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On Friday 5/10/2001 at the Rand offices I was discussing my Korean contract with Anton Billis when everyone walked into the room everyone being, Giovinazzo, Kevin Trezona, Frank O'Kane, Steve [REDACTED] and his son Brad. Steve [REDACTED] is a best mate of the head of the [REDACTED]. Kevin Trezona was very upset he said, that McLernon had information regarding Oretok share transfers specifically buying them for 20 cents and selling them for 50 cents to his Super clients. Trezona said, that information was only known to Giovinazzo and myself. He then went on to say, "By the way if you had asked there would have been a good explanation for it, "it was a natural appreciation of the share price at the time." Trezona seemed very worried that I had passed on the name of his client [REDACTED] to

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McLernon, it is the only name he referred to I denied knowing saying, "It wasn't me." Giovinazzo then said that someone has called him on his private mobile number and said they had a copy of his wedding invitation. Giovinazzo said ~~very~~ few people had been issued one, *By* the way when Trezona mentioned the 20 cent to 50 cent shares and his Super clients, Frank O'Kane appeared very shocked, that is he reacted by kind of making mouth movements without saying anything at the same time slumping back in his chair. Anton Billis, Giovinazzo and Kevin kept at me about leaking information and who I had spoken to. I kept denying it. Then Giovinazzo left the room and came back and handed my diary to Anton Billis. Anton opened the diary and there were no notes for October but detailed notes of the Thursday and Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of September detailing the goings on in the Rand - Tribune and Oretok office similar to that which I had

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given McLernon. I had torn out all the previous pages. They insisted I provided the missing pages I refused and in the end I said, I had given them to Dominic Cassella to give to ASIC. I continued to deny any knowledge of McLernon. Some told me they would be sending Colin Pace to come and talk to me.

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I said, "I should clear my desk and leave." Giovinazzo said that he should, "Take me out and beat the shit out of me." He also said, I have cost him \$20,000 in security for his wedding <sup>and</sup> ~~John~~ Karen Bidstrup wanted to talk to me, ~~but~~ I couldn't understand why ~~John~~ and his son Brad were there, except Brad said that McLernon had phoned him. — RUSHISH.

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Then Giovinazzo and Trezona told me that They had extortion demands during the week from McLernon by phone stating if they did not pay McLernon money he would publish the information he had. They both said McLernon had phoned both of

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them during the week. They also said they had reported the extortion demands to the police. They also said I should not leave until I have been interviewed by the police.

Giovinazzo and Trezona both said that I did not realize what I had done and who I had got mixed up with. They said when I had given my diary to Cassella he had passed a copy on to McLernon who was using them in an attempt to extort money, <sup>Giovinazzo</sup> McLernon

reminded me that

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had previously attempted to extort \$70,000 odd from him <sup>prior to an article</sup> ~~which he was in~~ <sup>the</sup>

appearing in West Australian.

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Trezona, Giovinazzo and Steve then told me that I was now implicated in the extortion and that McLernon and Cassella would say it was my Idea, and that I had to understand

that Cassella and McLernon were murderers and had dumped a body in the sea. Steve and Giovinazzo both stated they had personal knowledge of who it was. They said a name I can't remember who.

They were trying to frighten me and I was very frightened at that time. They further

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said that Cassella and McLernon would now  
kill me and I had to get out of town. They  
then started to explain in detail how I  
would be killed one method via Steve  
 was having my scrotum sliced  
into potato chip leaves. <sup>with a razor</sup> Then Giovinazzo *B*  
suggested that Rand Mining had to buy me a  
plane ticket to leave Perth immediately,  
leave Perth Frank O'Kane Agreed to do so. *B*  
Billis asked me where I wanted the ticket  
for, I said "Melbourne".  
Frank O'Kane and Billis then went to write a  
cheque.  
Billis then asked me, "Did Cassella harass  
~~me~~ <sup>you</sup> for this information or did you provide it *B*  
freely." I said, "I provided it freely because I  
wanted to get rid of Giovinazzo in order to  
save the project."  
Billis then said, "Forget the plane ticket you  
can sweat."  
It took about an hour and half. I asked  
repeatedly for my diary back but was  
refused. Billis said they needed it for

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evidence of extortion. I said I wanted to leave at least four times but they kept finding a reason for keeping me there until

Colin Pace arrived. I was frightened and uneasy so I left I was very suspicious of Pace.

They continually protested that they weren't going to hurt me.

I began to feel they were threatening me by telling me what McLernon and Cassella would do when in fact they would.

They were all extremely worried and believed I had provided extremely detailed information regarding Rand, Tribune and Oretok.

I left and went to my lawyers office he was not in.

I then went to ASIC offices and spoke to the Duty Complaints officer. I went back to my Lawyers office Mr. Luka Magaretic and made a statement to him. Luka and myself then phoned McLernon.

I believe everyone in the offices rely on Anton Billis for a living and promises of

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future payments and are scared of Billis to a lesser degree so is Giovinazzo. The offices are really run by Billis and Giovinazzo.

Giovinazzo was moved to his own office to run Oretex Ltd as O'Kane wanted him out of the Rand office.

Giovinazzo has used the money raised for Oretex Ltd to ramp Rand shares.

Giovinazzo told me that because of his time in Gaol he had many contacts in the prison officer ranks, because he had made them a lot of money. He also went on to say, "one way or the other they would see McLernon locked up and no matter where they sent him he would get a very hard time from every one.

I am frightened for my life and have been provided with safe house by my solicitor I will not returning to my normal place of residence ever again.

The above statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief

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