

Dank Supplied Peptides To Bandido Toby Mitchell

Former Essendon sports scientist [Stephen Dank](#), who is at the center of Australia's drugs in sport controversy, has been known to facilitate the flow of peptides and growth hormones to Bandido bikie gang Toby Mitchell.

A report in the *Herald Sun* suggested that Dank has organized peptides for Mitchell, club enforcer to outlaw bikie gang the Bandidos, using contacts in the medical field, according to multiple sources in that field. In the past 18 months, Mitchell has survived two attempts on his life and he was hospitalized in March this year after he sustained a bullet injury during a shootout in an industrial estate on Melbourne's outskirts. Mitchell was previously admitted to the Royal Melbourne Hospital's intensive care unit after being shot five times outside the Doherty's Gym in Brunswick in November 2011.

Dank, who has been employed at AFL and NRL clubs since 2006, is at the center of the investigations by the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority into allegations that athletes may have taken banned substances. Among his business associates are people who reportedly have connections to the Comancheros bikie gang and it is believed that the sports scientists allegedly sourced some of his peptides and hormone supplies from a convicted drug dealer.

Hormones and peptides could be legally prescribed, and most often this occurred in cosmetic medicine, according to Sports physician Dr Peter Larkins who added that arguably you could do blood tests for people over 40 and show that their glandular function is dropping away and you could make a case for using it.s

Dank is still maintaining that all the substances he supplied to football players complied with sports anti-doping rules.

Dank, the Australian biochemist who worked as a sports scientist with National Rugby League clubs such as the [Manly Sea Eagles](#), was recently accused by the Melbourne biochemist Shane Charter of sourcing the peptide Thymosin beta 4 while working for Essendon. Thymosin beta 4, a peptide that assists muscle regeneration and is commonly used in racehorses, is prohibited for athletes under anti-doping rules and it has been listed as prohibited from "at least 2011", an Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority spokesman said.

Charter is expected to tell the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority that Dank had ordered enough Thymosin beta 4 to treat a squad of 30 players with regular weekly injections and said it was enough for an entire squad. Charter has disclosed that he will provide ASADA with physical evidence and said ASADA faced a difficult task finding out exactly what took place with the AFL club last season and he wanted to help. He said there is a lot of public misinformation out there and they're spending a lot of time putting out spot fires and dealing with things other than the actual investigation.

Meanwhile, Essendon stayed away from making any comments and said it could not comment until the ASADA and AFL investigations had finished. In another development, the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) has moved to shoot down claims by Dank that he had its permission to use a banned substance.