

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:
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(if over 18 insert 'over 18')

Occupation: Police Constable 1299

This statement (consisting of 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 15/07/25


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 Alcohol Licensing Team.

On Tuesday 17th June 2025 I was on duty and in company with Community Beat Manager PC 1066 Turner. At approximately 11:00 hours we attended Today's shop, 2 Horsemarket, Caistor to carry out a compliance check. I have visited this premises twice in 2024 on both occasions non-compliance with the premises licence was highlighted and on one occasion an illegal worker was found working within.

Upon arrival at the premises I saw two males chatting at the rear part of the shop. I recognised one of the males and believed that we had met before, initially I suspected that he was the DPS that I had encountered on a previous visit. This male avoided contact and straight away walked past me towards the front of the shop. I had thought that he was just going to the till but very quickly realised that he was making his escape via the front door onto the street. PC Turner was outside and we both followed the male shouting him to stop but he refused. The male was temporarily lost but was soon located hiding behind a parked vehicle on a nearby driveway. The male was detained and taken to our unmarked Police vehicle so that we could ascertain why he had run from Police.

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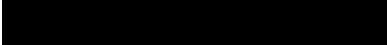

The male did not have a very good understanding of English and so a Tamil interpreter was used to facilitate communication via a telephone interpreting service. Male provided his name and D.O.B and I then recalled that this was not the DPS but the illegal worker encountered and detained in September 2024.

I asked various questions of the male and recorded the answers on paper. The male admitted that he had been back at the premises for around 2 weeks and that he worked 2/3 days each week sometimes as little as 8 hours per week. Whilst on the premises the male would clean the shop and help with deliveries. He said that he was paid cash by whoever was in the shop at the time and that the rate of pay was £6 per hour.

I carried out some checks with Home Office Immigration who explained that the male was not currently liable for detention. Advice was given to the male about how he could return to his home country of Sri Lanka should he wish to do so. At that time the male did not wish to return so was allowed to leave.

I then went back to the shop to speak with other staff to check compliance and ascertain if CCTV could be accessed – this shop assistant could not access the CCTV. The worker did hand me a folder containing licensing and training documentation. Of note there was a blank incident book although the refusals register did have multiple entries. I had a brief telephone conversation with Mr Kalamohan (Licence holder) and explained the concern with the male who had run from the premises. Mr Kalamohan stated that he had 3 staff employed at the shop and all had the right to work.

After the visit I emailed Mr Kalamohan and the DPS requesting copies of CCTV be provided between 10:00 and 11:15 on 17th June across all cameras angles. On 26th June I received confirmation from Mr

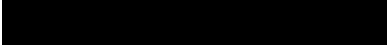

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Kalamohan that the footage was ready and available for collection. On reviewing the CCTV I noted that there were only 8 cameras included and one of those 8 did not appear to be working. Subsequently I checked this with Mr Kalamohan who informed me that camera 8 was not working but that this only covered the outside of the premises I asked if there were cameras at the rear of the shop and he said that there were not and there were only cameras in the stock room. Having previously looked at CCTV I believed that there were more than 8 cameras and interestingly the area where the illegal worker had been seen had not been captured from the footage provided.

On 10th July 2025 I went back to the Today's shop and met with another different shop assistant. Mr Kalamohan arranged for this member of staff to meet me there as he was unavailable in London. Upon reviewing the CCTV with staff it was evident that there were in fact 16 cameras covering all public areas of the shop as well as the staff rooms, the camera footage only retained from 4th July onwards meaning footage from 17th June was missing. There is a condition on the premises licence which states that footage must be retained for a minimum of 28 days meaning that the premises were in breach of this condition.

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