

**WITNESS STATEMENT**

CJ Act 1967, s.9; MC Act 1980, ss.5A(3) (a) and 5B; Criminal Procedure Rules 2005, Rule 27.1

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Statement of: [REDACTED] .....

Age if under 18: Over 18 ..... (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: Immigration Officer [REDACTED] .....

This statement (consisting of 2 pages 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] ..... Date 18 October 2019.....

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

I am the above named officer and I'm based at [REDACTED] I have been an Immigration Officer since April 2017 and I have been employed by the Home Office since 2016.

I attended Akbars Dynasty, Sadberge, Darlington, Cleveland, DL2 1SZ on Thursday 2 May 2019 as part of a planned enforcement visit. My role was arrest officer with [REDACTED] as cover.

Upon arriving at the premises [REDACTED] asked myself and [REDACTED] to remain at the front entrance whilst himself and [REDACTED] attempted to gain Fully Informed Consent from the manager in the front of house. Whilst they entered the front of the premises, [REDACTED] advised over airwaves that she had observed males in the kitchen area removing their kitchen attire and providing a description of what they were wearing, stating they had disappeared out of officers sight from the rear exit point. [REDACTED] then advised over airwaves he had sight of 1 male sitting in the conservatory area of the restaurant in the attempt to look like a customer.

Following this information, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] exited the premises stating the manager had refused entry to the premises. [REDACTED] advised officers to remain in position whilst he went to the rear to speak with officers regarding what they had witnessed. [REDACTED] then returned to the front of the premises and contacted the on call AD for the evening, providing full details to her and was able to be granted entry to the premises under Section 28CA Immigration Act 1971, AD Warrant.

Upon entry to the premises I proceeded to the kitchen area and took details of 2x males. Home Office checks conducted showed the males to be British Citizens through naturalisation. I then provided cover to [REDACTED] whilst she started to interview a male. [REDACTED] located a further male hiding in the toilet area behind where [REDACTED] was questioning her subject for which [REDACTED] asked [REDACTED] to attend and deal with the male who had been hiding.

[REDACTED] then asked officers to take the males being questioned into the conservatory area of the restaurant, I attended with officers. Upon reaching this area, [REDACTED] asked me to stand down from within the premises and await out of the front entrance with the vehicles and to ensure the cell van was ready for transportation of arrestees.

Left premises at 18:54

The following day Friday 3 May 2019 I attended the business with [REDACTED] to deliver the AD Letter of Authority to enter the business during the enforcement visit, however the premises was closed. [REDACTED] posted the letter which was in a sealed envelope through the letterbox.

**Witness contact details**

Home address: Postcode:.....

Home telephone No:..... Work telephone No:.....

Mobile/Pager No:..... E-mail address:....

Preferred means of contact (*specify details*): ...email.....

Best time of contact (*specify details*):.....anytime.....

Female Date and place of birth:.....

Former name:..... Ethnicity Code (16 + 1)..... Religion / Belief (*Specify*.....)

**DATES OF WITNESS NON-AVAILABILITY:**.....

**Witness care**

- a) Is the witness willing to attend court? Yes  No  If 'No', include reason(s) on form **MG6**.
- b) What can be done to ensure attendance? .....
- c) Does the witness require a Special Measures Assessment as a vulnerable or intimidated witness?  
Yes  No  If 'Yes' submit **MG2** with file.
- d) Does the witness have any particular needs? Yes  No  If 'Yes' what are they? (*Disability, healthcare, childcare, transport, language difficulties, visually impaired, restricted mobility or other concerns?*)

**Witness Consent (for witness completion)**

- a) The Victim Personal Statement scheme (victims only) has been explained to me: Yes  No
- b) I have been given the Victim Personal Statement leaflet Yes  No
- c) I have been given the leaflet "Giving a witness statement to the police – what happens next?" Yes  No
- d) I consent to police having access to my medical record(s) in relation to this matter (*obtained in accordance with local practice*) Yes  No  N/A
- e) I consent to my medical record in relation to this matter being disclosed to the defence: Yes  No  N/A
- e) I consent to the statement being disclosed for the purposes of civil proceedings if applicable, e.g. child care proceedings, CICA: Yes  No
- g) The information recorded above will be disclosed to the Witness Service so that they can offer help and support, unless you ask them not to. Tick this box to decline their services:

Signature of witness:..... PRINT NAME:.....

Signature of parent/guardian/appropriate adult:..... PRINT NAME:.....

Address and telephone number if different from above:.....

Statement taken by (*print name*):..... Station:.....

