

Appendix E

Witness contact details

Home address:

Postcode:

Home telephone number Work telephone number

Mobile/pager number Email address:

Preferred means of contact:

Male / Female (delete as applicable) Date and place of birth:

Former name: Ethnicity Code (16+1): Religion/belief:

Dates of witness non-availability 15/03/2015 to 30/03/2015

Witness care

- a) Is the witness willing and likely to attend court? **Yes.** If 'No', include reason(s) on MG6.
- b) What can be done to ensure attendance?
- c) Does the witness require a Special Measures Assessment as a vulnerable or intimidated witness?
No. If 'Yes' submit MG2 with file.
- d) Does the witness have any specific care needs? **No.** If 'Yes' what are they? (Disability, healthcare, childcare, transport, , language difficulties, visually impaired, restricted mobility or other concerns?)

Witness Consent (for witness completion)

- a) The criminal justice process and Victim Personal Statement scheme (victims only) has been explained to me Yes No
- b) I have been given the Victim Personal Statement leaflet Yes No
- c) I have been given the leaflet 'Giving a witness statement to police — what happens next?' Yes No
- d) I consent to police having access to my medical record(s) in relation to this matter: (obtained in accordance with local practice) Yes No N/A
- e) I consent to my medical record in relation to this matter being disclosed to the defence: Yes No N/A
- f) I consent to the statement being disclosed for the purposes of civil proceedings e.g. child care proceedings, CICA Yes No
- g) The information recorded above will be disclosed to the Witness Service so they can offer help and support, unless you ask them not to. Tick this box to decline their services:

Signature of witness: Print name:

Signature of parent/guardian/appropriate adult: Print name:

Address and telephone number if different from above:

Statement taken by (print name): PC 392QA 208263 Jasinder Viridi Station: Harrow - QA

Time and place statement taken:

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WITNESS STATEMENT

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

RECEIVED
13 MAR 2015
TIME

Statement of **Jasminder Virdi PC 392QA**..... URN:

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Age if under 18 **Over 18**..... (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: **Police Officer 208263**

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: ..... Date: 13/3/2015.....

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

I hereby confirm that I am the above-mentioned person. I have been working in my current capacity as the Harrow Police Licensing Officer since September 2013.

On Thursday 12th March 2015 at approximately 15:00 hours I attended the premises of Wealdstone Food & Wine Store, also known as, Food and Wine Convenience Store 120 High Street, Wealdstone, Harrow, HA3 7AL. There was a new member of staff on duty. The male identified himself as Mr Vincent David,  of 

Mr David informed me that he had been employed at the venue since 20/02/2015. Mr David stated that he had been given verbally training about the sale of alcohol, which included matters such as ensuring that no sales are made to members of public under the age of 18 years. I asked Mr David if the shop management had created any sort of personnel record file for him. Mr David showed me an A4 note pad where on the second page it had been recorded that Mr David had been fully trained with requirements of the Licensing Act 2003 with regards to the sale of alcohol to members of public.

I then asked Mr David if they maintained a refusal register and he referred me to the same A4 notepad that contained his training records. On the first page there were three entries recorded of incidents when customers had been refused to be served with alcohol or cigarettes.

I noticed that that the till drawer was being left open. I asked Mr David if the till was fully functional. Mr David stated that the till had stopped working from Wednesday 10/03/2015 onwards. I opened the till roll compartment and observed that the audit roll was completely blank from the start of roll. Mr Sinnathamby Sritharan later confirmed in person to me that the printer on the till has not been operational for several months. This is despite being advised on the 19/11/2014 that he needs to make sure that his till is fully functional. This was when HM Customs and Revenue officers had seized substantial amounts of cigarettes and alcohol from the premises. As usual Mr Sritharan stated that he would get the fault rectified as soon as possible.

Police are still being informed that the owners of Wealdstone Food & Wine are buying stolen goods and selling them in the shop. I include a copy of an email from the Acting Sergeant of the Wealdstone Pro-active Unit as my


Signature: ..... Signature witnessed by:

exhibit JSV/4. This email states that the owner of Wealdstone Food & Wine is allowing the premises to used for dealing drugs and that they are buying stolen goods to sell in the shop. I asked Mr David to show me any invoices present in the shop for the retail stock kept in the shop. Mr David showed me several invoices which only related to alcoholic drinks, soft drinks, some cigarettes and some packaged snacks. There appeared to no invoices for a large majority of other stock in the shop such as confectionary and various other grocery and non-grocery items. At approximately, 15:15 hours, an Asian male about 5'02" tall inches with a slim built walked in to the shop. He had a goatee beard and was a wearing a blue and black fleece jacket. He was carrying a large bag. This male looked at me in a nervous fashion and said something in a foreign language, possibly Tamil, to Mr David, and quickly proceeded to turn around and leave the premises. I called out to him and introduced myself as a police officer. I asked him why he had come into the shop. The male stated that he had just been shopping and had come to see his uncle. He refused to provide his personal details. I glanced into the bag and observed that it contained at least one bottle of brandy, a half bottle of whiskey, at least half dozen packets of Nurofen tablets and several other items.

The email and the presence of this male appear to imply that Mr Sinnathamby Sritharan is still buying goods or items that may be proceeds of crime.

Mrs Janani and Mr Sinnathamby Sritharan are persistently failing to abide by the Responsible Retailers Agreement which he and Mrs Janani Sritharan signed up to on the 12th of January 2015. They are still not substantiating any allegations of crime that occur in the shop. The management are failing to keep meaningful records of trading and personnel in the premises. The Licensee and the Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) is hardly ever present in the shop and mostly appears un-informed of the day-to-day affairs within the shop. They are still not taking any positive steps to exclude the members of the Grey-Set gang from the shop.

[Redacted]

Signature:

[Redacted Signature]

Signature witnessed by:

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Statement dated 13/3/2015

Virdi Jasmindeh - QA

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From: [redacted] - QA
Sent: 10 February 2015 08:20
To: [redacted] - QA; [redacted] - QA
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: [redacted] from Wealdstone Food and Wine

Did you manage to have a chat with [redacted] from Wealdstone Food and wine and get his mobile number?

I spoke with him very briefly yesterday but it was not safe to do so with all the comings and goings in the shop.

He mentioned that [redacted] and [redacted] are using the rear and inside of the shop to cut up and serve up Drugs. He said the Owner borrows 'Money' off the Gang boys and they take advantage of him, and that he lets them serve up from within the shop and they store drugs in the toilet out the back. He also let on that the Owner is a Fence and a large portion of the goods in the store are stolen from the Town Centre and then sold on to him, to sell.

[redacted] said the Owner is taking large consignments of Polish and Romanian Cigarettes and selling them from the shop and from his H/A.

He also said a lot of the Alcohol on sale is Dodgy.

[redacted] needs to be handled Correctly so I've CC'ed [redacted] and [redacted] in.

[redacted] For your info at this stage. If we have any Trading Standards / Cadet TP Jobs or Customs and Excise Jobs coming up please could we give Wealdstone Food and wine first Dips??

Happy to discuss any of the Above.

Rgds

