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Former ABF officer sentenced following guilty plea

Jared Purcell, a former Australian Border Force (ABF) officer, has been sentenced for intentionally making a false statement in a statutory declaration, unauthorised access to restricted data and providing false or misleading information.

Mr Purcell was convicted and released on the condition that he enter into a recognisance of \$1,500 and be of good behaviour for a period of 9 months.

During the investigation it was found that Mr Purcell had undeclared criminal associations and accessed ABF systems without authorisation on multiple occasions.

On 7 April 2025, Mr Purcell entered pleas of guilty to two offences contrary to s 137.1(1) and s 478.1(1) of the Criminal Code (Cth) and one offence contrary to s 11 of the *Statutory Declarations Act 1959* (Cth) and was sentenced in the Southport Magistrates Court.

This sentencing outcome stems from Operation Harvey, a joint investigation commenced by the former ACLEI and the Department of Home Affairs and later continued and concluded by the National Anti-Corruption Commission (NACC).

This prosecution was conducted by the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (Cth) (CDPP) and is the eighth conviction obtained in matters continued by the NACC since 1 July 2023.