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28/12/80	FURTHER INTERVIEW OF MRS. SHIRLEY DRISCOLL RE DECEASED'S PONTIAC STATION SEDAN [REDACTED]	<u>WAKEFIELD/FESZCZUK</u>
	<p>On 27/12/80, attended [REDACTED] and interviewed Mrs. Edna BEDSER and her daughter Mrs. Shirley DRISCOLL re a 1977 Pontiac Grand Safari S/Sdn. Metallic chocolate in colour with woodgrain veneer side panels No. [REDACTED]. An inspection of the motor vehicle revealed that it was manufactured by General Motors in May 1977 and bears engine number [REDACTED]. It was also fitted with a chrome roof rack. Mrs. DRISCOLL informed us that her brother, the deceased paid a deposit of \$2,000-00 by cheque on the Station Sedan. He had purchased this vehicle from a company in Melbourne and on more than one occasion, members of the firm came to Sydney to see the deceased about a car. He also went to Melbourne to inspect the vehicle and they drove the motor vehicle from Melbourne to Sydney where the deceased had to meet representative of the company at a home at Wahroonga. On the day that he took delivery of the car, she was in the shop and he was gone from the shop all day. He then paid them the balance by cheque in the amount of \$13,000-00 and the two men returned to Melbourne. The deceased was not happy with the car as more work had to be done on the car and the firm agreed to do it. Mrs. DRISCOLL further stated that about 2-3 weeks prior to his death, he told her that he was not happy with the car and the same firm had advertised a Buick for sale and they contacted the deceased and he went to Melbourne with [REDACTED] 135 to inspect the motor vehicle. On the deceased's return, he told her they wanted too much money for the vehicle but he wanted this car and was going to trade in the Pontiac. The price of the car was over \$30,000-00 with the conversion to right hand drive and on road costs. The deceased at this time was 'ripping' people off in the business to get money to buy this car and his sister was aware of this and scolded him for it. He also attempted to borrow money from his sister to help purchase this car, as he had to have this Buick car. He got his nephew to also ring the firm concerning the motor vehicle</p>	

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	<p>Inquiries reveal that on 25/2/80 contracted with a firm known as AMERICAN AUTO IMPORTS of 313 Victoria Street, Abbotsford, Victoria. to import into Australia either a 1976 -77 or 78 Pontiac S/Sdn. the purchase price to BEDSER being \$15,000-00. The company was to purchase the vehicle in America and import it into Australia in the deceased's name, where it would be converted to Right Hand Drive and registered in NSW. The deceased entered a further similar contract on 28/7/80 for the current vehicle owned by him, in the price of \$15,000-00. This vehicle was loaded in Los Angeles Calif. 25/3/80 and shipped in a Container on the steamer "Priboy" and was landed in Melbourne about 17/4/80. The vehicle was shipped by the firm of Enterprise Shipping Corporation of 58 Sutter Street, San Francisco Calif. 94104 Telephone [REDACTED] and invoiced to American Auto Imports of 313 Victoria Street, Abbotsford, Vic. and to a A. HARTRODT (Australia) Pty Limited, 53 O Little Collins Street, Melbourne. (10th Floor) As well as the vehicle, a range of spare parts to suit that vehicle was also landed. On 22/8/80, the deceased again entered a contract with American Auto Imports for the Pontiac S/Sdn. However, it is not known whether that contract was entered in Melbourne or Sydney but a number of telephone numbers written on the contract relate to TRANS AMERICAN IMPORTS of 685 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne which is Directed by a Maxwell F WALKER. Telephone [REDACTED]. The name JACK SELLES appears handwritten on the last contract together with the name Phillip GUEST of Shepperton. The subject vehicle delivered to Sydney by two men presumably on 28/8/80 the date that the vehicle was first registered in BEDSER's name. However, as there were mechanical problems with the vehicle, a delay in registering the vehicle was experienced by the deceased and it may well be that the vehicle was delivered on 22/8/80 the last date upon which BEDSER signed a contract.</p>	

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	<p>As the deceased was not happy with this motor vehicle, he became interested in an advertisement American Auto Imports had placed for a Buick S/Sdn. The deceased contacted the firm and alleged was quoted a price in excess of \$34,000-00 plus the cost of conversion to R/H. Driver and on Road costs bringing to total cost to almost \$40,000-00. The deceased then contacted his [REDACTED] 1203 [REDACTED] 1203 born [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] Telephone [REDACTED] Work [REDACTED] Truck [REDACTED] Driver, who then contacted the same firm in respect of the same motor vehicle, and he was quoted the price of \$30,000-00 for the Buick which included the conversion to R/H Drive and on road costs. [REDACTED] 1203 informed the deceased of this price and the deceased asked him to recheck with the firm. [REDACTED] 1203 again rang Melbourne and was again quoted the price of \$30,000-00. [REDACTED] 1203 stated that he wanted a cheaper S/Sdn. of similar size and the Melbourne firm told him that a Pontiac S/Sdn. owned by Wally BEDSER at Parramatta Antiques could be bought from them for \$16,000-00. [REDACTED] 1203 then reaffirmed the situation with the deceased to which the deceased was of the opinion that he was being ripped off as he had been offered the sum of \$14,000-00 by the Melbourne firm as a trade in on the Buick S/Sdn.</p>	
	<p>Information was also forthcoming that the deceased had travelled to Melbourne with [REDACTED] 135 of [REDACTED] to inspect the Buick, returning to Sydney the following day.</p>	
	<p>[REDACTED] 135 was interviewed in the presence of his father concerning his trip to Melbourne and he informed us that they inspected the car described as a dark burgundy Buick S/Sdn. There were a number of dents on the body panels. The deceased pointed out these faults to the salesman who is believed to be Max WALKER and WALKER replied, "That's how the car's made." [REDACTED] 135 also stated that WALKER admitted owing the deceased</p>	

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	<p>the sum of \$1,000-00 for work that the deceased carried out on the Pontiac S/Sdn. and WALKER stated that he didn't have the money because he had not sold very many motor cars and as soon as he sells some cars, he would pay the deceased the money. At some time during the course of this trip, the deceased told 135 that he thought the vehicle was too expensive and he was going to try and get the car for \$30,000-00 as he wanted that particular motor car. 135 describes WALKER as About 40 old, dark hair, pointed chin, and locks similar to the Penry Et Photograph of the suspect. 135 stated that they flew to Melbourne on the Friday night and stayed at the home of a friend of the deceased called 'Max' which is not the same person as Max WALKER, and his home is approximately 20 minutes walk from the car yard where the Buick was inspected. 135 also stated that the deceased was interested in buying another house in Merrylands but he didn't know the location of the house. This information is corroborated by Mrs. BEDSER that he son was contemplating buying another house and had taken things from the family home to sell in the shop to raise money</p>	
	<p>Statement obtained from 1203 1203 re his telephone calls to Melbourne. Copies of documents mentioned attached.</p>	
	<p>Further inquiries to continue</p>	
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