



AFP

AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Name:

[Redacted]

Date of Birth:

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Address:

[Redacted]

Offence:

1. Traffic a commercial quantity of a drug of dependence (cocaine) under Section 71 of the Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981 (Vic);
2. Possess a drug of dependence, namely cocaine, under Section 73 of the Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981 (Vic); and
3. Deal in property reasonably suspected of being proceeds of crime, under Section 400.9 of the Criminal Code Act 1991 (Cth).

Case officer:

Federal Agent

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

1. s 22(1)(a)(ii) is charged with 3 offences, having been arrested and remanded in custody on 6/02/2014.
2. The charges against s 22(1)(a)(ii) are as follows:

BACKGROUND

3. The Australian Crime Commission (ACC) and the Australian Federal Police (AFP) have been conducting an investigation into the suspected money laundering activities of s 22(1)(a)(ii), of s 22(1)(a)(ii) s 22(1)(a)(ii).
4. As a result of this investigation at 1.10pm on 5 February 2014. AFP surveillance observed a male known as s 22(1)(a)(ii), attend at s 22(1)(a)(ii) residence at s 22(1)(a)(ii), where s 22(1)(a)(ii) asked s 22(1)(a)(ii) if he could borrow a vehicle.
5. At 1.39pm on 5 February 2014, AFP surveillance observed s 22(1)(a)(ii) drive s 22(1)(a)(ii) to his home residence at s 22(1)(a)(ii) where they entered s 22(1)(a)(ii) premises and out of sight.
6. At 1.47pm on 5 February 2014, AFP surveillance members observed s 22(1)(a)(ii) and s 22(1)(a)(ii) in the laneway at the rear of s 22(1)(a)(ii) s 22(1)(a)(ii) was observed carrying a black and blue coloured backpack which appeared to be full, getting into the driver's door of a white 2013 Volkswagen Golf sedan, bearing Victorian registration s 22(1)(a)(ii).

7. At 1.59pm on 5 February 2014, AFP surveillance observed [s 22(1)(a)(ii)] driving vehicle [s 22(1)(a)(ii)] to [s 22(1)(a)(ii)] Abbotsford and leave at 2.04pm driving vehicle [s 22(1)(a)(ii)].
8. Enquiries conducted by police at [s 22(1)(a)(ii)] identified [s 22(1)(a)(ii)] entered the access code for storage unit 4101.
9. At 2.09pm on 5 February 2014, [s 22(1)(a)(ii)] was observed by AFP surveillance driving back to East Melbourne, where he exited vehicle [s 22(1)(a)(ii)] and was observed with the black and blue backpack and walked down a laneway out of sight.
10. At 2.20pm on 5 February 2014, [s 22(1)(a)(ii)] was observed by AFP surveillance in the vicinity of East Melbourne returning to vehicle [s 22(1)(a)(ii)] carrying the black and blue backpack over his shoulder.
11. AFP surveillance observed [s 22(1)(a)(ii)], drive vehicle [s 22(1)(a)(ii)] from East Melbourne back to the vicinity of [s 22(1)(a)(ii)] at which point surveillance members observed an unmarked police vehicle drive past [s 22(1)(a)(ii)] with police lights activated. At this point, surveillance members observed [s 22(1)(a)(ii)] change direction and travel to his home address at [s 22(1)(a)(ii)] where he was observed to arrive about 2.30pm.
12. At 9.00pm on 5 February 2014, members of the ACC and AFP executed a Search Warrant pursuant to Section 81 of the Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act (Vic) 1981 in relation to [s 22(1)(a)(ii)].
13. Located in the unit was one large black suitcase, with external labels bearing [s 22(1)(a)(ii)] name, and one large black duffle bag. The duffle bag had various pieces of correspondence inside the pockets in various names including [s 22(1)(a)(ii)].
14. Inside both the suitcase and the duffle bag contained a total of 23 individual vacuum sealed plastic bags with varying weights (between 100 grams and 1.6kg) of compressed powder. The total gross weight of the powders is approximately 24.25kgs. Also present in the unit was a set of scales and three pens. Presumptive testing of the powder indicated the presence of cocaine.
15. At 1:05pm on 6 February 2014, [s 22(1)(a)(ii)] was arrested by police outside [s 22(1)(a)(ii)] [s 22(1)(a)(ii)], Victoria, in relation to trafficking and possession of cocaine. During his arrest police located and seized a set of keys from [s 22(1)(a)(ii)].
16. At 1.15pm on 6 February 2014, [s 22(1)(a)(ii)] was conveyed to his residential address at [s 22(1)(a)(ii)], where a Section 81 Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981 (Vic) Search Warrant was executed. Police located and seized AUD\$118,500.00 in cash hidden inside a hot water system, a black and blue coloured backpack matching the description of that used at [s 22(1)(a)(ii)] [s 22(1)(a)(ii)], a 'G' Star Raw bag which contained traces of cocaine and a pen that matched that located inside the storage unit.

OFFENCES

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ARREST AND CAUTION

17. On 6 February 2014, [s 22(1)(a)(ii)] was conveyed to the Melbourne Office of the AFP and participated in an interview with investigating officers which was recorded. [s 22(1)(a)(ii)] made a no comment record of interview.
18. At the conclusion of the interview on 6 February 2014, [s 22(1)(a)(ii)] was charged and remanded to appear at the Melbourne Magistrates Court on 7 February 2014.

FURTHER INVESTIGATIONS

19. At 9.42am on 13 February 2014, the ACC and AFP executed a Search Warrant pursuant to Section 465 of the Crimes Act (Vic) 1958 in relation to Unit 4101, [s 22(1)(a)(ii)]. Police used the keys seized from [s 22(1)(a)(ii)] at the time of his arrest to unlock the padlock and gain entry to storage unit 4101.
20. Enquiries conducted by police revealed [s 22(1)(a)(ii)] unit 4101 was leased on 13 December 2013 by a male who produced Victoria Driver's License [s 22(1)(a)(ii)] in the name of [s 22(1)(a)(ii)], born [s 22(1)(a)(ii)], of [s 22(1)(a)(ii)]. Further enquiries conducted by police reveal that [s 22(1)(a)(ii)] rented the storage unit on the request of [s 22(1)(a)(ii)].
21. A forensic examination was conducted on the compressed powder which tested positive as cocaine. The cocaine seized had a total pure weight of 13.1 kilograms.

[s 22(1)(a)(ii)] F/A [s 22(1)(a)(i)]
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