

**WITNESS STATEMENT**

(CJ Act 1967, s.9; MC Act 1980, ss.5A(3)(a) and 5B; MC Rules 1981, r.70)

Statement of **PC368QK Michael Sullivan**..... URN: 

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Age if under 18 **Over 18**..... (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: **Police Officer 220776** .....

This statement (consisting of: ..... 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: .....



Date: .....

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

I am a Police Constable of 12 years experience, all of which I have worked on the London Borough of Brent, I am currently attached to the licensing unit for the Borough, I have been authorised via a delegated authority to represent the Borough Commander of the London Borough of Brent and for the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police Service to act on Licensing matters.

On the 1st January 2017, I was on duty in plain clothes in company with PC782QK Whitcomb, we were conducting licensing visits in the Sudbury area. I am aware that Sudbury Supermarket has a premises licence that allows it to sell/supply alcohol between 08.00 hours until 23.00 hours Monday to Saturday, and between 08.00 hours until 22.30 hours on Sundays.

At approximately 00.04 hours we entered the shop, I could see that alcohol was being displayed, none of the alcohol was covered or behind screens. I also saw a male I know to be Mr Gunasingam Rasitharan behind the serving counter, I am aware that he is the Premises Licence Holder, and the Designated Premises Supervisor for Sudbury Supermarket. There was no one else in the shop. Mr Rasitharan was talking on his mobile phone, I walked past him and went to the fridge area which is located next to the counter, I selected a can of K Cider, from the fridge, I could see a price tag below the Cider stating that the cost of K Cider was £1.30 I walked to the counter and stood in front of Mr Rasitharan and placed the can on the counter, before handing him the money for the Cider, Mr Rasitharan was still talking on his phone, he took the money from me and placed it in the till, he then took a small black plastic bag and put it on the counter next to the Cider, I stood there and waited for him to place the can in the bag, a few seconds later he picked up the can and placed inside the black carrier bag before handing it to me, he then said 'happy new year' I then walked out of the shop along with PC Whitcomb.

As I got outside the shop I noticed Mr Rasitharan was following us out of the shop we stop and stood a

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few feet away from the shop front, I looked around and saw that Mr Rasitharan was tidying the fruit and Veg that was on a stand at the front of the shop, he continued to look over at us and appeared nervous, I then turned and started to walk back towards him, I took out my warrant card to show him, at which point he said 'yes I know who you are, I just realised I am sorry please give me one more chance' we then went back inside the store, Mr Rasitharan kept saying 'please give me one more chance' I asked him why his alcohol was still on display for sale, and why he had sold me the can of K Cider, he said 'I was distracted as I was on the phone' I pointed out that he took the money from me and eventually placed the can into the bag for me, he replied 'yes sorry give me one more chance, I am closing the shop now' I then took some pictures of the alcohol that was on the shelves and in the fridge, I informed him that someone from Brent Police licensing will be contacting him about this and then left the shop.

I exhibit the can of K Cider as MJS/01, I placed this in a police evidence seal bag and sealed, seal number MPSC38109996 refers.

I exhibit the pictures as MJS/02 A picture of Mr Rasitharan standing at the front of the counter, alcohol displayed behind the counter.

MJS/03 Alcohol displayed on shelves in shop not covered.

MJS/04 Beers and wines on display on shelving

MJS/05 Cans of beer on display in fridge

MJS/06 Cans and Bottles of alcohol in fridge

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EXHIBIT MJS/02

