

RESTRICTED (when complete)**WITNESS STATEMENT****Criminal Procedure Rules, r 16.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s.9**

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Statement of:

PC Hancox

REDACTED**TEXT**

Age if under 18: O'18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: Police Constable

This statement (consisting of _____ 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: K V Hancox

Date 01/10/2021

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

On 17th May 2020 at approximately 01.00 in the company of Mark THOROGOOD a Police Licensing Officer we attended My Yummie Pizza, 41 Longridge Avenue, Saltdean , Brighton BN2 8LG to check that the premises was not open and trading hot food or drink as it did not have a Late night refreshment licence. On this occasion it was confirmed that shop was open and still serving hot food, I believe we spoke with a male called Khaled MOHAMED who stated that on Monday –Thursday they were open 11:00-00:00 and on a Friday and Saturday they were open till 01:00. We told MOHAMED they were not permitted to be open and serving hot food and drink past 23:00 and in order to do so had to apply to the council for a late night refreshment licence.

THOROGOOD sent a letter on the 19th May 2020 to the premise confirming that he had no Late Night Refreshment licence and that he was committing an offence of carrying on Licensable Activity.

On the 14th August 2020 myself and Mark THOROGOOD visited the premise at 17:45 to carry out a licensing check as they now has their late night refreshment licence and there was several conditions on this. On this occasion the owner was not present but we spoke with his son who implied he was looking to take over as manager, he stated he was aware of how the delivery drivers should behave when picking up collections and knew the times they were allowed to stay open till.

There was however several breaches of the licence which included:

Not displaying prominent notices in the premises reminding customers to respect local residents, keep noise down and leave quietly.

Not having a SIA written risk assessment

Not having incident log that was signed off once a week.

Not having CCTV that stored the footage for 31 days.

They were told to rectify the breaches and to start using the new incident book that we would ask the council to send.

On 9th September 2021 at 13.00 I visited the premises again, this time with Hannah STAPLEHURST a Police Licencing Officer and PC BERNASCONE. There was a female working behind the counter who called the

Continuation of statement of owners son who turned up after a short period of time.

There was again numerous breaches which included:

Still not having a SIA written risk assessment

A blank incident book was eventually found but it had no entries or weekly sign offs despite their being a recent assault at the premises

The CCTV was not showing the correct time and no one could operate it to establish whether it was working for the required 31 days plus the outside camera was not working at all.

There was no Part B on display.

On this visit we also carried out drug swabbing of the premise due to intelligence involving drugs, the results are as follows;

Top of toilet cistern – Cocaine 3.24

Shelf in toilet – Cocaine 4.00

Toilet seat - Cocaine 5.67

Out of use toilet sink – Cocaine 4.40

Out of use top of toilet Cistern – Cocaine 5.52

Out of use toilet seat – Cocaine 5.67

Table in the public seating area – Cocaine 1.15

Till Screen – Cocaine 1.15

Readings of 4.00 and above are estimated to relate to microgram amounts of contamination being transferred to the sample media. This level of contamination is not generally experienced in any other environment than somewhere that has been in direct contact with a bulk amount of the source narcotic, i.e. this level is not generally experienced as background contamination or through incidental cross contamination by being in close contact with other contaminated areas or persons.

My colleague sent a breach letter to the premises detailing all of the above.

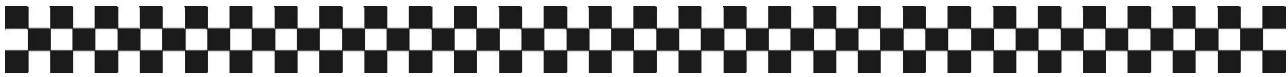
This statement was made using original notes from the visits on the 1st October 2021.

K V Hancox

Signature

Signature witnessed by:

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