



# Witness Statement

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MC Act 1980, ss5A(a) and 5B;

MC Rules 1981, r70;

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Statement of: ..Lavine Miller-Johnson .....

Age of if under 18..... (if over 18 insert 'over 18').....

Occupation: .....Licensing officer .....

This statement (consisting of ...2.. 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 anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated the:.....12.08.2015.....

Signature: .....  


I am employed by the London Borough of Brent as a Licensing Officer. My duties include enforcing The Licensing Act 2003. A visit was conducted on 5th August 2015 13:25hrs to Sudbury A-Z Newsagents 711 Harrow Road Wembley HA0 2LL. On entering the premise I noted that there was several posters on the windows however the main door was fairly clear. I introduced myself to the member of staff behind the counter. I asked the staff member if he was the manager. He replied no the manager is not here he is coming. At that moment, he left the shop unattended for a few minutes before returning with another gentleman called Mr Khalid Mahmood. This member of staff who I now know to be Mr Hareh Gushani showed me his personal licence. Mr Gushani gave his address as shown on the personal licence 711 Harrow Road Wembley HA0 2LL. When asked if he lived at the address provided he said no. He was asked where he lived and was unable to supply an address. I asked Mr Khalid if he was the manager and he said no, he is just a friend. Mr Gushani was advised that if he does not live at this address then he should not be using this as his mailing address and certainly not for his personal licence. He was asked again where he lived. Mr Gushani had to consult with Mr Mahmood on what was being asked of him as Mr Gushani could not under clear English. Mr Mahmood wrote on a piece of paper the address of Mr Gushaini as 2 Dawn Walk. Mr Gushani was unable to give us any further information about his address and said he had to call his daughter. I never received the full address of where Mr Gushani resides. Mr Gushani became very agitated when he was asked question. He was asked what the age verification policy was that had been adopted on the premise. He was unable to response. He said that he needed to drink water. He started saying that he gets nervous when the police or anyone comes in to ask question. He said that his blood pressure is getting high. I did not witness Mr Gushani do a blood pressure check at anytime whilst I was present in the shop. Mr Gushani became more agitated during the visit. As Mr Gushaini was struggling to understand the questions asked without Mr Mahmood translating, I asked him how it was possible for him to have completed the personal licence holders course. He said that it was taught in Punjabi language. He then asked if I speak Hindi to which I replied no and that he can not expect all of his customers to be able to speak it also.

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Mr Gushani increasingly became uncomfortable with the visit. He then took an energy drink from the fridge cabinet and went outside to sit on the wall. Whilst outside, I asked him where he had got Mr Mahmood from and asked if he worked at the premise. He said he is a friend and works at Lincoln Harford Solicitors at 713 Harrow Road. Whilst outside Mr Gushani said that he speak medium English not much English. He was asked if they sold plastic cups. He said they don't sell plastic cups they give them away if customers ask for them with a beer or drink. There is no charge for a cup. When entering the shop again Mr Mahmood was also asked if they sold cups. He looked behind the counter and said they are finished. I asked Mr Mahmood if he had a bottle opener. He once again looked behind the counter and said there was one there but it was now gone.

There was no incident book found on request. I asked to see staff training records. Mr Mahmood said that he did not know where it was and that he had seen it there in the premise before. After a short while he produced a record of staff training. Mr Mahmood and Mr Gushani were both on the list of staff who had been trained. Following on from my visit above, I do not feel that Mr Gushani is suitable to be responsible for the sales of Alcohol in the absence of Mr Nutt. If Mr Nutt can not provide suitably trained staff to manage the shop in his absence then in my opinion alcohol should not be on sale on the premise.

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**STATEMENT TAKEN BY (Print name)** .....

**Job Title:** .....licensing Officer .....

**Date/Time Statement taken** .....12.08.2015.....

**Place statement taken:**.....Brent Civic Centre.....