

RESTRICTED (when complete)

WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 16.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s.9

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Statement of: [REDACTED]

Age if under 18: [REDACTED] (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: Police Constable

This statement (consisting of [REDACTED] page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated anything in it, which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Signature: [REDACTED]

Date 18/03/2023

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded (supply witness details on rear)

On 30th January 2023 at approximately 18:15 Sussex Police and Brighton & Hove County Council Trading Standards carried out an alcohol test purchase a Booze Corner 92 Lewes Road Brighton BN2 3HZ. This involves sending and underage person into the shop to attempt to purchase a restricted product – in this case alcohol. On this occasion the shop failed the test and sold alcohol to a person I know to be 17 years of age; the sale was witnessed by a plain clothed PCSO.

At the time of the operation there were three males in the shop who were believed to be working but it transpired that there were only 2 males working at the shop and the other was a friend.

Through making fast time telephone enquiries with Home Office Officers, it transpired that neither had the right to work.

The first male worker was confirmed to be [REDACTED]. Home Office Officers confirmed that he was allowed to be in the country as he had a case going through but did not have the right to work. [REDACTED] was identified as having made the sale to the underage person.

The second male working was called [REDACTED], he was also confirmed by Home Office Officers to be allowed in the country who had a case going through but did not have the right to work.

To confirm the identity of both males the Home Office did email me photos of the males that they had on file for me to compare.

Throughout this time period I had a convoluted telephone conversation with the DPS and manager who is called [REDACTED]. Eventually he admitted to me that [REDACTED] was working at the shop and that [REDACTED] was also working at the shop, but he should only have been training and watching.

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