

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 Richard Rossington URN: [] [] [] []

Age if under 18 Over 18..... (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: Police 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: [Signature] Date: 18/5/12

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

I am Pc Richard Rossington 976QK attached to the Queens Park Safer neighbourhood team based at Kilburn Police Station. My statement relates to the MACE, grocery and off licence 17 College Parade, Salusbury Road, NW6 and the problems I believe it has caused to the police and the local community. The MACE shop is a medium sized shop selling groceries, alcoholic drinks and cigarettes and tobacco. I have worked on the Queens Park ward for 4 years and I am familiar with the shop and its location and one particular member of staff, Nazeem BASHIR who is also known as "Naz".

In June 2011 I was on duty between 1400hrs and 2200hrs when we received a call to Queens Park from a local resident who stated that there were youths trespassing in the park after it had closed. We went to the park and in the Banstand area were 10 youths smoking cannabis and drinking cans of lager and bottles of wine. None of the youths were over 18 years of age the alcohol was confiscated and disposed of. One of the group admitted to buying the alcohol from a shop on College parade that was described as not the one on the corner, which I took to be the Mace Shop.

As part of a borough wide operation with the Brent Police Cadets in July 2011 we visited off licences and the cadets took part in test purchasing of alcohol from these premises to identify any off licences that were supplying alcohol to underage persons. On the 29th July 2011 we visited the Mace shop and one police cadet entered and purchased two bottles of alcopop type drinks. I then entered the shop and spoke to the Nazeem BASHIR who had served the underage police cadet. As I entered the shop Mr BASHIR was discussing cannabis with another customer. After overhearing this both MR BASHIR and the other customer were searched but nothing was found. Mr BASHIR denied that the police cadet was under age but was then issued with a Penalty notice for disorder (PND) for the sale of alcohol to a person underage, Mr BASHIR accepted the PND. There was also no copy of the licence to sell alcohol on display and Mr BASHIR was not able to produce one for us to check. The CCTV was also defective which I believe is another breach of the licence.

In February 2011 we received information from the public that a male called "Naz" was selling cannabis from a shop on Salusbury Road. On the 12th March we carried out a search warrant at the shop and Mr BASHIR's home address. Nothing was found at the shop but some cannabis was found at the home address and MR BASHIR arrested and charged with

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possession. Mr BASHIR has previously been convicted of possession of cannabis and cocaine and I do not believe that he is a fit person to be working in the Mace shop unsupervised. Myself and Sgt Day have spoken to the His uncle and father about the situation and asked why he could not work earlier shifts to avoid any further breaches of the licence. We were told that Mr BASHIR could not get up in the morning so had to work the late shifts. Despite our warnings that the licence of the shop could be affected by Mr BASHIR working the late shifts and selling alcohol to underage person nothing has changed at the shop.

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