STATEMENT

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STATES:

My full name is Marc VELLIN and I am a Protective Services Officer (PSO) at the Transit Safety Division of Victoria Police. On the 30th of December 2018, I was tasked to perform foot patrol at Dandenong with PSO Jamie KIELY and PSO Matthew PRIOR.

At 10:06pm we were patrolling the upper concourse when I observed a male on platform two who I immediately recognised as Uluaki (Junior) MAFI through previous interactions with him. MAFI was pacing up and down on the platform and did not attempt to catch any trains that had come through the station. I was maintaining observations of MAFI from the upper concourse when at approximately 10:25pm I observed MAFI having a conversation with an unknown female. MAFI and the female wandered to an area underneath the upper concourse. I moved my position so I had a clear uninterrupted view of them. I observed the female take a clear zip-lock bag out of her purse. I observed MAFI give the female money and she in turn handed him the zip-lock bag. MAFI held the zip-lock bag up to the light to look at the substance in it. MAFI nodded his head to the female and walked away with the zip-lock bag and the female walked away with the money.

I turned to PSO KIELY and PSO PRIOR and told them what I just saw. I told them that I had believed that a drug deal had just taken place and we agreed that we should conduct a search on MAFI for the substance that he just bought. A moment later MAFI walked up the stairs into the upper concourse. I approached MAFI and had the following conversation with him.

I said, "Junior, I just saw you buy some drugs of that lady. What did you buy?"

He said, "I didn't buy anything."