

WITNESS STATEMENT

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

Statement of PC Smallwood 2269NW URN:

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Age if under 18 **Over 18**..... (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: **Police Officer 241820**

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: PC Smallwood 2269NW Date: 15/02/2023

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

This statement relates to visit at; THE FIELD PUB, NEASDEN LANE, NW10 1QG. There are no CAD references in relation to this incident, this was a spot check licencing visit.

On Tuesday the 14th of FEBRUARY 2023 I was posted with colleagues; H [redacted] 2895NW, P [redacted] 2841NW, and PCSO I [redacted] 7128NW. We were posted in a marked mini-bus, in police uniform along NEASDEN LANE NW10. Our tasking for the day was to assist Brent Council Enforcement Officers issue tickets to offenders in Neasden, as part of the OP Nightingale Operation.

Whilst at location, I was contacted by my supervisor A/PS H [redacted] 3703NW who made me aware of a pub along Neasden Lane, namely "THE FIELD" may be operating without a licence, and asked if I could check the premises due to being at the location. At approximately 1900 hours, I viewed the location from the main road of NEASDEN LANE. It was clear the pub was not readily open to the public. The door was close, shutters were down over the windows and no lights were visible. We then checked the rear entrance. On arriving, the rear door was slightly ajar and lights were visible. I announced "police" and "police please come to the door" loudly multiple times to no avail. At this point I made contact once again with my supervisor A/PS H [redacted] to update him. Following a short discussion, it was brought to my attention that this could be an insecure premises. At this point I made the decision to enter, as I had an honest held belief that the owner of the premises would give me permission to enter if they were aware of the circumstance.

On entering I announced "Hello, Police" a final time, walking through the short corridor to the main room. Here, I was met with three males all in their 50's or 60's. Two of the males had pints of beer in front of them, including an additional empty beer glass each, with residue inside. I asked the males why they did not answer when I shouted police through the building. All three males sat silently, not responding. The fridges were fully stocked with bottled beers and soft drinks, there were nozzles on the beer taps with residue on them from beer being served. I asked PC 2841NW to check behind the bar to see if there were any other persons present. No additional persons were found. I returned to the three males, asking again "who's working here" the male without a pint reluctantly slowly raised his hand. I

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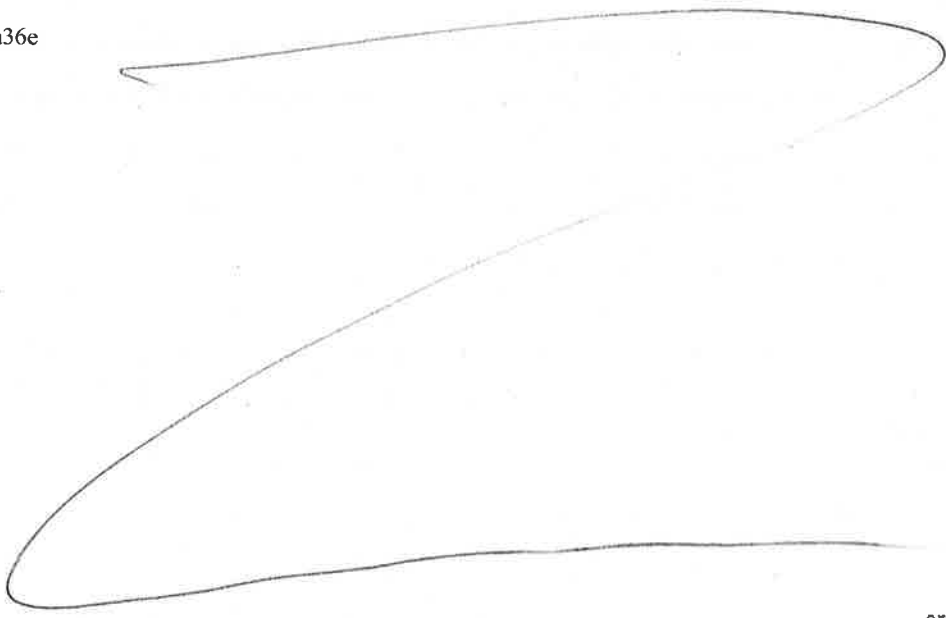
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asked the male "Are you the owner or just working here?" the male replied "I'm just working here". I asked this male to provide his details, he gave his information as follows; MR JOSEPH FINN dob [redacted] residing at [redacted] When clarifying these details, the male explained that the home address provided was that of his friends who he is currently staying with. I asked the male for his actual home address, the male refused to provide details stating it was in South East London, later changing his story stating it was actually his daughter's address. The male was asked to provide ID in order to confirm these details, he could not, stating he did not have any form of ID.

I disclosed to the male I was aware that the premises currently does not own a licence to sell alcohol, asking him why there were two males sat at the bar drinking. He told me "We're not selling alcohol, there's no till. We took away the till". I asked the male "what is your role here?" he replied "I will be the boss", I asked the male "so are you the owner?" to which he replied "I will be the owner of the premises, we're waiting for a licence". At this point I exited the rear of the pub and spoke with A/PS Hicks once more to update him. On my return, PC 2895NW informed me that he had ascertained that the male did in fact have identification in the form of a debit card. The name on the card was "T O SHEAHAN". PC 2895NW informed me the male admitted to him that this was in fact his real name, and he had originally provided false details. I now know the male's real identity to be Mr TIMOTHY OLIVER SHEAHAN dob [redacted] Residing last known address "THE FIELD" 249 NEASDEN LANE NW10 1QG. I informed Mr Sheahan that I would be reporting to the council that there were persons present drinking alcohol, that he stated he was only working at the location when he was in fact the owner, and that he provided false details to the police in attempts to cover his real identity.

I produce my body worn video footage as my exhibit RJS/01.

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