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TO / DEST:

File AR-44298 - David Carvery

FROM / ORIG:

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SUBJECT / OBJET:

CARVERY, DAVID BRUCE - PROCEEDS OF CRIME

Comments/Remarques

I received a call from Don Pressè today. Don indicated that Mr. Carvery had informed him about discussions he has had with the Provincial Crown in regards to testifying at a murder trial in exchange for a deal on his drug charges. Don indicated that he had spoken to Dennis Theman about this situation. I have previously spoken to Dennis Theman about Mr. Carvery's situation. Dennis is prosecuting a person with the last name Assoun who is charged with murdering a prostitute in Dartmouth. Assoun had been bragging to Carvery in jail about how he had killed the prostitute. Dennis informed me that the case against Mr. Assoun is largely circumstantial. Dennis would like Mr. Carvery to testify, although he has some reservations about the fact that Mr. Carvery is a jail house informant. Dennis if familiar with the comments of Mr. Justice Kaufman and his inquiry into the Guy Paul Merran matter. Apparently Justice Kaufman was very critical of jail house informants and had numerous recommendations about how their evidence could and should be used. Dennis told me that he had been dealing directly with David Carvery and David Carvery wanted a sentence of two years less a day on his drug charges in exchange for his co-operation in the case against Mr. Assoun. I told Dennis that he should decide whether or not he needs Mr. Carvery's testimony and how valuable Mr. Carvery's testimony might be. I told Dennis that the Federal Crown will co-operate with the Provincial Crown and do what it can, within reason. Dennis told me he would get back to me once he had a better idea of if or how he wants to use Mr. Carvery.

At this point, Don just wanted to touch base with me. I told him that the ball is in Dennis Theman's court and that Dennis should contact me when he has decided what he wants to do with Mr. Carvery.

NOTE: The prostitute who was recently beaten to death in Dartmouth, Melissa Heartrick, was a key witness against Assoun in regards to this murder charge. Unfortunately for the Provincial Crown, all of the Crown's witnesses have some sort of a criminal past, and the case is largely circumstantial.

Dennis had told me that Assoun and his family members are very violent. Don Pressè said a concern for Carvery was making sure he never served any time in the future with Assoun.