

WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27. 2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B

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Statement of: [REDACTED]

Age if under 18: (if over 18 insert 'over 18')

Occupation: IMMIGRATION OFFICER

This statement (consisting of 2 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 in it anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature: Lindsey Cooper Date: 29/04/20

I am the above named. I am employed by the Home Office Immigration Enforcement as an Arrest Trained Immigration Officer. Part of my duties include conducting visits and interviewing persons in order to establish facts regarding their immigration status, identity and also further establish facts regarding allegations of illegal working.

On 23/08/19 I was on duty with officers from YORKSHIRE AND HUMBERSIDE IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT COMPLIANCE TEAM at SPICE OF LIFE, 8-12 WELLOWGATE, GRIMSBY, DN32 0RA following an allegation of illegal working taking place. The officer in charge of the operation was Immigration Officer (IO) [REDACTED].

I entered the premises from the rear at 1847HRS and proceeded to the kitchen area with AIO [REDACTED] where we proceeded to speak to a male who was working there. I do not recall his name.

I recall that the kitchen was quite large and there were numerous staff including waiters entering and leaving frequently through the service door leading to the restaurant.

I remember that a male who I now know to be SHAHIR HUSSAIN was being particularly verbally aggressive with Immigration staff. He was swearing at IO [REDACTED] and shouting that we had no right to be on the premises without a warrant. I heard IO [REDACTED] try to explain that we were there under Section 179 powers and therefore did not require a warrant. HUSSAIN became quite irate and told her to 'F*** Off'. He was literally 'in her face'. I found his aggressive attitude intimidating.

He was abusive and refused to be reasoned with. I remained in the kitchen area with AIO [REDACTED] and IO [REDACTED] whilst other colleagues dealt with several arrests in another parts of the building.

Whilst I was in the kitchen area a male who I believed to be a delivery driver entered the kitchen. He was also verbally and physically intimidating, pushing past me and swearing.

At some point I was instructed to return to the vehicles by IO [REDACTED]. When I left the kitchen area and went back into the rear yard I noticed that the delivery driver had blocked our vehicles in and we were unable to leave. Several officers approached him and asked him to move but he would not allow the vehicles out of the yard. He eventually slowly moved out of the way and we were able to depart at 2000HRS without further incident. I played no further part in the visit.

Signature  Signature witnessed by: