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From: s47E(c)@ato.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, 17 June 2022 11:10 AM
To: s47E(c)
Cc: Media; s47E(c)
Subject: Final Protego release [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]
Attachments: GST fraud crackdown -ATO-led taskforce executes raids across the country.pdf

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Hi there s47E(c)

Please see attached the final Op Protego media release with confirmed numbers. We're about to publish the release in our media centre.

Many thanks for AFP's assistance throughout this operation.

Cheers s47E(c)

Kind Regards

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From: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Thursday, 26 May 2022 12:15 PM
To: Media
Cc: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: Op s47E(d) [SEC=PROTECTED]
Attachments: Operation PROTEGO s47E(d) Concept of Operation ENDORSED.pdf

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Hi Media,

ATO have referred Op s47E(d) to the AFP. Op s47E(d) is a GST fraud alleged to involve over 40,000 taxpayers in the amount of @ \$1billion since January 2022.

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ATO will be seeking maximum media exposure as a preventative/disruption strategy.

s47E(d) The matters will remain with the ATO at this time with potential future criminal investigation referrals to come.

It would be great if AFP media could liaise with ATO media to ensure AFP interests are satisfied. Let me know if you need contact details for ATO media.

I have attached the Concept of Operations for further information.

If you have any questions please let me know.

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From: Media
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To: s47E(c)
Cc: s47E(c) Media
Subject: RE: Operation Protego media contact [SEC=PROTECTED]

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Hi s47E(c)

Sorry, forgot to send these across – these are the holding lines we will use if we get any calls about search warrants. Are the OK with you?

Cheers,

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- AFP officers are assisting the Australian Taxation Office with a number of search warrants in [LOCATION] today (XX June 2022).
- This activity is not related to national security, and there are no current or impending threats to the Australian community.
- As this relates to an ongoing investigation, police will not be providing further comment at this stage.
- Any further enquiries should be directed to the Australian Taxation Office.

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Sent: Thursday, 9 June 2022 11:10 AM
To: s22(1)(a)(ii) afp.gov.au>
Cc: s47E(c) @ato.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Operation Protego media contact [SEC=PROTECTED]

Hi s22(1)(a)(ii)

Many thanks for that. We'll note that figures will be confirmed after operation is final. Will also check back in with s22(1)(a)(ii) next week.

Many thanks for sending this through today.

Thanks, s47E(c)

Kind Regards

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From: Media <Media@afp.gov.au>

Sent: Thursday, 9 June 2022 9:57 AM

To: s47E(c) @ato.gov.au; Media <Media@afp.gov.au>

Cc: s47E(c) @ato.gov.au

Subject: RE: Operation Protego media contact [SEC=PROTECTED]

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Hi s47E(c)

Attached is the media release that we are comfortable with. As you will see, there are some figures that we might not know for sure until next week, so we will have to re-visit before issuing.

I'm handling this for s22(1)(a)(ii) today, however, I am away tomorrow through to Wednesday, and s22(1)(a)(ii) is back on Tuesday. Pending on some other things we have going on this weekend, someone else in the team will be able to progress things until s22(1)(a)(ii) gets back – we just don't know who, it will depend on workloads. Can I please ask you direct everything concerning this job to this inbox over the next few days.

Kind regards,

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Sent: Thursday, 9 June 2022 9:30 AM
To: Media <Media@afp.gov.au>
Cc: s47E(c) @ato.gov.au>
Subject: Operation Protego media contact [SEC=PROTECTED]

Hi team,

s47E(c) and I have been dealing with s22(1)(a)(ii) about Operation Protego. Yesterday s22(1)(a)(ii) progressed the media release for AFP quotes for us.

Are you able to please provide us with the name of the team member who will be taking carriage of this work while s22(1)(a)(ii) is on leave? Due to the protected nature of the work the protocol for this case is to liaise directly with a specific contact officer and keep this out of team mailboxes. We'll work with that person directly moving forward.

Thanks, s47E(c)

Kind Regards

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From: s47E(c) @ato.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 8 June 2022 11:31 AM
To: s22(1)(a)(ii) s47E(c)
Cc: Media
Subject: RE: Operation Protego media plan [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive] [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Thanks s22(1)(a)(ii) I'm really hopeful we'll be able to get the release to you today. I was very close, but something urgent came up for our media team. Fingers crossed 😊

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Cc: Media <Media@afp.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Operation Protego media plan [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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Hi s47E(c)

Just wanted to see if you think you'll be getting the release over to us today? I'll be on leave from tomorrow until Monday so I'll just need to give one of my colleagues a handover on this.

Still waiting for the scope of the warrants to be finalised so we haven't locked in a date for our filming, but hoping we should be able to confirm by tomorrow!

For any corro over the coming days, please just send it into our Media inbox (cc'd) to make sure it's actioned while I'm out 😊

Thanks,

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Sent: Monday, 6 June 2022 1:13 PM
To: s47E(c) @afp.gov.au>; s47E(c) @ato.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Operation Protego media plan [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

Thanks s22(1)(a)(ii) that sounds awesome! We provided a draft media release mudmap to our media colleagues on Friday so I'll see how they're going with that so we can send you a copy asap.
Cheers,

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Hi s47E(c)

Hope you both had a good weekend! Just wanted to quickly touch base again on this.

Our Commander is keen for us to support this op from a media perspective as much as possible and has requested that one of our Production members attend one of the NSW warrants to film.

We're still finalising plans on which warrant it'll be, but just wanted to give you the early heads up in case you wanted to include that in your media plan. I'll of course keep you in the loop as details are locked in.

Kind regards,

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No worries, thanks s47E(c)

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Hi s22(1)(a)(ii)

At this stage the specifics are still being worked through. When the day/s of action are finalised, if there is enough to say, a press conference might be considered, but we'll keep you posted with lots of notice.

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Thanks a lot s47E(d) that'd be great! I understand things are still in the works, but can I also ask if there are any plans to set up a press conference on this? Or will it likely just be media releases and some interviews?

Thanks,

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Subject: RE: Operation Protego media plan [SEC=OFFICIAL] [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

Hi s22(1)(a)(ii)

Thanks for the call and letting me know that you'll be our contact for Protego as needed. I'll keep you in the loop and will send through our comms for input that we do.

I've also cc'd s47E(c) if you need to get in touch with anyone else on our end. 😊

Thanks s47E(c)

Kind Regards

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Subject: Operation Protego media plan [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi s47E(c)

Thanks for the chat just now. As discussed, appreciate if you could please keep me in the loop for media plans on Op Protego.

We'd appreciate the opportunity to contribute to any media products you have planned.

Kind regards,

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