

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]

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Age if under 18 Over 18

(if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation:

Assistant Immigration Officer

This statement (consisting of 2 pages 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:
02/05/20

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

I am the above-named officer; I work in the Yorkshire and Humberside Immigration, Compliance and Enforcement Team, part of the Home Office based in Sheffield.

On 23 August 2019 I was part of an Immigration Enforcement team visit, comprising of Immigration Officers (IO) [REDACTED] (Officer in Charge), IO [REDACTED], IO [REDACTED], IO [REDACTED], IO [REDACTED] and IO [REDACTED]. As a result of information provided by the intelligence team, we attended SPICE of LIFE, 8-12 Wellowgate, Grimsby, DN32 0RA. Power to enter the premises was under Section 179 of the Licensing Act 2003.

We arrived at the business at approximately 1850hrs. I was positioned watching one of the rear doors in the parking area at the rear of the business with IO [REDACTED]. IO [REDACTED] and IO [REDACTED] where also in the rear car park covering another rear door.

A male ran from the rear door which was being covered by IO [REDACTED] and IO [REDACTED]; the male was apprehended and arrested by IO [REDACTED].

After receiving instructions from IO [REDACTED], myself and IO [REDACTED] entered through the rear door into the kitchen area and encountered 2 males, both fitting the description from the intelligence. On asking both if they had identification, a male who I later found out was the manager of the business approached us shouting angrily that they needed to work, and I could speak to them when they were on their break. Both IO [REDACTED] and IO [REDACTED] spoke to him to try and calm the situation. The manager walked out of the kitchen shouting.

Signature: S Green

Signature witnessed by:

I recall that whilst I stood in the kitchen area speaking to the 2 male workers, the manager walked back and forth constantly from the kitchen to the eating area, shouting and swearing. The first male, who I now know to be [REDACTED] handed me his phone which showed a picture of his Biometric Residence Permit; following a telephone check I was able to clear him. The second male I now know to be [REDACTED] advised me his identification was upstairs in a room above the restaurant. The manager said we were to go upstairs for his identification. [REDACTED] explained that we would need to use the outside stairs to access his flat. I followed [REDACTED] outside and up the stairs; he gave me several passports. We returned to the enclosed parking area at the rear of the restaurant where I checked [REDACTED] passports. Following checks on Home Office systems [REDACTED] too was cleared and he returned inside the restaurant. I remained in the car park. I could still hear the manager's raised voice before he closed the rear door. I checked the door and it had been locked.

A white European male had arrived earlier by car and I had seen him in the kitchen. Whilst I stood outside the back of the restaurant I saw him exiting and he was making angry verbal gestures of which I cannot remember. He got in a vehicle and drove out of the parking area. On conclusion of the visit and leaving the parking area, the Immigration Enforcement vehicles were blocked by the same male in his vehicle. IO [REDACTED] and IO [REDACTED] had to speak to the man before he eventually moved his vehicle to allow us to leave.

We departed the area and I played no further part in the visit.

Signature: [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by:

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