

WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27.2: Criminal Justice Act 1967, s.9: Magistrates' Court Act 1980, s.5B

Statement of [Redacted]

[Empty boxes for case details]

Age if under 18 Over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: 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: 10/03/2020

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

I am the above named officer and I work as part of the [Redacted] Immigration Compliance and Enforcement team, currently part of the [Redacted] Police.

On 15/02/2020 I attended AKBAR DYNASTY RESTAURANT, SANDBERGE, DARLINGTON, DL2 1SZ. After receiving a briefing from [Redacted] I travelled to the business premises, arriving at approximately 19:55hrs to take up my role as external cover officer. I remained as external cover officer until called into the premises by [Redacted] and took up position in the kitchen area, where I acted as a cover officer. At approximately 20:30hrs I received a message via airwaves from [Redacted] asking for an officer to attend the front of house to deal with a waiter who appeared to be evading officers by staying out of sight in the conservatory area of the premises. I attended and my attention turned to a male wearing a white shirt, black tie and black dress pants. I waved the male through from the conservatory towards me and introduced myself to him explaining that I needed to take some details from him to establish his identity and Immigration status. The male who I now know to be [Redacted] provided me with his details and I completed a status checks with my back-office staff. These checks on Home Office systems showed that [Redacted] has an outstanding asylum claim and no permission to work within the UK. I began to ask him the following questions in relation to his employment at AKBAR DYNASTY:

- Q1.HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN WORKING HERE?
A1. ONE WEEK
Q2. WHAT IS YOUR JOB/ROLE AND WHAT ARE YOUR DUTIES?
A2. I DO TAKEAWAY PACKAGING AND SERVE DRINKS TO CUSTOMERS
Q3. WHAT DAYS/HOURS DO YOU WORK EACH WEEK?
A3. I WORKED FRIDAY LAST WEEK, AND THIS WEEK I HAVE WORKED ONDAY AND THURSDAY. I START AT 7PM UNTIL 10.30PM
Q4. WHO TELLS YOU WHAT DAYS/HOURS TO WORK?
A4. MY FRIEND [Redacted] I CANT REMEMBER HIS FULL NAME
Q5. WHO TELLS YOU WHAT DUTIES TO DO EACH DAY?
A5. [Redacted]

Signature: [Redacted] Signature witnessed by:

Continuation of Statement of

Q6. WHAT TIME DID YOU GET HERE TODAY?

A6. 5PM I GO HERE

Q7. HOW DID YOU GET HERE FROM SUNDERLAND?

A7. [REDACTED] PICKED ME UP FROM [REDACTED] TRAIN STATION AND BROUGHT ME TO THE RESTAURANT

Q8. WHO ELSE DID HE PICK UP?

A8. I AM NOT SURE

Q9. HOW ARE YOU PAID?

A9. FOOD, WHATEVER IS LEFT AT THE END OF THE NIGHT. [REDACTED] GIVES A FRIEND THAT WORKS HERE ALSO, HE ISNT ALLOWED TO WORK EITHER, BUT HE IS NOT HERE TONIGHT.

Q10. DO YOU HAVE A NATIONAL INSURANCE NUMBER?

A10. NO

Q11. WHAT NAME DOES THE EMPLOYER KNOW YOU AS?

A11. HE CALLS ME [REDACTED]

Q12. DID YOU SHOW HIM DOCUMENT'S BEFORE BEING OFFERED THE JOB? IF SO, WHAT?

A12. NO AS I JUST STARTED LAST WEEK AND HE SAID AT FIRST YOU'RE JUST HELPING ME AND THEN GIVE HIM DOCUMENTS LATER.

Q13. WHO DO YOU KNOW IN HERE?

A13. ONE OF MY FRIENDS, HE IS CALLED [REDACTED] BUT HE IS NOT HERE TONIGHT THOUGH.

Q14. DO YOU REALISE THAT YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO WORK?

A14. I DO, I AM ONLY HELPING HERE.

Following the questions made above, I advised the male that he has no permission to work in the UK and advised him that he should vacate the premises or cease what he was doing immediately. He agreed with me and attempted to shake my hand whilst the owner who was being questioned by [REDACTED] stated that he would take him back to the station. I played no further part in this investigation and departed the scene at approximately 20:20hrs.

[REDACTED]

Signature:

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Signature witnessed by:

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