

WITNESS STATEMENT

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

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Statement of: [redacted] Drake

Age if under 18: 018 (if over 18 insert 'over 18')

Occupation: Police Constable

This statement (consisting of 1 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: [redacted] Drake (witness)

Date: 04/08/26

I am the above named person employed by Humberside Police in the role of Police Constable. I was on duty on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2026, wearing full police issue uniform and operating on call sign BG18. At the start of my shift, I was requested to assist Immigration Enforcement with a job they were conducting at SPICE OF LIFE, in GRIMSBY – I was informed that we were present to prevent breach of the peace.

At around 17:48 hours I entered the premises. Whilst on the premises, myself and PC 1352 HULLETT were requested to stay near the rear fire exit. To the left hand side of this door, there was a room that housed a walk in fridge, an area in which food was kept and then a locked office which housed the CCTV system for the business and I believe alcohol was also kept in here.

I was informed that the immigration officers needed access to this room to view the CCTV but initially the key to this door was supposedly not on the premises. The manager left the property for a short while to go and collect this key so that entry was not forced to the room.

When the manger returned with the key, he opened the office door and was informed by enforcement officers that CCTV was going to be viewed. When informed this, the manager became quite obstructive, he would not leave the area – which was small to begin with – and appeared to be trying to block the officers from doing their job. The manager was trying to prevent the CCTV being viewed, stating that the enforcement officers needed a warrant for this to be looked at however he was informed that by immigration officers multiple times that they had the power to view it because they were lawfully on the premise.

PC HULLETT tried to reason with the manager politely, asking him to step out of the room so they could go through the legislation together as immigration powers are not something we come across often and therefore not overly familiar with. I then also tried to persuade the manager to step out of the room with us so that the enforcement officers could do their job. Each attempt to reason with the manager was not successful, PC HULLET gave the

manager multiple warnings to move out of the office before he eventually took hold of the managers right arm and removed him from the office, using minimal force.

When the manager was removed his words to PC HULLETT were 'YOU FUCKING IDIOT, YOU'VE JUST HURT MY FUCKING ARM'. The manager proceeded to keep swearing at PC HULLETT, stating the he had problems with both of his arms and that he was now hurt.

PC HULLETT pulled up Section 47 of the Immigration Act and was reading through this with the manager, explaining that the enforcement officers were simply doing their job.

The manager was insisting that the door was to be opened to the office because he had money that he kept in there and he doesn't trust anyone, to which I informed him that everyone had their body worn cameras switched on and that he had nothing to worry about.

The manager then said to PC HULLETT 'YOU'RE LUCKY YOU'RE IN THOSE CLOTHES MATE' to which PC HULLETT replied, 'DON'T START MAKING STUPID THREATS'.

The manager continued to argue with us, stating that what the enforcement officers were doing was illegal even though he was told multiple times that officers were acting lawfully. He also continued saying that we wanted to get back in the office to check that his money was not being stolen.

Throughout the interaction, the manager was very argumentative with myself and PC HULLETT, was constantly talking over us and was interrupting when we were trying to explain the situation to him.

Whilst we were still near the office, the manager kept coming backwards and forwards to us. At one point he came back and asked PC HULLETT 'ARE YOU SMILING TO JUST TAKE THE PISS?' to which PC HULLETT replied that he was just being polite. He then referred to PC HULLETT as 'JUST A LITTLE KID'. It was then explained that the CCTV system could be seized however they were trying to do enquiries on site so that didn't need to happen and the managers reply was 'I DON'T GIVE A FUCK'.

Towards the end of the visit, the manager and his staff became argumentative with the enforcement officers, telling them they were racist and the manager was saying, 'GET THE FUCK OUT', 'GO GO, SEE YOU LATER, FUCK OFF'.

When we were all about to leave, one of the staff members made comment that the back door best be shut. When one of the enforcement officers said they would go and check, the staff member was rude and said that he would be getting locked in if they didn't leave immediately even though he made the comment about the back door being locked.

Signature:  Drake