

WITNESS STATEMENT**Criminal Procedure Rules, r. 16.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s.9**

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Statement of: **Rebeka Casey**Age if under 18: **018** (if over 18 insert 'over 18')Occupation: **Police Constable 1299**

This statement (consisting of 4 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 in it, anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature:

Date 07/10/24

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

I am the above named person employed as a Police Constable within Lincolnshire Police, I currently work in the Alcohol Licensing Team and predominantly cover the Lincoln and West Lindsey District areas.

On Friday 27th September 2024 I was on duty and in company with Sgt Adams and Tracy Gavins from West Lindsey District Council's licensing team. At approximately 11:00 hours we attended Today's Convenience Store, 2 Horsemarket, Caistor to carry out a routine compliance check. This was the first time that the premises had been visited by licensing officers since the licence was transferred in September 2023. At the time of the visit the premises licence holder (PLH) was Grantham Curry Pot Ltd company number 14192497 with the sole director being Arumugam Kalamohan. The designated premises supervisor (DPS) was also Arumugam Kalamohan.

Upon entering the store, I engaged with the staff member who was behind the counter. It was quickly established that there were no other staff present. The male behind the counter was wearing a black polo shirt bearing the "Today's" logo on the top left side and had the words "Challenge 25" on the right side. I asked if the gentleman had any identification to which he said he did not, he did not appear to have any belongings or possessions other than a mobile phone. I had concerns about this gentleman

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and suspected that he may not have had the right to work because he was unable to provide ID or confirm his home address. In order to ascertain the males ID I placed him on the fingerprint scanner and was able to confirm his details as [REDACTED] born Sri Lanka. I then made a call to the Home Office National Command and Control Unit (NCCU) who were able to provide further details in relation to Mr [REDACTED] Mr [REDACTED] initially had an asylum claim but this was rejected, he had not been in contact with immigration services since November 2023. Based on this information I was advised that Mr [REDACTED] needed to be arrested under s.17 Immigration Act 1971. Subsequently the male was arrested and transported to Lincoln Custody.

Whilst I had been making enquiries with NCCU the shop remained open and several customers came in to purchase goods, being served by Mr [REDACTED] every time. He seemed proficient at using the till and knew his way around the premises and its stock well.

During the visit we checked compliance with the premises licence and found some minor breaches. The CCTV did not retain for the required period only recording back for 23 days instead of 28. There was a comprehensive folder containing various training documents and authorities but unfortunately, much of the paperwork was unsigned suggesting that staff had not received the training. I could not see any evidence that Mr [REDACTED] had received any training, yet he was in sole charge of the premises on the day and had the keys to the shop.

I spoke to Mr Kalamohan on the telephone to ask about what he would like us to do to secure the shop. He asked us to lock the door and put the keys through the letterbox but there was no letterbox. I made another call to Mr Kalamohan who said that he was sending another staff member to take over. A short while later another gentleman arrived and provided ID – [REDACTED]). The keys were given to him after checking again with Mr Kalamohan on the telephone.

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