and the Plan ahead, the year ahead and I was ready to rock and roll with some Properties. There was this one Property in Oakdene which we – I had been negotiating
25 with the people now, I don't know, it was probably about 3 (three)/4 (four) months, a Portuguese couple. The husband built most of the house, they were in a bit of a financial fix and we had been haggling about Price. Odette was a little bit concerned because of the

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PAUL: This **January** this year?

5 **GEORGE:** Ja.

PAUL: Okay.

GEORGE: Because of the Capital Investment that it would need.

PAUL: Uh-huh.

GEORGE: And etcetera, etcetera, etcetera. So Odette – I then put a, a full
10 Business Plan Costing and everything else together, Timelines then added like 40% (forty percent)/50% (fifty percent) onto both Time and Costing.

PAUL: Uh-huh.

GEORGE: And Odette said let me “think” about it. And I said, “that’s cool, but we can’t wait,” you know. Odette and I were fine – oh sorry, I omitted to say something.
15 Probably about 3 (three) years ago, 2 (two)/3 (three) years ago I weighed probably in the region of about 109 kilos. When I met Odette I weighed 108, but that was just muscle, I had a three percent body fat, okay, but this was all flab and I used to snore like a trooper. I didn’t believe her, you know men –

PAUL: None of us snore do we?

20 **GEORGE:** Ja, men, men never want to say they snore, ever.

PAUL: I never snore.

GEORGE: You don’t hear a thing.

PAUL: So my wife might not agree with me.

GEORGE: So the one time she recorded me and I said, “that’s nonsense, that’s
25 not me you got that off You Tube.” And then she filmed me and I was like, okay. So she says, are you going to start “losing weight?” And I said, “you know that might be a good idea.” The thing with Odette is she’s one of those people who if she doesn’t get her eight hours she’s very, very cranky in the morning, I mean very cranky. And because she was running the Admin and Accounts side of the Business, and her and Warrick’s relationship

5 had started to deteriorate. I, I then suggested – I don't know if it was her or me, but that I – until I lose enough weight I maybe sleep in another room.

PAUL: Uh-huh.

GEORGE: And you must please appreciate that I'm, I'm a logical person and as a logical person I immediately saw the benefit of it, Odette would sleep more, she wouldn't
10 be ratty. If she wasn't ratty her and Warrick wouldn't have their arguments and whatever in the morning. So I did, but what I did was is that I slept in a, in a room on the Sleeper Couch and that was basically that.

PAUL: Okay.

GEORGE: Because it wasn't a 'permanent' thing.

15 **PAUL:** Mmm, alright.

GEORGE: You know the old saying about, 'I'm going to lose weight, I'm going to lose weight?'

PAUL: Yeah, it takes a while losing [inaudible – over talking] [0:57:42.8] –

GEORGE: Well not really, it takes a lot longer if you –

20 **TERRY:** I've just resolved the fact I've stopped growing up, I just grow out now. I'm losing shape because one's a –

PAUL: I've just written a Book it's going to be Published next week, how I defeated – what's it called? Anorexia. Alright carry on, sorry.

GEORGE: So the idea was always to start running, start gyming, start this'ing,
25 start that'ing. And that's why I refused to, one; move one of the single Beds into another room, okay, because then it's permanent.

PAUL: Ja.

GEORGE: Okay, and anyway, so I was on the Sleeper Couch and I was there probably for about 2 (two) years.

5 PAUL: 2 (Two) years?

GEORGE: Ja, on that Sleeper Couch.

PAUL: Okay, alright.

GEORGE: And it was difficult. My weight had come down to about 92.

PAUL: Where are you now?

10 GEORGE: Sorry?

PAUL: What do you weigh now?

GEORGE: 74.

PAUL: I'm impressed.

GEORGE: I'm not, but we'll get there.

15 PAUL: Alright.

GEORGE: In **February**, I think I was **February**, part of – sorry, that's another thing. Not the – what – **2014 – 2013. 2013** The latter part of the year and **2014** Wade had these really, really, really bad cramps like it was debilitating, it was really bad.

PAUL: Like in his legs or something?

20 GEORGE: No, no abdominal.

PAUL: Okay.

GEORGE: And maybe that's for another discussion why he had it, okay, but it as psychological and it had to do with the School that he was going to. And I also found it easy to sleep where I was sleeping on this Sleeper Couch because I was right next to his
25 bedroom.

PAUL: Mmm.

GEORGE: Okay, so what then happened is that in **December** Wade – anyway came right after we took him out of School and you know he started Home Schooling and

5 everything else, and then it went away, it was fine. He then moved out of that bedroom and he moved into his old bedroom.

PAUL: Okay.

GEORGE: Okay and **February** this year Odette and I said “hey” let’s – why don’t you move into that room? And I said, “I don’t want to.” She says “okay,” move in there
10 because you’ve lost weight, or move there. In other words back to the bedroom. So I said, “ah, I don’t think I’m ready yet.” She says, “what” do you mean? I said, “I need to do another 2 (two) or 3 (three) Houses,” okay, “I need to make you proud of me and that will earn me my right to be back in the bedroom.”

PAUL: Okay.

15 **GEORGE:** Anyway, so the bedroom stood empty for a while and then, I don’t know, **March, February/March** somewhere there, I moved the stuff into the bedroom. And the reason why that is, because then Odette and I could have 2 (two) rendezvous places, either the main bedroom or this bedroom.

PAUL: Okay.

20 **GEORGE:** Okay, what then happened is that we – things started to go – **March**, things started to go a little bit sideways because I started to push for the, the House in Oakdene, the Portuguese House. And I said, “listen we – you’re not going to get another House.” I mean it was –

PAUL: Did you get it?

25 **GEORGE:** It was R760 000.00 (seven hundred and sixty thousand rand), and the Houses next door go for R2.4/R2.5 Million –

PAUL: Okay.

GEORGE: And it will cost us, let’s call it R300 000.00 (three hundred thousand rand), so we can make good money.

5 **PAUL:** Uh-huh.

GEORGE: Odette was still very wary about that Capital outlay. At the same time the Business, the Glass side started taking a bit of a dip and that's purely because of different changes in the Insurance outlook on Suppliers. Are you familiar what a Board Row is?

10 **PAUL:** A what?

GEORGE: A Board Row. The Insurance definition of a Board Row is an Invoicing System or Type.

PAUL: Okay.

GEORGE: Alright, in our Industry the word 'Board Row' is an avenue which to do
15 business with the Insurance entities.

PAUL: Okay.

GEORGE: So in other words if you have your, let's just say your top four players, okay, so you have PG Glass Fit, National and Grain Mark –

PAUL: Alright.

20 **GEORGE:** You must have heard of them.

PAUL: Yes.

GEORGE: Alright, now well they've got their Franchises or they've got their Members, or whatever it is, okay, but what they do as well is, is that they allow Independents to join them –

25 **PAUL:** Okay.

GEORGE: If it suits their needs –

PAUL: Uh-huh.

GEORGE: In other words, because our Purchase is through Shatterprufe, P-R-U-F-E, the natural Shatterprufe are pretty high, right, so we've been on the PG Board Row or

5 the – sorry, I need to clarify. The Profile Auto Glass CC Company which is Odette's, okay, has been on the PG Board Row since **2006/2007**.

PAUL: Okay.

GEORGE: Alright, my Company which is Profile Auto Glass PTY Limited, okay – the CC Company you can't Trade non-Shatterprufe, it's called 'Essex' – non-Essex.

10 **PAUL:** Okay.

GEORGE: So the PTY Limited Company could Trade in any Brand –

PAUL: Is there a reason for that?

GEORGE: Ja, Contracts.

PAUL: Okay.

15 **GEORGE:** So PG Contract with the Profile Auto Glass CC.

PAUL: Right.

GEORGE: Okay, so at the end of the day what happened is Business everywhere had started taking a downturn, not just by us but in the entire Glass Industry. Odette's Business had all but stopped Trading quite a few years ago.

20 **PAUL:** Uh-huh.

GEORGE: Alright, because PG is not the flavour of the month and it hasn't been for a long time because they are just too expensive, okay.

PAUL: Right.

GEORGE: People rather want to do the No Excess option or the Grain Mark
25 option.

PAUL: Uh-huh.

GEORGE: I mean, same Glass it's Insurance approved. Why would you need to pay R4 500.00 (four thousand five hundred rand) Excess on your Windscreen where the

5 exact same Windscreen which is guaranteed by the Insurance, and it doesn't interfere with your Motor Plan or anything, it costs you no Excess. Which one would you fit?

PAUL: No, exactly.

GEORGE: Precisely.

PAUL: Mmm.

10 **GEORGE:** Okay and, and that was a change over the last couple of years, okay.

PAUL: Alright.

GEORGE: And that's why more and more Business had been driven through Fargo Right the PTY Limited –

PAUL: Uh-huh.

15 **GEORGE:** The Profile Auto Glass PTY Limited, ja.

PAUL: What's the Company called?

GEORGE: Fargo Right.

PAUL: Fargo Right?

GEORGE: Ja.

20 **PAUL:** Okay.

GEORGE: And Trading as Profile Auto Glass PTY.

PAUL: Okay, alright.

GEORGE: Anyway, so there had been a bit of a significant turndown, etcetera, etcetera. Also what had happened is the Property that – where we were with regard to the
25 Office, we were going to need to be vacating it pretty soon, okay, which is like the end of **June**. It was the end of **May** but then it was the end of **June**, the new owners had agreed and everything else.

PAUL: So you are out of there now?

5 **GEORGE:** Ja, well that in itself was another – needless to say – so I started looking at alternative solutions.

PAUL: Uh-huh.

GEORGE: The one was moving the Business – because now, now it's really Admin, it's not a Warehouse, a Storeroom and everything else, it's just Admin. So moving
10 it back to, to, you know, the Rosettenville Property, that's option one. Option two was, you know, start looking around which I did and do what needed to be done. I then put together a Budget of moving and this-and-that and everything else, and ja. Odette and I we bumped heads – we started bumping heads a lot because of “where to,” “what to,” “how to,” the Pricing, this – you know long Lease, short Lease, all this other good stuff. And I was just of
15 the opinion that it would be better to have a short Lease, 6 (six) months, maybe, maybe a year, but you know then we, we buy another Property or we do whatever.

PAUL: So what did you eventually agree?

GEORGE: Well we're going to get to that, okay.

TERRY: Sorry, can I just suggest that I replenish the drinks, and people may
20 want to take a comfort break.

PAUL: That sounds like a good idea, yeah. Alright, thanks hey. Okay it's
12h20.

_____ **COMFORT BREAK** _____

PAUL: Okay, the same people present, it's Part 2 it's now **12h30**. We just had
25 a small break. Alright, I'm mindful of the time now, it's **12h30**, so I think I've got enough, if we want to call it that, Background Information. I think I now understand how things were. What I'd like to do now is come to the day of this Murder that took place, and I'd like for you in your own words just to tell me from the beginning what happened to you that day,

5 starting in the morning until the point at which you realised something had gone terribly wrong.

THE DAY IN QUESTION

GEORGE: Okay, did you – or did you – you had access to my Statement.

PAUL: Ja, of course, ja.

10 **GEORGE:** Okay, so –

PAUL: But it's very short. What I prefer to do is just put the Statement to one side and in your own words tell me how the day went for you?

GEORGE: Okay, okay. I'm sorry but there's certain things which I hadn't got to regarding Odette and my relationship.

15 **PAUL:** Okay.

GEORGE: Right, which are pivotal.

PAUL: Alright.

GEORGE: Okay and I'd just like to do that if you don't mind.

PAUL: Alright, go ahead

20 **CONTINUATION – THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MR. GEORGE BARKHUIZEN AND THE DECEASED**

GEORGE: Okay.

PAUL: Uh-huh.

GEORGE: In **April** some money was – started going out of the Main Business
25 Account.

PAUL: Do you mean like being withdrawn?

GEORGE: Transferred.

PAUL: Okay.

5 **GEORGE:** Alright and when I asked Odette about it she would argue with me, okay.

PAUL: Okay, she operated the Account or –

GEORGE: Ja.

PAUL: Okay, which Bank was that at?

10 **GEORGE:** Standard Bank.

PAUL: Okay.

GEORGE: Alright, I then spoke to Odette's Mom, Pam.

PAUL: Uh-huh.

GEORGE: And I said, "listen, do you know if Odette is paying for any relatives or
15 anything down in the Cape?"

PAUL: Mmm.

GEORGE: Because I know some of them were on hard-times, or 'something.'

PAUL: Mmm.

GEORGE: You know, where this money would go, and I gave her the Account
20 Number.

PAUL: Mmm.

GEORGE: Alright, she said "no" and I said, "ja, listen I'm very concerned about it,"
etcetera, etcetera. She says "okay," and then I asked her, I said, "Odette's been a bit off."
Can she tell me why?

25 **PAUL:** Mmm.

GEORGE: Okay, because you know they stayed on the same Premises.

PAUL: Mmm.

GEORGE: And she said "no" not really, but – sorry I'm lying, that was the middle
of **March**.

5 **PAUL:** Okay.

GEORGE: And I said “okay” – I asked her if she could recommend a Counsellor .

PAUL: Uh-huh.

GEORGE: Through a Church or whatever it may be.

PAUL: Ja.

10 **GEORGE:** And she –

PAUL: Ja, go ahead.

GEORGE: Okay, what then happened is that I had made contact with the Counsellor – sorry, let’s take a step back. She says, does she – Pam said to me, “does” – do I think that part of the issue may be with her and Stan staying on the Premises?

15 **PAUL:** Uh-huh, who said that?

GEORGE: Pam.

PAUL: Okay.

GEORGE: So I said, “Pam, let me not kid you,” alright, 5 (five) years ago Odette came to me and asked me, she actually “begged” me if “you” guys could move back in, alright, and I said “no.” And the reason why I said “no” is because Odette’s Dad is a narcissist.

20

PAUL: Okay.

GEORGE: Alright and everything, everything – there’s always issues –

PAUL: Mmm.

25 **GEORGE:** And there always has been issues, and whatever, okay, that’s it. And Odette, Odette said to –

PAUL: I’ve met that fellow. I’ve met him once, and I must admit I agree with you, he is a very difficult person, very difficult.

5 **GEORGE:** At the end of the day what happened is, that I – I said to Odette, I said, “Odette, please listen to me now,” okay, “if you allow you Mom and Dad to move back in it’s going to be the end of us,” okay, “your Dad is going to make ‘big’ nonsense like he did the last time. And the last time ‘you’ kicked him out not me.” So she says, it’s for my Mom’s “sake” that’s why I want her here. Okay, that’s what she said.

10 **PAUL:** Mmm.

GEORGE: So I said “okay” that’s fine. I said, “but just know this,” okay, “that when things start going wrong,” okay, “understand where it’s coming from.”

PAUL: Mmm, Mmm.

GEORGE: Okay, so when Pam said to me, okay in **March**, I said, “Pam, right
15 here right now you and I both now what the problem is.”

PAUL: Mmm.

GEORGE: “We both know what the problem is, and it’s Stan,” okay, “he’s, he’s driving a wedge between Odette and I,” and Odette and anybody else, etcetera, etcetera. That’s what I said to her. And then – okay, that was to Pam, yes.

20 **PAUL:** Mmm.

GEORGE: So she says, “okay” then maybe we should “move” out. I said, “Odette won’t want you to move out, but I can quite guarantee you right now she wouldn’t have a problem if Stan moved out,” okay.

PAUL: Ja.

25 **GEORGE:** So at the end of the day Pam spoke to Odette and Odette became ‘extremely’ upset because I had spoken to her Mom about it.

PAUL: Okay.

GEORGE: Okay and I said, “listen, I spoke to your Mom because of a Counsellor.”

5 **PAUL:** Mmm.

GEORGE: “You promised me that we could go for Counselling.” And three things that we could deal with, right, which was “us,” “me” and “her.”

PAUL: Mmm.

GEORGE: Okay and with “her” it was about her childhood.

10 **PAUL:** Okay.

GEORGE: And anyway, so after that engagement with Odette, and it wasn't pleasant, I, I said to her, I said, “listen, I believe in my heart that the time's come for your Dad to move out. 5 (Five) years ago you said to me, ‘you’ said to me you want your Mom here, that's what you said.”

15 **PAUL:** Mmm.

GEORGE: Okay, “but the issues are now being generated around what's been going on.”

PAUL: Mmm.

GEORGE: Anyway I decided to, to seriously keep to my word, and I rejoined the
20 Gym and I started swimming and went for a full Medical, my cholesterol was high and started working on a Plan to lose this which is what causes me to snore, etcetera, etcetera. But the relationship between Odette and I just – it, it started becoming very strained. And the reason why it became ‘very’ strained is because either Pam or Odette told Stan about what I had said that he's causing the issue and he needs to get out.

25 **PAUL:** Mmm.

GEORGE: Alright, as was my Warning in **2010**, ja, **2010** when they moved in there. Ja, at the end of the day Odette started talking less and less to me, and she was more abrupt with me and a whole lot of things. Like I said, it was – this was one of our

5 down years it really was, but you know, so was **2013**, so was **2010** the World Cup year, anyways. Since **2005** until **April – April**, Odette and I discussed Divorce probably –

PAUL: Do you mean **2015**?

GEORGE: **2005 –**

PAUL: Okay.

10 **GEORGE:** To –

PAUL: Now.

GEORGE: **April.**

PAUL: Okay.

15 **GEORGE:** Ja, we had probably discussed Divorce probably every 3 (three)/4 (four) months.

PAUL: Alright.

GEORGE: And when I discussed it and I said, “listen, maybe we should look at it,” alright, then Odette would say “no, no” you know, let’s try, let’s whatever. And then vice-versa, okay.

20 **PAUL:** Okay.

GEORGE: Okay, when she would mention Divorce then I would say, “you know what, let’s just go for Counselling.” And she never, she never wanted to go for Counselling because her opinion on the past, especially that far long ago can’t change, okay. So ja, I had asked Odette to give me a good couple of months, right, I didn’t tell her why and I
25 said, “If it doesn’t work and we’re not happy,” then we can separate and we can get a Divorce, okay.

PAUL: Alright, when did you ask her that?

GEORGE: When did I ask her?

PAUL: That, yeah.

5 **GEORGE:** April/May, somewhere there.

WO 1: Of this year?

GEORGE: Ja.

PAUL: Alright.

GEORGE: You see a large portion – you see, she, she was still wary about
10 buying that House in Oakdene.

PAUL: Which House?

GEORGE: The Portuguese House that you know we were going to –

PAUL: So you didn't buy it?

GEORGE: We – I actually did, but we're going to get there in a minute.

15 **PAUL:** Okay.

GEORGE: And ja, just certain little niggles –

PAUL: Alright.

GEORGE: You know – you know a couple of Thousand Debts and this and that,
and whatever.

20 **PAUL:** Uh-huh.

GEORGE: And then –

PAUL: When you say "a couple of Thousand Debts," do you mean a couple
of Thousand Rands in Debt or a lot of Debts?

GEORGE: Ah, no it's – again we don't have Accounts.

25 **PAUL:** Okay.

GEORGE: We, we never believed in Accounts.

PAUL: Alright.

GEORGE: But then you know there's Joshua Door, this-that, whatever, you
bought it cash or you didn't.

5 **PAUL:** Okay.

GEORGE: Odette had a Credit Card, there was some Funds owing on the Profile Auto Glass CC Account to Nedbank.

PAUL: Okay.

GEORGE: Again it's not a lot of money.

10 **PAUL:** Uh-huh.

GEORGE: Etcetera, etcetera, etcetera, okay. But no, it wasn't a lot of money.

PAUL: Okay.

GEORGE: Alright, Odette then said "why?" Why should we – what's going to happen in 2 (two)/3 (three) months?

15 **PAUL:** Mmm.

GEORGE: I said – and that's when I sat down and I told her, and I told her about the Software that's being developed and she was very skeptical about it, she was like, ja, ja, ja, ja, ja. And then I said, "do you remember in **2013** when I sat Shane down," which is her brother.

20 **PAUL:** Mmm.

GEORGE: Okay and I said to him, I said, "Shane I've got his idea," alright, "I believe it will work," etcetera, etcetera, etcetera. I drew a quick Schematic but I didn't give him the [inaudible] [0:15:12.3] of it, yes.

PAUL: Alright.

25 **GEORGE:** And he was like, "no, no, not interested, thank you," whatever. And that's when I went to the other guy, and then – anyway. And then I told her and I 'showed' her, I showed her the Contract of Purchase.

PAUL: Uh-huh.

5 **GEORGE:** Okay and she was like “okay.” I said, “all our Debts will be wiped, everything will be done. Once that’s done,” okay, “we’re going to go on a Cruise just you and I,” okay, and there we go. I said, “we can stay in separate Cabins, but let’s just have an opportunity to get to know each other away from stress.”

PAUL: Did you Book a Cruise?

10 **GEORGE:** No, I had enquired about it, and we’ll chat about it.

PAUL: Alright.

GEORGE: So at the end of the day what happened is she had said “fine,” let’s do that.

PAUL: Okay.

15 **GEORGE:** Alright, we’d have our good days and we’d have our bad days, issues, this-that, whatever, but ja.

CONTINUATION – THE DAY IN QUESTION

PAUL: Alright, can we now come to –

GEORGE: Yes, sure.

20 **PAUL:** To the day of the Murder. Can you just turn that over so that you’re not reading from it.

GEORGE: Okay.

PAUL: I prefer you to just speak from your –

GEORGE: Okay.

25 **PAUL:** Alright I’d appreciate that. Alright, now just start me at the beginning of the day, what time did you get up that day?

GEORGE: For that period of time my – the neighbour next door starts cars – starts his car and it makes a bit of a noise. So ja, it was between **06h00** and **06h30** somewhere there.

5 **PAUL:** Okay.

GEORGE: Ja.

PAUL: And Then what did you do?

GEORGE: Well I, I got up probably had a shower, had coffee, whatever it was.

10 Odette only woke-up – well ‘normally’ only woke-up between, I don’t know, **08h30/09h30**,
somewhere around there, because she was a bit of a –

PAUL: Okay, so what I want you to do is just take me through yourself.

GEORGE: Ja.

PAUL: Your day –

GEORGE: Ja.

15 **PAUL:** So that I don’t have to keep asking you questions. Just start with,
you’ve had your coffee, you’ve had your breakfast –

GEORGE: Ja.

PAUL: You’ve had your shower –

GEORGE: No actually –

20 **PAUL:** Take me through your day from there.

GEORGE: Ja.

PAUL: Alright.

GEORGE: Alright, so I had 2 (two) Appointments that day, okay, those 2 (two)
Appointments were ideally based on Informal Discussions and Broker visits. Okay, so
25 whenever I go and see a Client I always go and I take this Portuguese food, you know,
savory, sweets, whatever it might be.

PAUL: Okay.

GEORGE: Traditionally what I do is I, I phone a lady by the name of Gita or I
speak to Andrea or Serita or Solly.

5 **PAUL:** Okay.

GEORGE: And those are the people who I speak to.

PAUL: Where?

GEORGE: At this Portuguese place called Café Bembom.

PAUL: Okay.

10 **GEORGE:** Okay, it's in Comaro Crossing it was right near the Office, and I frequent there every day. I even have a lot of my Meetings there. I then went there to get the, the stuff for my Pretoria Client.

PAUL: Okay.

GEORGE: And for the Bryanston Client.

15 **PAUL:** Okay.

GEORGE: Alright, the Pretoria Client they've got I think, I think it's about 16 (sixteen) Staff, because I can't just buy for the Claim Staff I have to buy for everybody. So they didn't have 16 (sixteen) of 16 (sixteen) of 16 (sixteen) of, right, so with that in mind I, I actually said "no," you know, "just leave it."

20 **PAUL:** So you hadn't ordered anything?

GEORGE: No, I did order –

PAUL: Uh-huh.

GEORGE: Okay, but there wasn't enough Stock.

PAUL: Okay.

25 **GEORGE:** Because traditionally I buy Platters like this –

PAUL: Right.

GEORGE: Alright, but because the Platters only hold 8 (eight) of this and 6 (six) of that and whatever, what I had come to do is buy boxes of, for example, Rissois, okay

5 and there's prawn. So then I'd buy 16 (sixteen) prawn, and I'd buy 16 (sixteen) chicken, and I'd buy 16 (sixteen) whatever, and they didn't have enough for all of that.

PAUL: Oh, okay.

GEORGE: Okay, so I never visit Clients without taking sweets.

PAUL: Alright.

10 **GEORGE:** Alright and the reason why I don't, especially the big Client, is because they are a big Client.

PAUL: Mmm, okay I understand all that.

GEORGE: So –

PAUL: So after Café Bembom –

15 **GEORGE:** Ja.

PAUL: Where did you go?

GEORGE: I then went to the Office.

PAUL: Uh-huh.

GEORGE: Alright, ja, I went to the Office, Rob was there. The Fitters, the Fitters
20 were – Rob and the Fitters and everything else –

PAUL: Uh-huh.

GEORGE: They were downstairs, okay.

PAUL: Where the Sliding Door is?

GEORGE: Ja.

25 **PAUL:** Okay.

GEORGE: Alright, when I got there, "howzit? Howzit going? Is everything okay?"

PAUL: That was about **09h30**?

GEORGE: That was somewhere, ja.

PAUL: Okay.

5 **GEORGE:** I then went to – I went to the Contractor, the Fitter and I even – some
[inaudible] [0:22:34.2] with him and what I had noticed is you know, there were only 2 (two)
Windscreens that were being loaded, and there you go. Rob then locked the Sliding Door
and I had actually – I actually left to go to – well I needed to go to Rosettenville, okay, to
the [inaudible] [0:23:09.5] Property. I then realised that I – one of my Scissor Stands on the
10 bakkie –

PAUL: That's where you put a Sheet of Glass on there?

GEORGE: Ja.

PAUL: Okay.

GEORGE: They – the Contractor actually had one of our Stands, alright, and it
15 didn't make sense so I went to Rob and I said, "Rob listen, why has this guy got our – one
of our Stands?"

PAUL: Mmm.

GEORGE: And anyway, so from there I went to Rosettenville, okay, one of the
ceilings had collapsed quite a while ago in one of the rooms, there weren't any Tenants in
20 there or anything.

PAUL: Okay.

GEORGE: And I was to measure and do what needed to be done and so on, and
so on. Wait, wait, sorry I'm lying, I'm lying, I'm lying. Sorry, I didn't do that, I didn't do that,
okay, what I did do is after the Office, okay, I went Home.

25 **PAUL:** Okay, to Glenvista?

GEORGE: Ja.

PAUL: Alright.

GEORGE: I went Home and – because I wasn't going to go to Securitas, you
know the Broker, okay, without the, the goodies, okay. Ja, Odette was awake when I got

5 Home and then we started chatting, and she actually suggested that instead of using the Rosettenville, ag, the, the, the Comaro Crossing Bembom, maybe I should use the one in Bedfordview because they've got a bigger Bakery and all this other good stuff and so on. Anyway we had a nice chat about things, okay. I then left there, I don't know, I, I don't know, but I left there, I went to Bembom, okay, to find out about the, the – HRS, the
10 Bryanston Client.

PAUL: Uh-huh.

GEORGE: Alright, because I knew that I would be – if I didn't collect the – I mean if I did collect the Bryanston stuff in the morning it would start drying out by the time I got to Bryanston.

15 **PAUL:** Okay.

GEORGE: Okay, so I wasn't going to Pretoria, so I'd rather just get the fresh stuff. I went there I ordered a coffee, it wasn't ready – well you need to understand that certain events I'm not sure of 'exactly' when it happened, yes.

PAUL: Sure –

20 **GEORGE:** Okay –

PAUL: Just tell it the way you remember it.

GEORGE: Ja, what then happened is I went – okay their batch of Rissois weren't out, okay, and it would be another half an hour, alright, and the sweets which is a Portuguese or whatever it is, okay, the custard hadn't cured, so – and that was their
25 favourite food. So what I did was is I then from there I cancelled the coffee with Solly, okay, because – I then went to the Office. The Door – it was a cold day, okay, the Door to the Office was closed, okay and I presumed that Norman had locked it, because he locks it from time-to-time. So I just phoned him from downstairs and we had a bit of a chat –

PAUL: Which Door are we talking about here? The Sliding Door?

5 **GEORGE:** No, no, no.

PAUL: The Door to the Office?

GEORGE: Ja, the Sliding Door is always closed.

PAUL: Okay.

GEORGE: It's always locked, okay, but the actual one at the top of the stairs on
10 the left.

PAUL: Okay.

GEORGE: Okay.

PAUL: Alright.

GEORGE: So I phoned Robert, I said I'm downstairs, this, this, this, this, this. I
15 then messaged, I don't know if it was Michelle or Benny saying, "listen, I'm not coming,"
etcetera, etcetera and I would probably catch up with them in the course of next week.

PAUL: Okay.

GEORGE: Alright, what I do is every 3 (three) months or so, 2 (two) to 3 (three)
months I discuss the Loss Ratios, you know what a Loss Ratio is –

20 **PAUL:** Yeah.

GEORGE: Okay, so I discussed Loss Ratios, sometimes it's Formal, sometimes
it's Informal, okay. So Securitas was just a visit it wasn't a Formal Discussion, but in
Bryanston it was a Informal Discussion about Figures.

PAUL: Uh-huh.

25 **GEORGE:** Okay, so – and then the following week or the week after that I would
then present them with the Figures. So in other words, it's limited Disclosure so that they
can process it, they can give it to their Managers and –

PAUL: But you never went to Bryanston.

GEORGE: I was on my way to Bryanston, ja.

5 PAUL: Okay, so what time were you on your way to Bryanston?

GEORGE: Well from – I'm just going to get to all, to all of this, yes.

PAUL: Uh-huh.

GEORGE: So I was at the Office, I WhatsApped, I whatever, phoned, so on and so on. Alright, I then left, I went – okay, in the Statement I actually went back to correct it,
10 but in the Statement I thought I went to Rosettenville first and I didn't, I had actually gone to – or I did, anyway, that's why I'm a bit confused – went to Rosettenville, I went to – my friend used to own a, a Car Dealership called Xavier Motors, it's at the top of –

PAUL: Ja, I know, I know the place.

GEORGE: Ja.

15 PAUL: Ja.

GEORGE: Okay and then what happened is – but it's not called that anymore.

PAUL: No.

GEORGE: Okay, from there –

PAUL: It's called Rifle Range now or something.

20 CONSTABLE: Rifle Range Motors.

PAUL: Ja, ja.

GEORGE: Okay, from there I went to – to **164 Lang Street**, from there I didn't have any sweeties or anything. I then went to – on the way – I could shoot through Jo'burg, alright, but I decided to go to Multiflora – Grandiflora and on the way there I – the,
25 the, the time, okay – and I realised that I was running late, okay. So I then left – no, I didn't stop in at Multiflora, you know, they're just going to have to suck it up – sorry, one other thing, I had asked Odette and Robert, okay, each time just to give me the Loss Ratio Figures. Robert to remind Odette about Loss Ratio Figures, because Odette had the Loss

5 Ratio Figures, okay, and ja. When I got to the Stop Street or whatever it was there by Multi – Grandiflora, went passed got there to the Market Exit -

PAUL: Uh-huh.

GEORGE: Ja, you know that area.

PAUL: Yeah.

10 **GEORGE:** Alright and that's when I realised that I'm really running late, and I checked the phone and that's when I saw all the missed calls.

PAUL: Okay.

GEORGE: I saw Wade's number, I called Wade – well, saw Robert, I called Robert. I then called Wade because Robert's numbers were engaged, etcetera, etcetera.

15 **PAUL:** Okay.

GEORGE: I then phoned Wade.

PAUL: Alright, I think I've got all that.

GEORGE: Ja.

QUESTIONING AROUND LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES

20 **PAUL:** Obviously you know the Phone Records shows that order of events, so I'm quite happy with that aspect of it. What I'd like you to do now is cast your mind back a bit before that. Now are you aware of any Life Insurance on Odette?

GEORGE: I'm aware of Life Insurance on Odette and I.

PAUL: On yourself and Odette?

25 **GEORGE:** Yes.

PAUL: But this is where the discussion is going to become adversarial now, okay, because you told Warrant Officer Mdlalose that there was "no" Life Insurance.

GEORGE: I disagree with it.

PAUL: Alright, well you can disagree with it, but that's what he's going to say.

5 **GEORGE:** Okay.

PAUL: Now –

GEORGE: I – I've got that discussion Recorded.

PAUL: Okay, very good. Well what I'd like to do is ask you why it was that a few weeks before she was Murdered, was it just a coincidence that you decided to take
10 out the Life Insurance?

GEORGE: That I decided?

PAUL: That you and her decided? Who decided?

GEORGE: Okay, as mentioned previously it was the **20th** or the **22nd April** –

PAUL: Uh-huh.

15 **GEORGE:** There was a – in High Street, High Street is that Cul-de-sac, yes, alright, there's a whole bunch of Townhouses on the side.

PAUL: Uh-huh.

GEORGE: There was a horrific Armed Robbery that had happened, and Odette and the Cleaner Lady had gone there to have a look and see what was going on. Alright,
20 when they eventually got back to the Office they told Rob that, you know, this is the third/second or third time this has happened, okay, etcetera, etcetera. Odette then spoke with me and said to me that – prior to that Odette and I had Life Insurance, and she said – sorry one of the other reasons why we were hitting a bit of a bender, and this was in **March/April**, is I had strongly been pushing for us to move to New Zealand, okay, and I've
25 been pushing since **2001** –

PAUL: Okay.

GEORGE: When my Dad died, okay, so and then when my Mom died which was in '08, because also of Violence.

PAUL: Were there any other Family Members that died at all?

5 **GEORGE:** I beg your pardon?

PAUL: Were there any other Family Members that died at all?

GEORGE: Regarding what?

PAUL: Well died, you know, did any other Family Members die that prompted your desire to go to New Zealand?

10 **GEORGE:** Um, well, yes okay.

PAUL: Who?

GEORGE: But, but that wasn't the, the main factor.

PAUL: Okay.

GEORGE: Okay, the main factor was that I'm 46 this year, alright, my Credit
15 starts shrinking every year that I'm getting older, okay. So – and that's why we pushed pretty hard for the – or I 'pushed' pretty hard for that. When my sister was in –

PAUL: And that would have been when?

GEORGE: Excuse me?

PAUL: That would have been when that you were "pushing" hard to go to
20 New Zealand?

GEORGE: Well initially in **2008'ish** when my Mom died.

PAUL: Okay.

GEORGE: Right, Odette and my sister from New Zealand actually had a bit of a tiff, a big tiff, and –

25 **PAUL:** Alright, you know what I want to do over here –

GEORGE: Ja.

PAUL: Is just stay in present time now if I can.

GEORGE: Ja.

5 **PAUL:** I want to go to the Life Insurance that you in fact took out for yourself and for Odette.

GEORGE: Okay sorry, ja, let me get back to that. What had happened is that Odette came to me and she said, “what” we need to do is we need to – she asked if the Trust Document – with a guy called Henry Korsten, he’s an Attorney.

10 **PAUL:** What Trust Document are we talking about here?

GEORGE: Family Trust.

PAUL: Is there a Family Trust?

GEORGE: Uh, ja.

PAUL: What’s the name of the Family Trust?

15 **GEORGE:** Barkhuizen Family Trust.

PAUL: And who are the Trustees?

GEORGE: Or sorry, is it WOW? WOW, I forget, but you guys have got a copy of it, it was on Odette’s computer.

PAUL: Okay.

20 **GEORGE:** So –

PAUL: I didn’t see that, did you see it?

MELISSA: No.

PAUL: No, okay so just make a Note, because I would like to know the name of the Family Trust, alright.

25 **GEORGE:** Okay.

PAUL: But let’s get back to the Insurance.

GEORGE: So ja, so –

5 **PAUL:** Now I'm going to ask you some specific questions now rather than beat-around-the-bush, because I think at this point there's some specific questions that I need to put to you.

GEORGE: Cool.

PAUL: And if we can deal with these questions we're going to help resolve
10 some of the difficulties that we have here. I have in particular, we've got the email exchanges between yourself and a woman called Azania Swart, she was Subpoenaed.

GEORGE: Azania, yes.

PAUL: Yes, she was Subpoenaed. We've also Subpoenaed the Telephone Recordings of the discussions that you've had with her.

15 **GEORGE:** Sure.

PAUL: Okay, so we've got everything that took place there, and I want to particularly go to your email –

GEORGE: Yes.

PAUL: Where – and there's a chain of emails, if I look at them here, you're
20 dealing with somebody called Leon at Origin Fin and you've said the following; "*In view of the circumstances relating to the car accident of an – –*

GEORGE: Sorry?

PAUL: You said the following –

GEORGE: To?

25 **PAUL:** Leon at Origin Fin.

GEORGE: Leon?

PAUL: Yes.

GEORGE: Okay.

5 **PAUL:** And this is on the **16th of April**; *“In view of the circumstances relating to the car accident of an extended family member yesterday, the matter of cover as mentioned below is required on or before **1st of May 2015.**”* And you set out the Life Cover that you want.

GEORGE: Yes.

10 **PAUL:** And you say the following; *“As the risk is not dependent on Health Status or the like, Medical and Blood examinations will be voided and not applicable nor required, this is not negotiable.”* And then you say; *“The cover required on ‘death’ and presentation of a Death Certificate, an immediate payout as per below. George Barkhuizen.”* And you’ve got your ID Number there, *“R8 Million.”* *“Odette Barkhuizen,”*
15 you’ve got her ID Number, *“R10 Million.”* Now before you go on I just want to then take you to a mail that you sent 4 (four) days later.

GEORGE: Yes.

PAUL: Because these are the queries, these are the main queries we have here.

20 **GEORGE:** Okay.

PAUL: Now in a minute I’m going to invite you to tell me about the ‘accident’ and the ‘death’ that took place –

GEORGE: Okay.

PAUL: Of a Family Member.

25 **GEORGE:** Okay.

PAUL: But you said the following on the **20th of April**, you said; *“Things are OK thanks. Odette and my youngest are in Cape Town to bury her Aunt relating to the car accident last week.”*

GEORGE: **[Makes funny sound]** Okay.

5 **PAUL:** Well you've said this, this is your email. Can you tell me which Aunt it was that died in a car accident that she went to bury?

GEORGE: I have no idea.

PAUL: But you've said here; "*Odette and my youngest are in Cape Town to bury her Aunt relating to the car accident last week.*"

10 **GEORGE:** From what email is that?

PAUL: It's an email that you sent to Azania at Origin Fin.

GEORGE: Okay, on what email address is that?

MELISSA: "*Barkiesa1.*"

PAUL: Barkie, Barkie –

15 **GEORGE:** SA?

PAUL: B-A-R-K-I-E-S-A-1 'AT' gmail.com.

GEORGE: Okay.

PAUL: Alright, it's your email address.

GEORGE: Okay.

20 **PAUL:** And you set out everything, and then you say; "*Please remember that we do not want to have any Blood nor Medical Checks, nor Interviews done.*" Okay and then you explain the reason why; "*This is due to the current state of my Wife's state of mind with all the things going on in her Family.*"

GEORGE: Okay.

25 **PAUL:** "*I on the other hand have just been for my Annual Medical Checkup and am willing to have that sent to you, or make myself available. Again I ask that she be exempted from such things.*" Now I just want to ask you, first of all, which Aunt it was that died that she went to bury? And secondly, why you wanted her to be "exempted" from any communication with the Insurance Company?

5 **GEORGE:** Okay.

PAUL: Can you answer those 2 (two) questions?

WO 1: What date was that?

PAUL: This is the **20th of April** Warrant.

GEORGE: Okay, well firstly as far as I recall there is no such mail that I sent.

10 **PAUL:** So you deny sending this email?

GEORGE: I'm not denying it, I'm saying "as far as I recall" –

PAUL: Okay.

GEORGE: Firstly. Secondly, what happened is that no Aunt passed away of Odette's.

15 **PAUL:** Okay.

GEORGE: Okay, at all.

PAUL: Alright, so why would somebody say that somebody had?

GEORGE: You tell me?

PAUL: Alright, let's park that then. So what you're saying is you can't explain

20 that. Let me ask you another question –

GEORGE: Okay, I'm going to – I'm going to answer your second question.

PAUL: Okay.

GEORGE: Alright, with regard to the 'non-communication' to Odette, okay, that's nonsense.

25 **PAUL:** Uh-huh.

GEORGE: Right, because any Insurance, okay, has to be verified and covered by A, B and C.

PAUL: What's A, B and C?

5 **GEORGE:** A, B and C which is, are you the Life Insured? Yes. What is your contact number? Okay, there you go .

PAUL: Alright good, we'll come to that now.

GEORGE: Fantastic.

10 **PAUL:** So we've got the mail dated the **17th of April** again from your email address.

GEORGE: Okay, **April?**

PAUL: And sorry, this is the **17th of April** to your email address not from your email address.

GEORGE: Okay.

15 **PAUL:** And she talks about your discussion with Leon, it was a telephonic discussion which we've, we've got it, it's been sent for Transcription.

GEORGE: Okay.

PAUL: And in there it says; "*I have just asked him,*" this is her talking to you. "*I have just asked him to confirm the type of Accidents included, and specifically if Hi-jacks and Robberies, etcetera, are included.*" Why would, why would you want to make sure, to
20 verify that 'Hi-jacks' and 'Robberies' were included?

GEORGE: May I answer?

PAUL: Yes, yes.

GEORGE: Good, like I said, on/or about the **20/20th'ish of April**, this is when that
25 Robbery took place.

PAUL: Okay.

GEORGE: Okay and you can verify that by all the SMSes and whatever Odette sent me and Robert.

5 **CONSTABLE:** Can you please be specific? And where did the Robbery take place? If you say there was a Robbery, where in High Street?

GEORGE: I, I did say that.

CONSTABLE: Ja, just repeat?

GEORGE: Alright, High Street is a Cul-de-sac –

10 **CONSTABLE:** Uh-huh.

GEORGE: Okay, as you come into High Street on your right-hand side there's all those Townhouses, alright, there have been 3 (three) Robberies and I think 1 (one) fatality, okay, since the beginning of **January**, I mean since this year.

CONSTABLE: So it will fall into the Moffat View area as well?

15 **GEORGE:** Probably.

CONSTABLE: Okay.

WO 1: I thought they were in Rosettenville.

CONSTABLE: No, in a –

GEORGE: Oakdene.

20 **CONSTABLE:** The Cul-de-sac in Oakdene –

PAUL: Oakdene, ja, it can be Oakdene too, we'll look into it.

GEORGE: Ja.

PAUL: Alright, now I want to go to the actual Insurance itself, okay, we ended up with 3 (three) Policies, R2 Million, R2 Million and R3.5 Million all commencing on **June**

25 **the 1st**, okay, which is 11 (eleven) days or 10 (ten) days –

MELISSA: 10 (Ten) days.

PAUL: Depending on which way you read it before the Murder, okay.

GEORGE: Okay.

- 5 **PAUL:** So a Total of R7.5 Million in Insurance Cover. Now we obviously have all the Forms that were sent, okay, and I want you to have a look at them. Can you see the Fax Number that they were sent from?
- GEORGE:** Okay.
- PAUL:** Do you recognise the Fax Number?
- 10 **GEORGE:** Can you show me?
- PAUL:** You have to turn it upside-down to read it.
- GEORGE:** 435 – Ja.
- PAUL:** Okay, can you pass it back to me. I'll come to the pages now, I don't want you to go through the pages –
- 15 **GEORGE:** No –
- PAUL:** At the moment –
- GEORGE:** I'm, I'm just busy looking at the numbers.
- PAUL:** I just want you to look at the first.
- GEORGE:** Oh, okay.
- 20 **PAUL:** Alright, do you recognise the Fax Number?
- GEORGE:** Yes – oh well, I don't recognise it but I see it, yes.
- PAUL:** Okay and it was a Fax that was sent to Old Mutual.
- GEORGE:** Okay.
- PAUL:** Alright, now in this Fax it's a Request for Insurance for yourself.
- 25 **GEORGE:** No, sorry.
- PAUL:** Yes it is, it's a Request for Insurance for yourself, your name is here –
- GEORGE:** Yes.
- PAUL:** "George Frederick Barkhuizen" –
- GEORGE:** Excuse me –

- 5 **PAUL:** And we've got your signature on it.
- GEORGE:** Excuse me.
- PAUL:** Yes.
- GEORGE:** The Fax Number that it was sent to was Origin Life.
- PAUL:** Yes.
- 10 **GEORGE:** Not Old Mutual.
- PAUL:** No, but it's an Old Mutual Application Form isn't it?
- GEORGE:** No, but you said it was sent to Old Mutual.
- PAUL:** Okay, well you know what with respect, I made a mistake. It's an Old Mutual Application Form is what I meant –
- 15 **GEORGE:** Okay.
- PAUL:** It's gone off to them. Now you have a situation here where you've Applied for Insurance .
- GEORGE:** Okay.
- PAUL:** Do you admit Applying for Insurance?
- 20 **GEORGE:** That 'we' Applied for Insurance? Yes.
- PAUL:** Yes, that you both Applied for Insurance.
- GEORGE:** We both, yes.
- PAUL:** Okay and obviously you got the Forms and you sent the Forms off?
- GEORGE:** Okay.
- 25 **PAUL:** Do you agree to that?
- GEORGE:** Well some, yes, probably. Some –
- PAUL:** Oh, well I want to go through the Forms –
- GEORGE:** Please.

5 **PAUL:** Do you agree to sending Insurance Forms to Origin Life to acquire Insurance –

GEORGE: Yes.

PAUL: Life Insurance for yourself and Odette?

GEORGE: Yes.

10 **PAUL:** Mutual Life Insurance?

GEORGE: “Mutual” as in?

PAUL: Or for both of you?

GEORGE: Yes.

PAUL: Alright, okay well I’m going to go through the Forms and they were all
15 received as 1 (one) Package by the Insurers, and we’ve received them from the Insurers as 1 (one) Package. So I’m going to go through them.

GEORGE: Okay.

PAUL: Alright, the first couple of pages is a Request for Insurance for yourself, alright, and on the ‘Tick Box’ over there –

20 **GEORGE:** Uh-huh.

PAUL: You can see I’ve marked it, you’ve got 2 (two) Boxes to tick. The one says; “*Yes, Old Mutual may contact me telephonically for any additional information.*” And the other one says; “*No, I prefer Old Mutual to contact my Intermediary for any additional information.*” Can you see that?

25 **GEORGE:** May I see it? “*May contact my Intermediary.*”

PAUL: Ja.

GEORGE: Is that what’s checked?

MELISSA: No.

PAUL: No, what’s checked is they may “contact” you.

5 **GEORGE:** Okay.

PAUL: Alright, do you agree with that?

GEORGE: Okay.

PAUL: Ja, okay on the next – and these are a continuation of pages. On the next one it's got – and the handwriting is the same on all the Forms by the way, we've
10 been able to verify that.

GEORGE: Okay.

PAUL: Is it your handwriting?

GEORGE: Well let's just go through all the Forms and then we can –

PAUL: Okay, well you just tell me, you know your own handwriting. Is that
15 your handwriting George?

GEORGE: That is my handwriting, yes.

PAUL: Okay, thanks. Alright, we've verified that the handwriting is the same on all of them.

GEORGE: Okay.

20 **PAUL:** So that means that would also be your handwriting. Have you sat with your Wife and together filled in the Forms?

GEORGE: I, I filled in some of the Forms and she filled in some of the Forms.

PAUL: Alright, perfect thanks. Okay, so that's your handwriting on that Form. Now on this one the Cell Phone Number for Contact purposes is left blank. On the other
25 Form that concerns your Life, the Cell Phone Number is also left blank, but I'm going to show the relevance of that shortly and I'm going to ask you some questions around it.

GEORGE: Okay.

PAUL: On the Form it talks about "*Earning Ability*," and we have here "*Rental Income Annual, R1 716 000.00 (one Million seven hundred and sixteen thousand rand)*."

5 That's R143 000.00 (one hundred and forty-three thousand rand) per month. Are you getting that type of Rental Income? Or have you been getting that type of Rental Income?

GEORGE: May I see that please? That's not my handwriting.

PAUL: Okay, alright I'm just going to – can you pass it back to me.

GEORGE: Ja, I'm just, I'm just having a look if I may.

10 **PAUL:** Alright, you can have copies of all this Terry, I've got no problem with that. Let the Record show that the Fax, the **Old Mutual Application Form Record, page 5** on the Fax dated the **8th of May 2015** at **17h27**, George says that that's "not" his handwriting. Then we've got the Form for Odette –

GEORGE: Sorry, I think you just need to quantify one more thing if you don't
15 mind.

PAUL: Ja.

GEORGE: Is that, that Figure is not mine.

PAUL: Okay, thanks. Alright, so we clarify that the Figure that's written on the Form at the Box that says; "*For Earning Ability – Benefits and Retrenchment Benefits*," the
20 Figure that says; "*R1 716 000.00 (one Million seven hundred and sixteen thousand rand)*," it's that that George is saying is "not" his writing. Then we've got **page 6** on the Form, **page 6** is the "*Client Information*" for the Life Insured, and it's got "*Barkhuizen, Odette*," it's got her ID Number and so on and so forth, and it's got the Cell Phone Number written down on there. Can you have a look at that? It's "**082 9327 123**," as the Contact Number.
25 Can you verify that?

GEORGE: Okay.

PAUL: Thank you.

GEORGE: But I didn't fill this Form in.

PAUL: Okay, so you're saying that **page 6** is "not" your handwriting?

5 **GEORGE:** No.

PAUL: None of it?

GEORGE: Well, what I, what I saw – not that I can see, no.

PAUL: Okay, so you're saying "none" of the handwriting on **page 6** is yours, ja?

10 **GEORGE:** Not as far as I can see.

PAUL: Alright, well we don't have to discuss the handwriting on **page 7** because there is none, it's just a 'Tick Box' and the 'Tick Box' that's completed in respect of the Insurance Application for Odette, instead of like on yours it says; "*Yes, Old Mutual may contact me telephonically for any additional information.*" And the 'Tick Box' completed here it says; "*No, I prefer Old Mutual to contact –*" – I'm just Recording that. Have you got any comments on that? Or do you not know anything about it?

GEORGE: Just a quick question if I might. If it was checked then why would it be available between eight and twelve? It doesn't make sense.

PAUL: Who knows? One would never know what's in the mind of the person
20 that completed it, but we just wanted to see if you had any comments on it. Then we have continuation of the Forms here. If I show you that page it's got "*Rental Income; R624 000.00 (six hundred and twenty-four thousand rand).*"

GEORGE: Okay.

PAUL: Would you say that's not your writing as well?

25 **GEORGE:** 600 (Six hundred) – no, this is not my handwriting.

PAUL: It's not your – and the writing at the top where it says, "*Accidental Death?*"

GEORGE: That's not my handwriting either.

PAUL: Okay, thanks.

5 **MELISSA:** Can you just Record the page number?

PAUL: Ja, thanks, **page 9**. So we go to **page 10**, can you confirm that that's your signature?

GEORGE: That is my signature.

PAUL: Thank you, right, that's on **page 10**, he confirmed his signature. We
10 get to – **page 11** has got no relevance. **Page 12**, can you confirm that that's your signature?

GEORGE: That is my signature.

PAUL: Thank you. The handwriting with the – okay, now we've got another
page which is a continuation, it's **page 13** okay, it's an identical page to that one, only this
15 one has got "*Odette Barkhuizen*." Can you tell me anything about that?

GEORGE: What would you like me to tell you?

PAUL: I don't know, what would you say, do you recognise that as Odette's signature?

GEORGE: Probably.

20 **PAUL:** Okay, thank you.

GEORGE: I don't know.

PAUL: **Page 14** –

TERRY: Sorry, you do this just for the purposes of Record, we're looking at Photostat Copies.

25 **PAUL:** They are indeed Photostat Copies, because it was a Fax.

TERRY: No, I understand that.

PAUL: Alright, thanks.

TERRY: I'm just saying that obviously the Originals will [inaudible – over talking] [0:56:39.2] –

- 5 **PAUL:** And we've got **page 14** –
- GEORGE:** You've got all those Signature Specimens that I gave you hey?
- PAUL:** **Page 14** –
- GEORGE:** Okay.
- PAUL:** Are those Odette's signatures in your opinion?
- 10 **GEORGE:** It could be.
- PAUL:** Okay, thank you. That's **page 14**, on **page 15**, are they your signatures?
- GEORGE:** Ja.
- PAUL:** Okay, thank you.
- 15 **WO 1:** Which page?
- PAUL:** **Page 15.**
- GEORGE:** No, it's just 2 (two) and then the Name –
- TERRY:** Is that your Name written out?
- GEORGE:** Ja.
- 20 **TERRY:** So the top 2 (two) are your signatures?
- GEORGE:** Ja.
- TERRY:** Sorry, I'm just clarifying.
- PAUL:** That's fine. Okay, the other pages are not relevant. That's **page 15**, now we come to **page 19**. Can you again confirm that's your handwriting and signatures?
- 25 **GEORGE:** I think so.
- PAUL:** Okay.
- GEORGE:** But the 'date' might not be, that I would say.

5 **PAUL:** Alright, that's on **page 19**. And then we've got **page 20, 21** and **22**, they're all very similar, so I'm just going to give you all 3 (three) pages and ask you if you think that might be Odette's signature?

GEORGE: Okay – okay.

PAUL: Okay, do you think that could be her signature? And whether or not
10 you think that might be her signature? So **pages 20, 21** and **22**. And this is **page 23**, I [inaudible] [0:58:59.3].

GEORGE: **23** – Probably.

PAUL: Alright, now as you can understand the Artist analysing Finger Print Technology and so on and so forth, you know there's Books written on the Subject, and
15 one could have a lot of debate about it, except for the fact that the signatures in question have been analysed and there's absolutely no doubt that they're very Crude Forgeries, okay. What would be your comment to that if I told you that the signatures in question – we've got – we've obviously got genuine signatures, we've been able to acquire Original signatures of Odette Barkhuizen.

20 **GEORGE:** Uh-huh.

PAUL: And we've had them analysed Professionally. What would you say if I told you that all the signatures on the Life Insurance Application Forms were Forgeries, what would be your comment to that?

TERRY: Sorry, can I just ask you to qualify the question? Are you talking about
25 his signature or Odette's signatures –

PAUL: No, Odette's signatures, thanks Terry. If I told you that all the signatures allegedly put there by Odette –

GEORGE: Uh-huh.

5 **PAUL:** Are now recognised as very Crude Forgeries, what would you say to that?

GEORGE: I wouldn't have anything to say about that.

PAUL: Okay.

GEORGE: And the reason why is because again if you don't mind me saying so,
10 is that's why I gave Signature Specimens to my Attorney, and that's why he's in a position to verify that. And the difference is that I think he's got 3 (three) or 4 (four) signatures over the last period of however many years –

PAUL: Of Odette or yourself?

GEORGE: Of Odette's signatures.

15 **PAUL:** Okay.

GEORGE: Okay.

TERRY: Before you go ahead and with due respect to you Paul –

PAUL: Mmm.

TERRY: You have made suggestions –

20 **PAUL:** Yeah.

TERRY: But you haven't shown us anything, and you haven't given us any Expert Evidence to verify your [inaudible – over talking] [1:01:05.4] –

PAUL: No, I'm just – I'm making – I'm saying, "what if," then "what if," it's Speculation –

25 **TERRY:** So, so what you are saying is that this is a Speculative Question?

PAUL: Speculative Question, what would you say if somebody said that the signatures were Crude Forgeries? That's what I'm saying.

GEORGE: But that's not what you said.

PAUL: That's what I said.

5 **GEORGE:** You said, “those” are Forgeries.

PAUL: I’m saying that we’ve had them analysed and the person says they’re “very” Crude Forgeries. If we come to testing the Evidence the only place to do that is in Court. What I’d like to do now is just to get your comment on the fact that – or the Allegation that the signatures are very Crude Forgeries. And your comment is that you
10 “don’t know” how those Forgeries got there. Or what is your comment?

GEORGE: No, that’s not my comment. My comment is this, is that if we could have – be in a position to verify what you say, okay, because – and like you said, let’s, let’s be rather straight up shall we, okay, many things have been said alright which are in fact not the truth of late, and –

15 **PAUL:** Okay –

GEORGE: And basically what I’d like to do if you don’t mind Paul –

PAUL: Mmm.

GEORGE: Okay, is before I comment on something which I can’t say “is” or “isn’t”
–

20 **PAUL:** Alright.

GEORGE: Alright and I think it would be rather a bit brash –

PAUL: Ja.

GEORGE: A bit brash to try and push me for an answer.

PAUL: Okay.

25 **GEORGE:** Alright, we would like to put ourselves in a position to verify what you are saying.

PAUL: Okay, that’s fine –

GEORGE: Okay –

PAUL: So at this point in time –

- 5 **GEORGE:** At my opinion to answer –
- PAUL:** Mmm.
- GEORGE:** What my opinion would be, okay, is I have no opinion because I can't verify that.
- PAUL:** Alright.
- 10 **GEORGE:** And only once I can verify it through a, a, a very Senior Policeman –
- PAUL:** Uh-huh:
- GEORGE:** Okay, who does Forgeries –
- PAUL:** Uh-huh.
- GEORGE:** And be – what's it called?
- 15 **TERRY:** Questioned Document Examiner.
- GEORGE:** Ja, okay, then we can sit down and we can have this chat again.
- PAUL:** Okay, perfect. So you're going to Reserve comment for now, I think that's –
- TERRY:** Well I think in fairness Paul we need to look at – you've suggested
- 20 something.
- PAUL:** Ja.
- TERRY:** In order for us to verify and – and can I ask you a question as well?
- PAUL:** Mmm.
- TERRY:** If I may.
- 25 **PAUL:** You can indeed.
- TERRY:** Have you done any Comparative Analysis of George's handwriting versus these?
- PAUL:** Versus Odette's?
- TERRY:** Uh-huh.

5 **PAUL:** Yes.

MELISSA: Yes, from the first –

PAUL: We have done.

TERRY: Okay.

PAUL: But I think what we need to do, I –

10 **GEORGE:** You have done [inaudible] [1:03:41.6] process –

PAUL: We don't have that Information with us today, you know, because I didn't see the need to bring it with us. What I'm trying to do is remove the Indicators that point in the wrong direction for your Client. And I think the question was very simply put; "what would you say" if somebody said they were Crude Forgeries? I've got your
15 comment, you "can't" make a comment because you need to Examine the Documents further.

GEORGE: Yes.

QUESTIONING AROUND THE WILL

PAUL: And I think you'll have an opportunity to do that. What I now want to
20 come to if I can is the Will. Now as you're probably aware, and I think I'm right in saying there is no Original Will is there?

GEORGE: None that I found.

PAUL: Okay, what happened to the Original Will?

GEORGE: Alright, well then I – if I might ask you –

25 **PAUL:** Uh-huh.

GEORGE: A question if you don't mind.

PAUL: Go ahead.

GEORGE: Alright, but then it's also for the Constable as well, okay, because I think the Constable has the answer.

5 **PAUL:** Okay, but what is the question George instead of beating about the bush?

GEORGE: The –

PAUL: I've asked you a question –

GEORGE: The question is –

10 **PAUL:** Where is the Original Will?

GEORGE: And the question is quite simple – my question is quite simple, alright, the Docu – all Documents, Important Documents, okay, Odette has – she had, okay, and that was the –

PAUL: Okay, I'm only interested in the Will at this stage.

15 **GEORGE:** Just – and I'm going to get there in a minute if you don't mind.

PAUL: Okay.

GEORGE: Okay, the boys Birth Certificates, our Original Marriage Certificate – but at the same time what happens is that there was an envelope, okay, which I now based on a Book which I found, okay, close to R67 000.00 (sixty-seven thousand rand), an envelope which has gone missing together with – they have searched the House twice, 20 'twice' alright, I searched Odette's Room once trying to find the Documents alright. The envelope is gone –

PAUL: The envelope with the Will in it?

GEORGE: The envelope with the cash in it.

25 **PAUL:** Okay.

GEORGE: They were notes, cash.

PAUL: Alright.

GEORGE: My question is this, I believe that my Son took it, Wade, and he gave it to his – the Grandparents.

- 5 **PAUL:** The Will or the cash?
- GEORGE:** The envelope.
- PAUL:** Okay, you see, I'm not really interested in the envelope with all due respect –
- GEORGE:** Let me just finish please.
- 10 **PAUL:** I want to know where the Will is?
- GEORGE:** Let me finish please.
- PAUL:** Uh-huh.
- GEORGE:** Right, it's my opinion that the cash and very Important Documents –
- PAUL:** Uh-huh.
- 15 **GEORGE:** Okay were all together.
- PAUL:** Okay.
- GEORGE:** Alright.
- PAUL:** Alright, so –
- GEORGE:** Now the envelope is gone and those Important Documents are gone
- 20 too.
- PAUL:** Alright, so you're saying you "don't" know where the Original Will is?
- GEORGE:** I don't know where the Original Will is.
- PAUL:** Okay, when was the last time you saw the Original Will?
- GEORGE:** When I handed them back to Odette.
- 25 **PAUL:** Okay, so when you took the Will to Robert to sign as a Witness, what did you say to him?
- GEORGE:** I don't understand the question –
- PAUL:** Okay –
- GEORGE:** Or the premise of the question .

5 **PAUL:** When you took the Will, the Original Will to Robert and you asked Robert to sign it as a Witness to Odette's signature, what did you say to him?

GEORGE: To a Witness to Odette's signature?

PAUL: Yes, you asked Robert to Witness Odette's signature on the Will.

GEORGE: I – well there were 2 (two) sets of, of Will Documents, okay, the first
10 one which was signed by Odette and myself where she Witnessed and I Witnessed each other, if you sort of understand what I'm trying –

PAUL: Okay, I'm not interested in the other [inaudible – over talking]
[1:07:54.7] –

GEORGE: I'm interested in it –

15 **PAUL:** Because I've not seen that Document –

GEORGE: That's fine.

PAUL: I'm interested in the 1 (one) page Will that exists when you took it to Robert and you asked him to sign as a Witness to Odette's signature.

GEORGE: That I, I took it to him?

20 **PAUL:** Yes.

GEORGE: Odette took hers –

PAUL: Pardon?

GEORGE: Odette took hers to be signed by Robert, and I took mine to be signed by Robert.

25 **PAUL:** Okay, let me stop you there George.

GEORGE: Uh-huh.

PAUL: We've got a Sworn Statement from Robert –

GEORGE: Okay.

5 **PAUL:** Okay and we've Interviewed him, and we've Tape Recorded the Interview.

GEORGE: Fantastic.

PAUL: And he makes it crystal clear that you brought that Will to him for signature, and he signed it without Odette being there when he signed it as a Witness. And
10 he said he did it because you "asked" him to do it. And there's another person who signed the Will as well, okay, and he also made a Sworn Statement saying that you brought the Will to him and you "asked" him to sign it.

GEORGE: Both Wills?

PAUL: Yes – no, he didn't mention both Wills, he mentioned 1 (one) Will.

15 **GEORGE:** Okay.

PAUL: Okay, both of them, they never mentioned 2 (two) Wills they mentioned 1 (one) Will.

GEORGE: Hmm.

PAUL: And the Will is a 'single' page Document. Now, we've only got a copy
20 of it and it was found by the Warrant Officer when he searched on the day of the Murder, okay -

GEORGE: Uh-huh.

PAUL: Now, in the same way that the signature has been analysed, and again it's a Photocopy, so you know, you don't get quite the same response. What would
25 you say if I told you that that signature was a Forgery? What would be your response to that?

GEORGE: I would say you're talking nonsense.

PAUL: You'd say I'm talking "nonsense?"

GEORGE: Yes.

5 **PAUL:** Okay, so your response is that that 'signature' is genuine?

GEORGE: As far as I'm concerned –

TERRY: Have you looked at the Document?

PAUL: Just have a look at it.

GEORGE: If it's the same one I've got – is this the same one you've got

10 [inaudible] [1:10:04.1]? [**Terry going through Documents**].

TERRY: [Inaudible] [1:10:37.2] need to find [inaudible] [1:10:42.8].

PAUL: No, don't worry.

TERRY: You can carry on so long.

PAUL: Yeah, alright while Terry is looking for that, okay, we're certain that this

15 is the Document that was found in – in his Briefcase was it?

WO 1: Yes.

PAUL: Alright, we're certain that this is the Document that was found in your Briefcase, okay, we're one hundred percent certain about it. Now you had this Document

in your Briefcase, and assuming the one he's – Terry is going to look for now is the

20 identical – assuming it is the identical one, what would you say to an Allegation that that signature was a Forgery?

GEORGE: Okay.

PAUL: And what's your response to that?

GEORGE: Well – um, I think the most important thing is that you are asking the

25 wrong questions.

PAUL: Can I have that Terry? I think it's fair to say that that is exactly the same Document, ja, okay. This is just –

WO 1: Can I also go through it?

5 **PAUL:** Ja. This is just a 'poorer' copy, because it's been transmitted by photographing and so on, but I think it's the same Document. Alright, so what I'd like to do is just get your response to the question rather than you advising me after 41 (forty-one) years of doing the job what questions I should be asking you –

GEORGE: Yes.

10 **PAUL:** So just tell me what your response would be if I told you that that 'signature' was a Forgery on the Document that was found in your Bag?

GEORGE: Okay.

PAUL: And what is your response?

GEORGE: I have no response.

15 **PAUL:** Okay, can I have the Document –

GEORGE: And would you like to know why I don't have a response?

PAUL: Yes, you can tell me why. There's the one that we've got, this is just a photograph because our machine wasn't working at the time, but it's the same one, okay. Thanks. So what's your response George?

20 **GEORGE:** Like I said with the, with the Life Insurance, okay, and we would need to have it checked.

PAUL: Okay, so you're denying –

WO 1: Sorry Mr. O' Sullivan –

PAUL: Yes.

25 **WO 1:** There is one thing that I need to confirm. Do you confirm that that Document was taken out of your Briefcase by me Warrant Officer [inaudible – over talking] [1:13:25.3] –

GEORGE: I, I don't have a – I don't, I don't have a Briefcase.

WO 1: No, no, no where I found it in your House?

5 **PAUL:** Or in your Bag or –

WO 1: Or in the Bag.

PAUL: Or wherever it was.

GEORGE: In the Bag?

WO 1: Yes.

10 **GEORGE:** Well the one that I had –

WO 1: Yes.

GEORGE: I gave it to Terry and he made Photocopies.

WO 1: To who?

GEORGE: He –

15 **WO 1:** What I'm asking, do you confirm that I took it from your Bag –

GEORGE: Yes.

WO 1: On the 3rd of July?

GEORGE: Yes.

PAUL: You confirm that –

20 **WO 1:** Okay, that's what I wanted to know.

PAUL: Okay, alright so now I want to just paint this picture for you, because we've got your version of events as to what took place on the day of the Murder.

GEORGE: Okay.

ANALYSIS OF THE VERSION OF EVENTS THAT TOOK PLACE ON THE DAY IN

25 **QUESTION**

PAUL: Alright and I think it's important that you understand this, we've analysed your version of events. Now the type of phone that you use – is that the same phone that you had at the time?

GEORGE: Yes.

5 **PAUL:** Can I explain something to you about that phone –

GEORGE: Please.

PAUL: That you may or may not know, that unlike for example that phone –

GEORGE: Mmm.

PAUL: This phone will only show if I pull a Record of it. It will only show where

10 this phone was if I'm making or receiving a telephone call, or making or receiving an SMS.

Unlike that phone, your phone is continuously –

GEORGE: Transmitting.

PAUL: Transmitting and updating Data as to where it is all the time.

GEORGE: Okay.

15 **PAUL:** Okay, now in the House just down the Road and across the Street
from the Office where Odette was Murdered, we have been able to recover Video
Footage.

GEORGE: Okay.

PAUL: Alright and the Video Footage is obviously Evidence. From that

20 Evidence we can see exactly the time of the Murder.

GEORGE: I don't understand.

PAUL: Right, I'll explain it to you.

GEORGE: Sure.

PAUL: The Video points to the Street, we see Odette's car coming up at a

25 certain time, and we see it going back passed with somebody in it wearing a Hooded
Jacket –

GEORGE: Okay.

PAUL: A couple of minutes later.

GEORGE: Okay.

5 **PAUL:** Alright and from that time to that time by doing a Crime Scene Reconstruction which is what we've done, we can place the time of the Murder, and we placed it at **13h31** to **13h32**. So within that 1 (one) minute Bandwidth we can place the time of the Murder.

GEORGE: Okay.

10 **PAUL:** Your phone is talking to the Towers, it's not continuous, but every few seconds there will be an exchange of Data.

GEORGE: Okay.

PAUL: We place you at the Crime Scene with your phone at the time of the Murder, just before the time of the Murder, and just after the time of the Murder which is
15 approximately the time when the car was dumped up the Street, we place you there.

GEORGE: Okay.

PAUL: Alright, now I want you to consider this George because it's very important.

GEORGE: Sure.

20 **PAUL:** We've also spoken to the people at Bembom, and we've taken Sworn Statements from them.

GEORGE: Okay.

PAUL: And we've got the order Food, there was no Order of Food –

GEORGE: Okay.

25 **PAUL:** For Securitas or for the other Client, there was no order of Food.

GEORGE: Okay.

PAUL: Alright, we've got the situation where we can see exactly where you are, and this is just a small microcosm –

GEORGE: Okay.

5 **PAUL:** In other words, we've analysed you from early in the morning, and indeed we can see you didn't get up at **06h30** that morning, you got up a lot earlier than **06h30**.

WO 1: Mmm.

GEORGE: Okay.

10 **PAUL:** Okay and we see you out and about a lot earlier than **06h30**.

GEORGE: Really?

PAUL: Yes George.

WO 1: Mmm.

GEORGE: Okay.

15 **PAUL:** Alright, unless somebody came into your Bedroom and took your phone and went for a drive –

GEORGE: This phone?

PAUL: That phone, okay.

GEORGE: Okay.

20 **PAUL:** So we see a situation where 6 (six) weeks before your Wife was Murdered you take out Life Insurance for her, okay, and you Faxed the Forms through. The Forms clearly, although it may be disputed in Court, contain Forged 'signatures'. You admit that they're yours 'signatures' on the Life Insurance Forms. We've got emails flying around at the same period of time –

25 **GEORGE:** I confirm that my signatures are my signatures.

PAUL: Yes –

GEORGE: Yes.

5 **PAUL:** I understand that that's what I've said. So we've got emails flying around at the same time where you've clearly said, "*cover required on death and presentation of a Death Certificate an immediate payout as per below.*"

GEORGE: Okay.

PAUL: You've said you're "not" interested in any Health Insurance, in other
10 words, if she dies of cancer, in fact you've been specific; "*if she dies of a heart-attack, cancer, suicide, HIV/Aids no Cover required.*" You only want Cover for "*Accidental Death.*"

GEORGE: Uh-huh.

PAUL: And you specify in a phone call to Leon that the sort of thing you have
in mind is a "Robbery" or a "Hi-jacking," okay. And you want "immediate" payout of R10
15 Million after she's died. You say in the thing that because you're not requiring a Health Insurance she "doesn't" need to be Examined and that it's "non-negotiable." That's what you say; "*this is not negotiable.*"

GEORGE: Okay.

PAUL: "There will be no Medical, Blood Examinations."

20 **GEORGE:** Okay.

PAUL: "*Not applicable, not required, non-negotiable.*" Then you've got an accident that took place that necessitated Odette and your youngest being in Cape Town to bury her Aunt, obviously we've tracked her phone as well and your youngest being Wayne –

25 **MELISSA:** Wade.

PAUL: Ag, Wade, sorry. And so –

GEORGE: When you say "her" phone, whose phone?

PAUL: Odette's phone.

GEORGE: Okay.

5 **PAUL:** She was never in Cape Town and Wade wasn't –

GEORGE: Ja -

PAUL: In Cape Town either.

GEORGE: [Inaudible] [1:19:33.7].

PAUL: In fact there wasn't any Aunt that died in a car accident. So that's all –

10 and again you repeat in this email; *"Again I ask that she be exempted from such things."*

GEORGE: Uh-huh.

PAUL: And then when I put all this together and the patently false story about where you were on the day in question, I'm left with no alternative in the absence of any proper explanations from you as to the emails, the signatures on the Life Insurance Cover, 15 the phone call with the Company where you specifically wanted to check to make sure that it included "Hi-jackings," as to your Sworn Statement as to your whereabouts on the day in question, which we now know is false, okay.

GEORGE: Okay.

PAUL: And as to the fact that the Will, you brought to Robert and you brought 20 to the other chap –

CONSTABLE: Ernest Goose.

PAUL: Hmm?

CONSTABLE: Ernest Goose.

PAUL: Ernest. We've got Sworn Statements, they tell us categorically that 25 you brought a Document to them and you told them that it was a "Will" for Odette, and she had already signed it or not signed it I can't remember the Case, and they signed as Witness, and you "asked" them to sign as Witness.

GEORGE: Okay.

5 **PAUL:** And now we've got the fact that the signature on this so called 'Will' is false and you are found in possession of it, and you admit being in possession of it. I'm left no alternative but to put to you that on that day at **13h31** this is what you did. And I'm going to ask you to deny or confirm my theory, am I –

TERRY: Sorry before you go there –

10 **PAUL:** Mmm.

TERRY: We have not had an opportunity of evaluating everything you've put to him.

PAUL: You will have an opportunity Terry.

TERRY: I understand that, so reserve your question until we have.

15 **PAUL:** Okay.

TERRY: I think that's only fair Paul, you are going to put a suggestion based on something [inaudible – over talking] [1:21:19.7] –

PAUL: Okay, well I'm going to ask him straight out. Did you or did you not shoot and kill Odette Barkhuizen? Tell the truth George.

20 **GEORGE:** Paul, everything you've just said now is all supposition.

PAUL: Uh-huh.

GEORGE: You don't want to give me a chance to respond.

PAUL: I want your answer. Did you or did you not shoot to death Odette Barkhuizen?

25 **GEORGE:** No I did not.

PAUL: Alright, I don't believe you George. I believe you Murdered her, and I believe you Murdered her in Cold Blood.

GEORGE: And that's what you told the Star –

5 **TERRY:** Paul before [inaudible – over talking] [1:21:50.0] – generate now, I think it's only fair –

PAUL: I'm finished.

TERRY: Okay, will I get the Documentation?

PAUL: I can do better than that, I can give you this File, you'll get it eventually
10 anyway [inaudible] [1:22:04.1], alright.

TERRY: I appreciate that, thank you.

PAUL: Thank you. As far as I'm concerned the Interview is now over. I'm going to leave it up to the Police as to what happens, but I have no doubt in my mind as to where this Case should be going. The time now is **13h53** and the Interview is over. Thank
15 you.

_____ **RECORDING STOPS** _____

OFF TAPE: Barkhuizen calms down and agrees that the interview can continue.

_____ **BACK ON RECORD** _____

CONTINUATION OF THE INTERVIEW

20 **GEORGE:** That's cool, well put it on the Record it's fine.

PAUL: Uh-huh.

GEORGE: Alright, Ernie told me what questions were asked of him, Ernest
Goose.

PAUL: Who?

25 **GEORGE:** Ernest Goose.

PAUL: Uh-huh.

GEORGE: Alright and what had happened is that he signed because he's my
Executor should Odette die and I die. You were right with that, so you're saying that they
said they had "no" idea of mine, okay, it's a façade that you're creating.

5 **PAUL:** Okay, well I obviously [inaudible] [0:00:36.6] – I personally – I didn't Interview Ernest, but I personally Interviewed Robert and I Interviewed him for more than an hour and a half.

GEORGE: Fantastic.

PAUL: And I am absolutely certain that he stated categorically that you
10 "asked" him to sign the Document which was a Will, and that Odette was not –

GEORGE: Whose?

PAUL: Odette's Will, and that Odette was not present when he signed it, and I've got no doubt in my mind about that, none at all.

GEORGE: Fantastic.

15 **CONSTABLE:** Can I just –

TERRY: But the veracity of his information is still subject to questioning –

PAUL: Of course it is –

TERRY: [Inaudible – over talking] [0:01:04.6] –

PAUL: I'm not – this is not a Trial, this is not a Trial it's an Interview .

20 **TERRY:** No, I understand that.

CONSTABLE: Can I just ask one question of my own? On the Star Newspaper you said that you have a Private Investigator who located Odette's cell phone.

GEORGE: Did I?

CONSTABLE: Yes.

25 **GEORGE:** Okay.

CONSTABLE: On the Star Newspaper –

GEORGE: Okay.

CONSTABLE: We just want to find out about that Private Investigator and Odette's phone, and the – what about the phone? If you know anything about the phone?

5 **GEORGE:** But I thought you guys had the phone.

CONSTABLE: No, we don't have her phone we have her Cell Phone Records.

PAUL: Who was the Private Investigator?

GEORGE: Ah, let's just take three steps back shall we?

CONSTABLE: Yes.

10 **GEORGE:** Alright, so that we can just quantify some things, because by you saying what I said in the Star, okay, I find it really sad when you phoned me and you asked me if I am "withholding," intentionally withholding information from the Police.

CONSTABLE: Yes, I did ask you that.

GEORGE: Yes and my reply was?

15 **CONSTABLE:** That you were – you didn't tell me anything about the phone, on that day you said you will "meet" in person with me.

PAUL: Okay, just tell her straight George. Did you appoint a Private Investigator? If so, who was it? And did you find her phone, yes or no?

GEORGE: Okay.

20 **PAUL:** And did you tell the Newspaper this?

GEORGE: Okay, well number one, I did not appoint any Private Investigator –

PAUL: Okay.

GEORGE: At all.

PAUL: Okay.

25 **GEORGE:** Okay, a Third Party Attorney has appointed the Private Investigator, I don't even know who they are.

PAUL: Who's the Third Party Attorney?

WO 1: [Inaudible] [0:02:44.7].

5 **GEORGE:** Secondly what happens, okay, is that right here right now, I have told you, and I have told you, and I have told you, and I've got it Recorded, okay, that "we" did not find Odette's cell phone.

PAUL: Okay, so it was a misunderstanding by the Star Newspaper?

GEORGE: Just if I may finish.

10 **PAUL:** Mmm.

GEORGE: Okay and this is a whole bunch of speculation and supposition, yes, effectively the people who 'found' Odette's cell phone is the same CPF guy who asked me to volunteer – Warrant for the Polygraph. And when I volunteered for it then I became a, "a Suspect," in his words, alright.

15 **PAUL:** Okay, so –

GEORGE: So –

PAUL: Just to clarify, because I'm still left confused. Did you tell –

GEORGE: The point is this –

PAUL: The Star Newspaper that you'd appointed a Private Investigator and
20 they had found the phone at a – was it a Pawn Shop or something?

CONSTABLE: A Pawn Shop in Rosettenville.

PAUL: Because that's what the Newspaper said, and I just need to know whether you said that to the Newspaper or not.

GEORGE: Okay and, and here's the question if I may.

25 **PAUL:** Mmm.

GEORGE: Alright, **eleven o' clock** that morning you told my Attorney that you hadn't spoken to the Press.

PAUL: Uh-huh.

GEORGE: Okay.

5 **PAUL:** Correct.

GEORGE: But yet in the Star they refer if I may finish, they refer to a discussion with Ms. Naidu –

PAUL: They spoke – I had no knowledge they had spoken to Melissa, I had no knowledge.

10 **GEORGE:** But do you understand where I'm going?

PAUL: Yes, but the –

GEORGE: The point I'm trying make Paul –

PAUL: What I don't have – and it's becoming, it's becoming antagonistic and there's no need for it. Did you or did you not tell the Star Newspaper that you'd appointed
15 a Private Investigator, and the Private Investigator had found Odette's phone at a Pawn Shop? Did you say that or didn't you?

GEORGE: I did not say that.

PAUL: So she invented that?

MELISSA: I'll follow up on her.

20 **PAUL:** Ja, we'll get a Sworn Statement from her.

MELISSA: Yes.

PAUL: By the way she Records all her discussions.

GEORGE: Fantastic.

PAUL: Alright, good.

25 **GEORGE:** So do I.

PAUL: So let's agree the Interview is finished Warrant.

5 **WARRANT OFFICE MDLALOSE (1) – ASKING MR. GEORGE BARKHUIZEN SOME QUESTIONS**

WO 1: No, no, no, no, not yet Mr. Sullivan –

PAUL: Okay.

WO 1: There's just one or two questions that I need to ask. Okay, George

10 how many trips did you make to Odette's Office which is the Crime Scene a week leading to the Incident according to you if you still remember? If you made –

GEORGE: Probably 2 (two) or 3 (three) –

WO 1: Okay.

GEORGE: A day.

15 **WO 1:** A day?

GEORGE: Mmm.

WO 1: Okay, so in other words you never made like 5 (five) trips leading to the Incident?

GEORGE: I, I don't understand the premise of the question, sorry.

20 **WO 1:** No, what I'm asking, did you make any trips –

GEORGE: Yes.

WO 1: Like on separate – different days leading to the, to the Incident? In other words from Monday to the –

GEORGE: To the Office?

25 **WO 1:** Ja.

GEORGE: To the Office?

WO 1: Yes, did you?

GEORGE: Yes.

WO 1: How many trips?

5 **GEORGE:** Quite a few.

WO 1: Okay, so all the trips you made –

GEORGE: Yes.

WO 1: Ended up at the Office, you never like made a U-turn, because there's a Cul-de-sac there, and made a U-turn without going up to the Office?

10 **GEORGE:** Maybe once, but most of the time I would go upstairs, check with Robert, check if everything's okay, because we were busy gearing up to move, that's why. And also because I was up and down between the Portuguese House that we were going to – well basically we had bought and then I cancelled the, the Sale.

WO 1: Okay, how was the situation between you and your Wife during that
15 time?

GEORGE: Which time?

WO 1: As you were making these trips going to check on her and things like that? How would you describe –

GEORGE: Check on my Wife?

20 **WO 1:** No, no, no not exactly on your Wife, but to check on her on the Office, at her Workplace?

GEORGE: Well most of the –

WO 1: How was your relationship?

GEORGE: Most of the time when I went to the Office, okay, it was in the early –
25 earlier morning, okay, and that's when she wasn't there and Robert was there. And then we would talk about the necessary stuff that still needed to be packed, sorted and [inaudible] [0:07:14.0], and exactly the square meterage of the areas that we needed to move into or the options they're in.

WO 1: Were you talking between you and your wife –

5 **GEORGE:** With Robert?

WO 1: I mean as, as a Couple?

GEORGE: Yes.

WO 1: So there was no problem between the two of you? There was – I mean your Wife she wasn't avoiding you in any way during that time? So in other words
10 you were not forcing going to the friend – to the, to the Office?

GEORGE: Okay, I, I really don't –

WO 1: You were going there because your Wife was not – it wasn't a matter of your Wife becoming surprised that you were showing up like you were doing? So she was okay with it in other words, with your visits?

15 **GEORGE:** Huh, I, I really don't understand what you are asking. Sorry and please don't take it the wrong way –

WO 1: No, I understand. Actually – or maybe let me rephrase my, my question.

GEORGE: Yes.

20 **WO 1:** How did your Wife feel about your visits according to you?

GEORGE: To the Office?

WO 1: So she never had any problem –

GEORGE: Why would –

WO 1: When you were making these frequent visits to her Office?

25 **GEORGE:** Well like I said most of my visits was in the morning, alright, and when I did go there probably half or most of them she wasn't there yet.

WO 1: So most of your visits you wouldn't find your Wife there, your Wife in there?

GEORGE: No, because she would only get there, I don't know, **two o' clock** –

5 **WO 1:** Okay, you said –

GEORGE: 14:30.

WO 1: Okay, earlier you said you made 1 (one) U-turn without going up to the Office –

GEORGE: No, I went to the Office –

10 **PAUL:** That's not been discussed.

GEORGE: Okay, I then came back down and then I realised that the Stand on the bakkie was mine.

WO 1: Yes.

GEORGE: It belonged to the Company, and then I went back up, that's when they
15 were busy loading the Glass.

WO 1: So not at any stage you made a U-turn at the Cul-de-sac without going up to the Office?

GEORGE: On that day?

WO 1: No, no, no, no, not on that particular day, but I mean the week leading
20 up to the Incident. You never made a U-turn without going up to the Office?

GEORGE: I really can't – I don't know. I – maybe I stopped at the bottom and phoned Robert, okay, and then drove away.

TERRY: Any way, I've got my next Appointment so –

WO 1: Alright, not that's fine.

25 **WARRANT OFFICE MSOMI (2) – ASKING MR. GEORGE BARKHUIZEN SOME QUESTIONS**

WO 2: Only one important thing now, the Statement that I'm going to put it's going to make us to take the decision of whether we Lock him up now or not. In his Statement he states that at **12h10** on that day he was in the Office. When Robert heard

5 the second Gun Shot, second Gun Shot – at the first Gun Shot he was in the Office, he
went out of the Office to check what's going on outside. He saw – he firstly didn't see
Odette's vehicle parked outside, he saw somebody next to the door, covered his head, he
couldn't see who was that. When he heard he went back to phone the Police, when he
heard the Gun Shot it's when he was at the phone trying to phone the Police. He then
10 went down. When he was at the bottom he found the Glass Door wide open with no Lock.
My question now is, how many people are having the keys for that Lock?

GEORGE: Okay –

WO 1: Especially on the –

WO 2: Look Robert had a key –

15 **GEORGE:** Okay.

WO 2: Right, I understand you also have a key.

GEORGE: Me?

WO 2: Yes.

GEORGE: I did not have a key.

20 **WO 2:** As the Owner of the Property you must have your own key to the
Glasses, to the Windscreens.

GEORGE: No.

WO 2: None?

GEORGE: No, the reason why I didn't is because the Glass Door was broken into
25 probably a couple of months before that, and between Robert and Odette they had
organised keys or a Lock.

WO 2: Okay, you say in your Statement –

GEORGE: Yes.

5 **WO 2:** When you see the messages on your phone, you were on the way to Bryanston and the Police at one stage in the M2 –

GEORGE: Ja, no but –

WO 2: They were, they were blocking the way –

GEORGE: No, but –

10 **WO 2:** That's why you delayed to go to Bryanston, you didn't even reach your destination.

GEORGE: No, that is as I said to [inaudible – over talking] [0:12:22.6] –

WO 2: I'm saying something which is written in your Statement –

GEORGE: Okay.

15 **WO 2:** And I believe if you, if you –

GEORGE: It is in my Statement, yes.

WO 2: It is in your Statement.

GEORGE: Yes.

WO 2: If we look at our Cell Phone Records –

20 **GEORGE:** Yes.

WO 1: You've never been in M2.

GEORGE: No, I know that.

WO 2: Okay, what did you mean if you say you "find" the JMPD on M2 "pulling" the vehicles –

25 **GEORGE:** Yes.

WO 2: Out of –

WO 1: In other words they were having a Roadblock.

WO 2: They were having a Roadblock.

5 **GEORGE:** Well that's not really a Roadblock – okay, so let's take a step back to step one of what you're saying if I might.

WO 2: Please.

GEORGE: The main Road that goes towards – goes past Grandiflora and Multiflora and all that other stuff –

10 **WO 2:** That is Vickers Road.

GEORGE: Sorry?

WO 2: That is Vickers Road.

GEORGE: Vickers Road?

PAUL: Yes.

15 **GEORGE:** Okay, when I was giving my Statement, okay, Heidelberg Road, okay, I – that's you know when everybody comes out of the Market, you know the Exit into Vickers Road, and then you can go straight across and then onto Heidelberg Road, okay, that's where I, I was coming along. And when I, when I came back which I Recorded, okay, and I said to Constable Weiderman, alright, that it wasn't the M2, it was actually
20 Heidelberg Road.

CONSTABLE: It's also positive that it's [good?], but our Cell Phone Records doesn't show [inaudible – over talking] [0:14:03.1] –

PAUL: You weren't anywhere near there –

CONSTABLE: Or City Deep.

25 **WO 2:** You've never been –

PAUL: The Cell Phone Records show you were nowhere near that area at all.

WO 2: Yes.

5 **PAUL:** Okay, so I mean how do you explain that? In fact at that moment in time you were – we can – just give me that Map back. I can show you exactly where you were.

GEORGE: Okay.

PAUL: At that moment in time –

10 **WO 2:** And one other thing, I fail to understand this, why you say you “ordered” the Platters from Bembom of which on that day no Platters were ordered.

GEORGE: No, but –

WO 2: The information that we received at Bembom is that if a person needs the Platters to be, to be done –

15 **GEORGE:** Uh-huh.

WO 2: They are not ordered the same day, they get ordered a day prior to –

GEORGE: Correct.

WO 2: You do understand? So on that day – on that day on the 10th –

GEORGE: Yes.

20 **WO 2:** And the 11th no Platters were, were ordered. So I fail to understand why you lied to us.

GEORGE: I lied to you?

WO 2: That’s what I’m saying.

CONSTABLE: Who was the woman that you ordered the Platters – excuse me –

25 **GEORGE:** Okay.

WO 2: And then the last question that I need to put before you come to that. I would like to know, who is this lady whom you visited at Bembom after the Incident, the lady you went with to Bembom? There is a lady that was with you.

PAUL: The Bembom guys describe her as your girlfriend.

- 5 **WO 2:** Yes, who is that woman?
- GEORGE:** Okay, can I start answering the questions if you don't mind? Or is it just you guys are just going to keep puddling me so I can't answer?
- WO 2:** Can you firstly tell us who is that lady and then you can answer the questions?
- 10 **GEORGE:** Okay, which lady?
- WO 2:** Yes, the lady that you –
- PAUL:** The lady that you went to Bembom with .
- WO 2:** That you go with to Bembom?
- GEORGE:** When?
- 15 **CONSTABLE:** The Wednesday after the Murder. I can confirm Video Footage to that effect.
- WO 2:** Ja.
- GEORGE:** Okay –
- WO 2:** Even on the day of the Funeral.
- 20 **GEORGE:** Can I – sorry, what is the date?
- WO 2:** Date of the Incident, but after –
- WO 1:** After the date of the Incident.
- PAUL:** I'll give you the date.
- CONSTABLE:** The 17th.
- 25 **WO 1:** Surely you can't forget that George.
- GEORGE:** No, but you're saying the date – okay, so which date?
- CONSTABLE:** The 17th of June.
- WO 1:** After the date of the Incident, of the –
- PAUL:** I'll tell you now.

- 5 **CONSTABLE:** It is the 17th.
- GEORGE:** Okay.
- WO 2:** The 17th of June.
- PAUL:** Ja, the 17th –
- GEORGE:** Of June?
- 10 **CONSTABLE:** Yes.
- PAUL:** The 17th of June you went into Bembom with a lady.
- GEORGE:** Okay.
- PAUL:** And the Staff were of the opinion that she was your girlfriend. So just –
and the lady –
- 15 **GEORGE:** The 17th of June?
- WO 1:** Yes.
- PAUL:** Who is the lad?
- GEORGE:** A blonde lady, yes.
- PAUL:** Yes.
- 20 **GEORGE:** Ja.
- PAUL:** So who is she?
- WO 2:** Who is she?
- GEORGE:** You're kidding right?
- PAUL:** No we want to know her name.
- 25 **GEORGE:** And you've seen the Footage?
- CONSTABLE:** Well we're asking for a name, do you have a name?
- GEORGE:** Yes.
- CONSTABLE:** What is her name?
- GEORGE:** Shirley Momberg Smith.

5 **WO 2:** Shirley?

GEORGE: Momberg Smith.

CONSTABLE: Oh, so that's your Sister?

GEORGE: Yes.

CONSTABLE: No, it was a different lady. They say you were romantically involved. I

10 specifically asked for that.

GEORGE: On the 17th?

CONSTABLE: Yes.

GEORGE: Blonde hair?

CONSTABLE: Yes, it was a lady, you were sitting outside, they showed me the table

15 where you were sitting.

GEORGE: That's fantastic, it was my Sister.

CONSTABLE: No it was not your Sister.

GEORGE: Cool, you know what, show, show me the Video Footage please.

CONSTABLE: Okay.

20 **GEORGE:** Alright and then I can tell you, because that is the only person that I
had coffee with there.

PAUL: But how do you explain –

GEORGE: Sorry, if I may, if I may –

PAUL: Saying where you were when you weren't?

25 **GEORGE:** About 2 (two) weeks, okay, after that alright, another lady and I had
coffee – ja, and she's got brown hair.

PAUL: Who's that lady?

GEORGE: Who's that lady?

PAUL: Yeah.

- 5 **GEORGE:** Vanessa.
- PAUL:** Vanessa who?
- GEORGE:** Hutchison.
- PAUL:** Who is she?
- CONSTABLE:** It's not that – not an Actress.
- 10 **GEORGE:** Excuse me?
- CONSTABLE:** No, I'm just kidding.
- PAUL:** Who is she?
- GEORGE:** She is a friend of – her son and my son went to School together,
Wade, and –
- 15 **PAUL:** Vanessa Hutchison? Have you got her telephone number?
- GEORGE:** Sure.
- PAUL:** Can you give it to us?
- GEORGE:** I will ask her if I can give it to you.
- PAUL:** No, you must give it, you're being asked.
- 20 **GEORGE:** I don't have to.
- PAUL:** Warrant [inaudible – over talking] [0:18:34.2] –
- WO 1:** Mr. Barkhuizen, I just want to warn you –
- GEORGE:** I'll give it to you that's fine.
- WO 1:** If –
- 25 **GEORGE:** I'll give it to you.
- WO 1:** Okay, what's important [inaudible] [0:18:45.4] –
- GEORGE:** Sure.
- WO 1:** You have to prove your innocence.
- GEORGE:** I don't have to prove my innocence.

5 **PAUL:** No you don't have to prove your innocence –

GEORGE: I don't have –

PAUL: But what you have to do is satisfy all these queries we have. For example you were at the Murder Scene, you were there.

GEORGE: I was at the Murder Scene.

10 **PAUL:** Yes, you were there at the time of the Murder.

GEORGE: No.

PAUL: Yes you were, and then you drove the car around and you parked it at the top, and then you [inaudible] [0:19:07.1] up the top where your car was parked.

GEORGE: Really?

15 **PAUL:** Yes.

CONSTABLE: The Cell Phone Records wouldn't lie.

PAUL: They put you there, the Cell Phone Records put you there.

GEORGE: With this phone?

CONSTABLE: Yes.

20 **PAUL:** Yes.

GEORGE: This phone?

PAUL: Yes.

CONSTABLE: With that phone, that phone number, I can show you.

GEORGE: Sorry, I disagree with you.

25 **CONSTABLE WEIDEMAN (CONSTABLE) – ASKING MR. GEORGE BARKHUIZEN**

SOME QUESTIONS

MELISSA: Sorry George, I just want you to confirm, Vanessa, what vehicle does she drive? I'm not asking you for Vehicle Registration, just the make and the model of the vehicle.

- 5 **GEORGE:** Can I phone her and I'll tell you –
- MELISSA:** But you would know what vehicle she drives.
- GEORGE:** Why would I?
- MELISSA:** Well if you're meeting someone I would imagine if she's a friend you would know what vehicle they drive.
- 10 **GEORGE:** Not necessarily.
- MELISSA:** So you're confirming that you don't know what vehicle she drives?
- GEORGE:** Um, it was probably a Silver something Sedan.
- CONSTABLE:** Okay. George, I would like to ask you one last question from my side. You say that you did not – but did you Book that Portuguese Cruise or not?
- 15 **GEORGE:** Sorry, just please give me a second. Warrant, you're asking about (five) questions, okay, you've allowed me to answer 1 (one) about this woman. Okay, what were the other questions Warrant, please?
- WO 1:** No, I'm done.
- GEORGE:** Are you done?
- 20 **WO 1:** Yes.
- GEORGE:** Okay, alright.
- WO 1:** I've just put to you –
- GEORGE:** Yes.
- WO 1:** That you've never been on the way to Bryanston, that's what I put to
- 25 you.
- GEORGE:** Okay.
- WO 1:** It wasn't a question –
- WO 1:** You haven't –
- WO 1:** You've never been there –

- 5 **WO 1:** [Inaudible – over talking] [0:20:23.1] Incident –
- WO 1:** You do understand?
- GEORGE:** Okay.
- WO 1:** Yes.
- CONSTABLE:** Okay, yes, I would like to know, did you or did you not Book a Cruise
- 10 to the Portuguese Islands?
- GEORGE:** Alright, if you go back to my Statement it says I “did not.”
- CONSTABLE:** Okay and then I have a cell phone conversation between you and Stan –
- GEORGE:** And Stan –
- 15 **PAUL:** Show him the Cell Phone Record –
- GEORGE:** Saying –
- CONSTABLE:** Can I show it to you?
- PAUL:** Here, I’ve got it here.
- GEORGE:** I, I know [inaudible] [0:20:42.8].
- 20 **PAUL:** I think we’ve got it here.
- CONSTABLE:** Yes.
- PAUL:** I’ll read it to you.
- GEORGE:** And I Booked it – I’ve Booked it, yes.
- PAUL:** George –
- 25 **GEORGE:** But I hadn’t Booked it –
- PAUL:** “*Hey, hey boet just made Reservations for the Cruise.*”
- GEORGE:** Correct.
- PAUL:** “*Will tell her tomorrow.*”
- GEORGE:** Yes.

- 5 **PAUL:** This is 45 (forty-five) minutes before she was Murdered.
- GEORGE:** Okay.
- PAUL:** So you lied to him.
- GEORGE:** How, how did I lie?
- PAUL:** “Hey, boet” “hey, hey boet just made Reservations for the Cruise.”
- 10 **GEORGE:** Okay.
- PAUL:** “Will tell her tomorrow.”
- GEORGE:** Okay.
- PAUL:** So you lied.
- GEORGE:** Did I?
- 15 **CONSTABLE:** Yes.
- PAUL:** Well you’ve said “just made Reservation for the Cruise.”
- CONSTABLE:** For 2 (two) weeks in [inaudible – over talking] [0:21:29.1] –
- PAUL:** And then you say later on which is now 38 (thirty-eight) minutes before she’s Murdered, you say; “This is for **September**, we’ve got 2 (two) weeks. I just hope –“ –
- 20 you know, I mean –
- GEORGE:** Sorry?
- PAUL:** It says here; “George, lucky bugger” you know, so –
- CONSTABLE:** [Inaudible] [0:21:51.2] –
- PAUL:** Hey?
- 25 **GEORGE:** Alright.
- CONSTABLE:** You were going to say?
- GEORGE:** On the **11th of June**; “Hey, hey boet, just made Reservations for the Cruise.”
- PAUL:** Yes, “Will tell her tonight.”

- 5 **GEORGE:** "Will tell her –" –
- PAUL:** "Will tell her tomorrow," tomorrow, sorry.
- GEORGE:** Okay. "Thanks for your chat."
- PAUL:** So you lied in this Message.
- GEORGE:** Can I finish?
- 10 **CONSTABLE:** Yes please.
- GEORGE:** Okay, please don't – thank you very much – "How you're doing?" "Need a holiday." "Book an extra 4 (four) seats for us on the Cruise, he he." "Cape Town can't come fast enough." "I hear you." "This is for **September**, we got 2 (two) weeks." "Lucky bugger." "I just hope the weather is not [inaudible – over talking] [0:22:48.2]." Okay,
- 15 who said they've got "2 (two) weeks?"
- PAUL:** No, no forget the 2 (two) weeks –
- GEORGE:** No, no, no you said –
- PAUL:** No, no, no, no I was reading the continuation there. I never said you said that. What I said to you was, you "lied" when you said the following –
- 20 **GEORGE:** So –
- PAUL:** "Just made Reservation for the Cruise." You lied didn't you?
- GEORGE:** Okay.
- PAUL:** Do you admit lying?
- GEORGE:** Can I – would you mind?
- 25 **PAUL:** Yeah, but I'm just asking you a simple question –
- GEORGE:** Would you mind?
- PAUL:** Do you admit lying?
- GEORGE:** Would, would you mind?
- PAUL:** Mind what?

- 5 **GEORGE:** Okay, this is my – I’m sure you guys have got this.
- PAUL:** What’s all this about?
- CONSTABLE:** Yes, but you –
- PAUL:** We’re only interested in the truth –
- GEORGE:** Can I finish, please?
- 10 **PAUL:** Did you or did you not lie when you told him, “*Just made reservation for the Cruise?*”
- GEORGE:** “*Morning Shnookums.*”
- PAUL:** Uh-huh.
- GEORGE:** “*Got a surprise for you, a good surprise.*” Okay, what was I going to
- 15 do? Tell Odette about the Cruise.
- MELISSA:** George, did you make a Booking?
- PAUL:** Did you make a Booking or not?
- GEORGE:** Alright –
- PAUL:** Did you lie about making a Booking?
- 20 **GEORGE:** Did I lie about making a Booking?
- PAUL:** Look here, I’ll read it to you again, at **12h46** it’s 44 (forty-four) minutes or 45 (forty-five) minutes before your Wife was Murdered.
- GEORGE:** Uh-huh.
- PAUL:** “*Just made Reservation for the Cruise, will tell her tomorrow.*” Were
- 25 you lying in that Message?
- GEORGE:** I was not lying.
- PAUL:** So where did you make the Reservation?
- GEORGE:** I had enquired about the Reservation as I told her.

5 **CONSTABLE:** I'm sorry, you either lied on your Sworn Statement or in the Message, because it is contradictory. I must inform you about that –

GEORGE: How's it –

PAUL: The Sworn Statement says you "didn't" make a Booking, this says you "did" make a Booking. It says, I'll repeat quote; "*Just made Reservation for the Cruise, will*
10 *tell her tomorrow.*"

GEORGE: Yes.

PAUL: So that was a lie?

GEORGE: No.

MELISSA: So you made a Booking?

15 **PAUL:** So you did make a Booking?

GEORGE: Provisional Booking.

CONSTABLE: With who?

PAUL: With who, yeah?

GEORGE: Okay, we'll get to that in a minute. Alright, the Cruise would have cost
20 us almost R24 000.00 (twenty-four thousand rand). Odette is very difficult about spending that type of money. I needed to make certain that she was okay with it, and then I would have Confirmed it.

PAUL: Okay, so with whom did you make the Provisional Booking with?

GEORGE: So what I'm trying to explain to you is this, okay, when you put yourself
25 in a position to fly up, or you fly to Dubai, or you do whatever it is you do. What do you do? You Book the flight –

PAUL: No, I'm not asking you this George –

GEORGE: Can I just finish?

PAUL: But you are Interrogating me now –

5 **GEORGE:** No, I –

PAUL: What I want to know is, did you or did you not make a Booking?

GEORGE: What I'm trying to do is, is I'm trying to draw a similarity.

PAUL: But I'm not interested in that George. Did you make a Booking or didn't you? Yes or no? And if it was a Provisional Booking, who did you make the Provisional

10 Booking with?

GEORGE: I will send you the information.

PAUL: No you won't send me the information.

GEORGE: I will send you the information!

PAUL: How are you going to send me that information?

15 **GEORGE:** Via email.

MELISSA: But why can you not confirm right now?

PAUL: Why can you not just answer the question? Did you or did you not make a Booking?

GEORGE: I made a Reservation.

20 **PAUL:** A Reservation with who?

GEORGE: I will send you the email.

PAUL: So you can't tell us who you made the Reservation with?

GEORGE: I can't.

PAUL: Why not?

25 **GEORGE:** Not right now.

CONSTABLE: Can you remember?

GEORGE: Remember what?

CONSTABLE: Who you made the Reservation with.

5 **GEORGE:** Well I'm not too certain if it was – there were 4 (four) different places that I enquired about Prices.

PAUL: Did you do it on a computer?

GEORGE: Okay.

PAUL: Or how did you do it, on the phone?

10 **GEORGE:** I did it through various Places. I did it through friends. I did it through –

PAUL: Okay, but at **12h46** quote-unquote; "*Just made the Reservation.*"

Which means the Reservation was made somewhere between **12h00** and **12h46**, "*Just made the Reservation,*" isn't it, you've just done it? You've just done it now.

GEORGE: Is that your opinion?

15 **PAUL:** Well no, I'm saying, I'm asking you, when did you make the Reservation?

GEORGE: But that's what you're saying it's my opinion.

PAUL: No, when did you make the Reservation George?

GEORGE: Uh, probably the day before.

20 **PAUL:** So then the following day you said, "*Just made the Reservation for the Cruise.*"

GEORGE: Ja.

PAUL: I don't believe you.

GEORGE: Oh, that's cool.

25 **MELISSA:** In your WhatsApp to Odette you said that you have a "surprise" for her

–

GEORGE: Yes.

MELISSA: A "good surprise."

GEORGE: Yes.

- 5 **MELISSA:** What did you mean?
- GEORGE:** What do you think?
- MELISSA:** What was the “good surprise?”
- GEORGE:** That was, would you like to go on a Cruise?
- PAUL:** I think all those WhatsApps –
- 10 **GEORGE:** And only then –
- PAUL:** And Messages –
- GEORGE:** And only then –
- PAUL:** And it’s supposition –
- GEORGE:** And only then –
- 15 **PAUL:** Were just a Cover for what was going to happen.
- GEORGE:** May I finish please? May I finish please?
- MELISSA:** Yes.
- GEORGE:** If you don’t mind.
- PAUL:** Mmm.
- 20 **GEORGE:** And only then when she confirmed then I’ve got no problem saying
“yes” go ahead and then pay for the money.
- PAUL:** But you can’t tell us who you made that Reservation with.
- GEORGE:** Sorry, I can’t listen to both of you.
- MELISSA:** But you had made a Provisional Booking?
- 25 **GEORGE:** I had made a Provisional Booking – well like I said, I will send you the
information.
- PAUL:** I think you’re just saying that because you want to not be Arrested,
and you want to leave here and go and fabricate some information. I don’t believe you
George.

- 5 **GEORGE:** Well that's –
- TERRY:** I'm sorry, I'm going to put a stop to it –
- PAUL:** Ja.
- TERRY:** You know Paul I understand –
- PAUL:** I'm sorry Terry, I just don't believe him.
- 10 **TERRY:** Listen, you're entitled to your opinions –
- PAUL:** Okay.
- TERRY:** But Evidence is what we need.
- PAUL:** Ja.
- TERRY:** And you can verify or otherwise once that information is –
- 15 **PAUL:** Well he stated under Oath. He stated under Oath that he "didn't" make a Booking, and then he sent a WhatsApp where he said he "did" make a Booking.
- TERRY:** Well you know what, there are many things that are subject to interpretation and you and I know that well from our respective Professions. But what I'm saying to you at this point in time, we'll furnish you with the information –
- 20 **PAUL:** Alright.
- TERRY:** It will come through my Office so it's properly done –
- PAUL:** Alright.
- TERRY:** And everyone is happy.
- CONSTABLE:** I'm sorry Terry, one more question for you. I just want to understand
- 25 this. You told me, I just want to – you can just confirm whether you told me this, that you never – this is why you "didn't" hear the phone calls because you "never" type on your phone while you're driving.
- GEORGE:** Yes –
- CONSTABLE:** I just want to know –

5 **GEORGE:** I don't want to be distracted, because I nearly had an accident with Wade in the car, that's what I said to you.

CONSTABLE: Okay, so you told me that you sent the last Messages to Stanley according to your Statement while at the Office.

GEORGE: Yes.

10 **CONSTABLE:** Okay, that was – we've got the WhatsApp **12h50**, she was Shot at **13h30** –

GEORGE: Give or take, ja.

CONSTABLE: So, okay not "give or take," we have Video Footage. That Video Footage which shows cars driving up and shows cars driving down the whole time –

15 **GEORGE:** So you've got – sorry, you've got Camera Footage showing the actual Shooting?

PAUL: No.

TERRY: No, not that.

CONSTABLE: No, showing –

20 **TERRY:** The movement of cars.

GEORGE: Okay.

CONSTABLE: The movement of the cars.

PAUL: It shows the car coming up, Odette's car coming up and a few minutes later coming back down again.

25 **GEORGE:** Okay.

CONSTABLE: What I wanted to say to you is that it does not show that your car goes up, at **12h10** while you said to me that you sent the Messages from the Office –

PAUL: In other words she can tell [inaudible – over talking] [0:29:51.5] –

5 **CONSTABLE:** So I want to know, how did you get to the Office if you sent it from there?

GEORGE: With the car.

CONSTABLE: But there's Video Footage and it doesn't show your car for the previous hour coming up there, or going down there.

10 **GEORGE:** Because I've got –

CONSTABLE: We have that Video Footage.

GEORGE: And that is because, if I might –

WO 1: And even after the Incident it doesn't show that the car is coming out.

PAUL: Yeah.

15 **CONSTABLE:** I just want you to explain to me.

GEORGE: No that's fine. If you have a look here it says that – oh, sorry that was your question which I'll answer now. About **twelve o' clock** I went and I spoke to Solly about the Rissois.

CONSTABLE: Agreed.

20 **GEORGE:** Okay, they didn't have I then cancelled the coffee Order and that's when I went back to the Office.

CONSTABLE: Okay, yes.

GEORGE: Okay which is roughly **13h10**.

CONSTABLE: Okay, can you just read further what you said to me under Oath?

25 **GEORGE:** Just one, one moment. Okay, what then happened is that, um –

CONSTABLE: Carry on, read it?

GEORGE: Ja, "*I noticed that Robert had locked the Front Door,*" but I didn't say that it had been locked it was closed.

CONSTABLE: Okay, that's fine it's not in dispute.

- 5 **GEORGE:** That's – those were the words that I used, okay, and then I made phone calls and SMSes from there.
- CONSTABLE:** Ja and in particularly.
- GEORGE:** In particularly –
- CONSTABLE:** You can read it so we can have it on –
- 10 **GEORGE:** *"I notice –" – um, "and I phone him to ask him to ask Odette to send me the Figures –" –*
- CONSTABLE:** Okay no, the part where Stanley –
- GEORGE:** But I – sorry, if I might –
- CONSTABLE:** The message between you and Stanley.
- 15 **GEORGE:** Okay, *"asked him to remind Odette about the Figures which I needed."*
- CONSTABLE:** Okay, that's good.
- GEORGE:** Alright, okay; *"as the Spreadsheets were on her computer. I sat at the car for 15 (fifteen)/20 (twenty) minutes give or take – some Text Messages to Securitas in Pretoria."*
- 20 **CONSTABLE:** Okay.
- GEORGE:** Okay and *"Texted Stanley"* and [inaudible] [0:32:31.5], okay, well that's not in there.
- CONSTABLE:** And what did you tell him there?
- GEORGE:** *"Was going to Book a Cruise."*
- 25 **CONSTABLE:** You Texted him that time from the Office, you said you were "out" the Office –
- GEORGE:** Yes.
- CONSTABLE:** At 12h50, you didn't drive there by car –
- PAUL:** Ja.

- 5 **CONSTABLE:** We have that –
- PAUL:** And you were there.
- CONSTABLE:** You were there –
- PAUL:** We've got you there.
- CONSTABLE:** How did you get there?
- 10 **PAUL:** Your phone shows you were there.
- GEORGE:** I was with the car.
- PAUL:** No.
- CONSTABLE:** You weren't.
- WO 1:** No.
- 15 **CONSTABLE:** I have Video Footage of an hour –
- PAUL:** Your car was parked up the Street.
- CONSTABLE:** I literally checked an hour in minutes which cars went up and down.
- GEORGE:** My car was parked up the Street?
- PAUL:** Yes.
- 20 **MELISSA:** George the Video Footage confirms that your vehicle did not go past –
- GEORGE:** Okay.
- PAUL:** But you were there at **12h10**.
- MELISSA:** At that time.
- GEORGE:** Okay.
- 25 **MELISSA:** And you confirmed in your Statement that you were there at that time.
- GEORGE:** Yes.
- MELISSA:** So can you explain to us how you were there at that time?
- WO 1:** How did you go up to the –
- GEORGE:** I just told you.

- 5 **MELISSA:** Can you repeat that?
- GEORGE:** Which part?
- MELISSA:** How you got there?
- GEORGE:** Do you want me to read the Statement again?
- MELISSA:** Your Statement doesn't explain how you got there.
- 10 **PAUL:** Just explain how you got to the Office at **12h50**? How were you there?
- GEORGE:** I went from Café Bembom –
- CONSTABLE:** No, no, no per what? Per foot? Per car?
- PAUL:** How did you get there?
- GEORGE:** By car.
- 15 **CONSTABLE:** By car?
- GEORGE:** Ja.
- CONSTABLE:** And you are absolutely certain about that?
- GEORGE:** Ja.
- CONSTABLE:** So if I tell you I have Video Footage of no cars driving there –
- 20 **GEORGE:** Fantastic.
- CONSTABLE:** Okay.
- GEORGE:** I'd like you to show me.
- CONSTABLE:** Okay.
- GEORGE:** If you don't mind, that's great.
- 25 **TERRY:** Excuse me a second. [**Terry speaking to Warrant Officers**].
- GEORGE:** So, sorry if you don't mind. You asked about all the Platters and everything else.
- CONSTABLE:** Yes.

5 **GEORGE:** Okay, as I've said, the Platters do not – Platters come – the Platters they make are of a pre-design, in other words, so many of this, so many of this, so many of this, so many of this. When I spoke to Gita, alright –

CONSTABLE: Over the telephone?

GEORGE: And I believe it was Gita –

10 **CONSTABLE:** Over the telephone?

GEORGE: Ah, it may have been the day before –

MELISSA: Can you say the date?

CONSTABLE: Ja.

GEORGE: It wasn't, it was –

15 **CONSTABLE:** To Gita, okay.

GEORGE: Okay, but as I've said in the Statement, okay, which I Recorded, okay, it was either Gita, Andrea or Solly, okay, that "this" is what I need and there you go. It's not construed as a Platter although I call it a Platter, because the Platters are 8 (eight) of this, 6 (six) of that, 10 (ten) of this and whatever it is and it is pre-designed. Are We cool with
20 that?

CONSTABLE: George on that point did you make a previous Reservation for a Platter there?

GEORGE: Previous Reservation?

CONSTABLE: Ja, previous, you ordered previously Platters to go to your –

25 **PAUL:** Did you Book Platters for the morning of the 11th?

GEORGE: Previously?

PAUL: No, but you said in your Statement you Booked –

GEORGE: No, no, but you see – okay, what are you talking about?

MELISSA: No, at any point –

5 **CONSTABLE:** At any point –

GEORGE: On the 10th?

MELISSA: No, at any point previously?

GEORGE: Yes.

MELISSA: I want to ask you on Tape, do you order the same things for Securitas

10 always?

GEORGE: No.

CONSTABLE: Not?

GEORGE: No.

CONSTABLE: Not?

15 **GEORGE:** No.

CONSTABLE: Okay, no that's good.

GEORGE: Okay.

TERRY: My recollection was of his Statement was that he hadn't ordered

Platters, but he wanted a certain quantity of each one when he went there, and that wasn't

20 available. I'm just going by my recollection, I don't remember him saying "I ordered" a

Platter the day before.

PAUL: No, he said he'd "pre-ordered" for that day.

TERRY: Sorry?

PAUL: He said he'd "pre-ordered" but [inaudible – over talking] [0:36:16.9] –

25 **WO 1:** No, in his Statement under Oath he said he "ordered" the Platters –

GEORGE: I, I used the word "Platter."

WO 1: He went there to Bembom on the day of the 11th to collect them.

PAUL: And there was no order.

5 **WO 1:** So that means the order was done on the 10th of which there by
Bembom they never received any Platter order on the 10th.

GEORGE: Correct, because it wasn't a Platter. I used the word "Platter."

PAUL: No, but they said there was "no" order. They said there was "no" order.

GEORGE: Okay.

10 **WO 1:** So that means if you say it "wasn't" Platters, you misled our
Investigation to the Platters.

GEORGE: Just like I misled your Investigation by telling you that I'm volunteering
for a Polygraph, and then you say that you get "suspect" of a person volunteering for –

WO 1: We wanted to know from you why you suspect yourself, if you say you
15 want to go for a Polygraph Test.

GEORGE: Okay.

CONSTABLE: Terry, do you mind if I go and quickly get my cell phone?

TERRY: Sure.

CONSTABLE: Thanks.

20 **MR. GEORGE BARKHUIZEN IS PLACED UNDER ARREST**

CONSTABLE: Okay George, from this point on we as the Police we have enough
Evidence to our advantage to start to Prosecute. So I'm going to tell you now, I'm going to
Arrest you on a Charge of Murder. *"You have the right to remain silent, anything you say
can and will be held against you. You have the right to an Attorney. If you cannot afford
25 one, one will be appointed to you by the State. You have the right to apply for Bail."* Do you
understand the Charge? Do you understand your rights? What is your answer?

GEORGE: Will you explain that to me?

TERRY: Well basically what they say is, is that they're going to Arrest you on a
Charge of Murder. You're not obliged to say anything further, you have the right to be

5 Represented, if you can't afford an Attorney one will be appointed for you. And they're asking if you understand that.

GEORGE: Okay.

CONSTABLE: What is your answer? Do you understand the Charge firstly? And do you understand it is a Charge of Murder? And do you understand the rights I've just
10 explained to you?

GEORGE: A Charge of Murder?

CONSTABLE: Yes.

GEORGE: So you're saying I'm being Charged with the Murder of my Wife?

CONSTABLE: Yes. I'm Arresting you on a Charge of Murder of Odette Barkhuizen.

15 **GEORGE:** Okay.

CONSTABLE: Okay.

WO 1: That means that she has already placed you under Arrest.

CONSTABLE: Yes.

WO 1: So we have to go with you to Moffat View SAPS.

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