

Witness Statement

(C.J.Act 1967 - S.9, M.C. Act 1980 – ss5A(3)(a) and 5B, M.C. Rules 1981 r.70)

Statement of: Nicholas Bookal

Age if under 18: 13

Occupation: Student

This statement (consisting of 2 page(s) 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.

Dated Wednesday 24th August 2011

Signature

My name is Nicholas Bookal and I am a school boy. I am 13 years old and my date of birth is 27/1/98. On the 24th August 2011 I was assisting Paul Harris Andrew Clooney and Ali Bandukwalla, Officers from the Trading Standards Service with a survey of age restricted goods. I was wearing black converses, jeans, a white polo and a black leather jacket and was not wearing jewellery. I was assisted by Chenel Anderson also a school girl aged 14. I was instructed by Andrew Clooney to enter Bacovia Supermart, 300 Neasden Lane, London NW10 and attempt to purchase some alcohol. I was not wearing the covert surveillance equipment. Before entering the premise, Andrew Clooney instructed us to tell our true age and say we do not have identification if asked. Andrew Clooney also instructed us to tell the truth. At around 12:30, Andrew Clooney went into Bacovia Supermarket first and we followed shortly after. We went left to the last aisle, by the refridgerator section and I picked up one can of Fosters and one can of Beck's largar. I placed the cans on the counter and at the till was a 14 year old boy, with blue eyes and a slim build. He was wearing a polo shirt and jeans. He said the cost of the products were £2. At first I couldn't understand his accent but when he repeated himself, I understood. I

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handed him a £5 note and he gave me £3 in 50p's. At not point did he ask for our age or any ID, if he had done I knew I would have told the truth. After, we left the shop and I handed Paul Harris the bag with the drinks. We returned to van, where we wrote our statements. After this, Ali took further digital photographs of Chanel, myself and Paul

20 Harris. **SIGNED**

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