

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 2 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.

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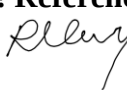
Date **22/05/26**Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded ☐ (supply witness details on rear)

I am the above named Police Officer currently working within the Police Alcohol Licensing Team at Lincolnshire Police. This statement is provided in relation to my ongoing involvement with the Today's Extra convenience store, 2 Horsemarket, Caistor.

On 1st May 2026 I submitted an objection to a transfer and vary DPS application for Today's Extra. At the time that the applications were received there were already serious concerns about the premises which had led to a licence review and revocation of that premises licence in October 2025. An appeal was lodged, by the licence holder, Mr Kalamohan and that matter is still unresolved having been adjourned.

On Thursday 21st May 2026 I attended the appeal hearing at Lincoln Magistrates Court. Mr Ben Williams was representing the appellant, Mr Kalamohan, and requested an adjournment to enable the hearings for the objections to the transfer and vary DPS to take place first. During his address to the Magistrates Mr Williams acknowledged that Mr Kalamohan and the proposed new operator, Mr Murukan, were good close friends. The association between Mr Kalamohan and Mr Murukan was further evidenced by Mr Murukan's statement which was attached to the skeleton argument for the appellant (see *appendix E*). Mr Murukan has previously bought another of Mr Kalamohan's shops in Hull.

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Mr Murukan's statement also suggests that he would be willing to have an additional condition imposed on the licence to specify that Mr Kalamohan will not be involved in the running of the business. Licensing Agent, Mr Rushton, has also confirmed this in an email dated 8th May 2026 (see *appendix D*) Whilst this is a welcome proposal there is no mechanism for such a condition to be added to the licence at this juncture and we would be reliant on Mr Murukan's word that he intends to submit a minor variation to achieve this.

The email from Mr Rushton also clearly states that Mr Murukan will only sign the lease paperwork once the outcome of the appeal is known. Mr Murukan's statement confirms this, saying it would not be a viable business for him to take on without a premises licence. Whilst this is an understandable position to adopt, this still leaves Police with a concern that the premises will not be fully in Mr Murukan's control until the appeal is finally heard. Mr Murukan seeks to transfer the licence into his name and also become the DPS yet there is a question over who would financially benefit from the running of the business if he doesn't intend to sign the lease paperwork until the appeal is resolved. I am minded to believe that Mr Kalamohan will retain overall control of the premises until the sale/lease are complete. If the committee decision to revoke the licence is upheld at appeal then there will not be a premises licence which would mean that the sale of the business and lease of the shop to Mr Murkan will never go ahead. The appeal is not scheduled to take place until 28th September 2026.

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