



Australian Government

**Australian Commission for
Law Enforcement Integrity**

SUMMARY OF REPORT 03/2016

Operation Hudson — an investigation into the relationship between a known criminal and an unidentified law enforcement officer

Regulation 20(e) of the *Law Enforcement Integrity Commissioner Regulations 2006* requires a summary of the outcomes of the investigations completed during the reporting period, together with any recommendations and any action taken as a result of the investigations, to be presented in the Integrity Commissioner's Annual Report.

Report 03/2016 was provided to the Minister on 16 September 2016 and has not been made public. A summary of the report will appear in the Integrity Commissioner's 2016–17 Annual Report and is reproduced below.

This report details ACLEI's investigation into allegations that a known criminal — with connections to other high value criminal targets of interest to law enforcement — was receiving information from a law enforcement officer. Prior to investigation, the identity of the law enforcement officer was unknown.

Unauthorised disclosure has the potential to damage law enforcement investigations and inter-agency information sharing arrangements, and may compromise the administration of justice. While the investigation ultimately determined that the law enforcement officer in question was outside the jurisdiction of ACLEI, it nevertheless highlighted the desirability of information held by law enforcement agencies and the need to maintain stringent safeguards against inappropriate access, manipulation, or disclosure.

Since investigations by other law enforcement agencies may be ongoing, and because of the continuing intelligence value of some aspects of ACLEI's investigation, this report has not been made public.