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Operation Tiberius

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Introduction & Terms of Reference

In early October 2001, concerns were expressed by senior management⁵ [redacted] that proactive and reactive operations,⁶ [redacted] were consistently being compromised.⁷ [redacted] The assertion made, was that these compromises were occurring due to endemic police corruption linked to major organised crime.⁸

After consultation with the Internal Investigations Command (IIC) a decision was made⁹ [redacted] strategic intelligence scoping exercise should be commenced, to determine the extent of police corruption and its links with organised crime¹⁰ [redacted]. This decision was ratified by the most senior management within the MPS and authority was given for Operation Tiberius to commence on 15th October 2001.

Operation Tiberius has operated under the following terms of reference:

- ***To scope the degree of police corruption linked with organised crime in***¹¹ [redacted]
¹² [redacted]
- ***Devise strategies to eradicate or disrupt police corruption and the organised crime organisations it assists***¹³ [redacted]
- ***Identify suitable core crime nominals***¹⁴ [redacted] ***for the partnership agencies to target, in order to identify police corruption.***
- ***Assess the damage caused to the judicial system as a whole, and the MPS in particular, by police corruption linked to organised crime***¹⁵ [redacted]
¹⁶ [redacted]

¹⁷ [redacted]

Detective Superintendent¹⁸ [redacted] (IIC) was appointed as SIO and a Gold Group chaired by DAC¹⁹ [redacted] was formed to consider the progress of the operation and any strategic and ethical issues raised.

Operation Tiberius became operationally effective on 31st October 2001, when the initial tranche of IT equipment became available, giving the team access to the²²
²³ The first task was to allocate to each member of the team, a broad area of concern for them to thoroughly research.²⁴

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From the initial research it became clear that substantial intelligence existed on the²⁶
²⁷ the terms of reference and the areas of concern above.

From the intelligence available to them, the Operation Tiberius team has initially identified at²⁸ organised crime syndicates with associations to corrupt serving and former MPS staff.

This report forms the²⁹ initial response to the terms of reference, detailing the scope of the problem, strategies to address it, core nominals suitable for development and the damage caused thus far to the criminal justice system.

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Context

It is important at this stage to provide a context to the report, by defining some of the terms and roles that will be used.

Corruption

Operation Tiberius has defined corruption as:

- The corrupt compromising of arrests/operations to the benefit of organised crime
- Corruptly accessing the PNC and other law enforcement databases to the benefit of organised crime
- Networking with serving officers, witting and unwitting, to gain intelligence to assist organised crime
- Providing specialist knowledge to organised crime, i.e. surveillance, technical deployment and undercover techniques
- Actively engaging in criminality with organised crime i.e. funding drug importation, money laundering, recycling drugs

Operation Tiberius has not pursued any corruption intelligence, where the corrupt act is purely for the benefit of the officer involved, for instance stealing cash during searches.

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Organised Crime

An organised group of criminals engaged in serious and organised crime³⁶
³⁷ i.e. drug trafficking, contract killings, armed robbery, large
scale money laundering.³⁸

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Executive Summary

The executive summary below provides a concise initial response to each of the four terms of reference under which Operation Tiberius has operated.

1. To scope the degree of police corruption linked with organised crime

Operation Tiberius has initially identified⁴³ ⁴⁴ organised crime syndicates⁴⁵ with associations to corrupt serving and former MPS staff.

⁴⁶ individuals have been identified as being associated with the corrupt networks⁵¹ ⁴⁷

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