

WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27. 2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B

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Statement of: Immigration Officer [redacted]

Age if under 18: Over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18')

Occupation: Immigration Officer [redacted]

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.

Signature: [redacted] (witness) Date: 15/11/2019

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

I am the above named officer. I am currently employed as an Immigration Officer in the Home Office at Immigration Enforcement [redacted]. On 11/10/2019 I was Officer in Charge (OIC) on an Immigration enforcement visit to JAF LONG 51 MARKET SQUARE BICESTER OX26 6AJ. There was no named targets of the enforcement visit.

Upon arrival to the premises officers attempted to park at the rear to remain covert – however a male left the kitchen area and saw officers preparing to conduct the visit. One male ran, and was caught by IO [redacted]. I saw another male who I believe was [redacted], a [redacted] male born [redacted] who I later encountered in the premises.

I entered the premises by the front door at 18:35 hours, I showed my warrant and introduced myself. I explained the reason for the visit to a male I now know to be [redacted], a [redacted] male born [redacted] who identified himself as the son of the owner who was recovering from a health issue. I explained that we had entered under Section 179 of the Licensing Act 2003 and introduced the Licensing Officer accompanying the team [redacted].

Whilst I was speaking to [redacted] I observed IO [redacted] enter the premises by the front door with a male that had tried to evade officers.

I then conducted a health and safety sweep of the premises and identified bedrooms upstairs and fire hazards. On the first floor I located a male sitting in the dark. He was wearing a shirt and pyjama bottoms – a waiter uniform was found on a table nearby. I conducted checks and he was identified as [redacted] who has an outstanding claim with the Home Office. He denied working and could not explain why he was seated in the dark.

Officers identified 5 males in total who were of interest to the Home Office, two were detained and 3 were instructed they had no permission to work.

I conducted a walk through of the premises and accommodation above with the Licensing Officer

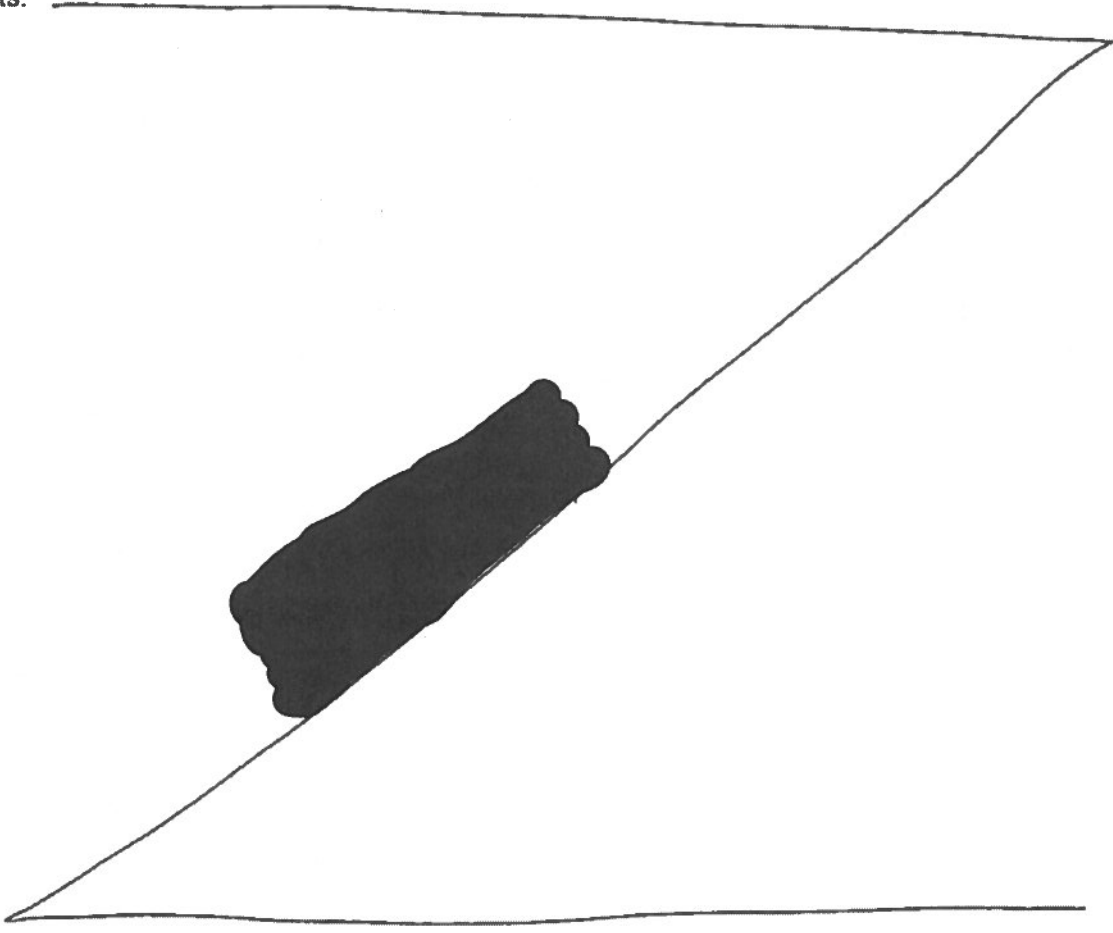
Signature: [redacted]

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██████████ and we established food hygiene issues, fire risk issues and brickwork issues in the cellar where bricks had been removed from the cellar walls. ██████████ agreed to contact Public Protection relating to the food health issues and it was decided that due to building safety issues to include no working fire alarms in the bedrooms, blocked fire doors and issues with the cellar walls the Fire Service was called to conduct further enquiries. The Fire Service agreed to attend on the evening of 11/10/2019 after officers had left.

I would like to provide Exhibit A - NIR EV11-27,554 JAF LONG 21 MARKET SQUARE BICESTER OX26 6AJ which is the debrief of the visit, and Exhibit B - EV11-27,554 JAF LONG ██████████ ICE Right to Work which is the visit record.

Officers left the premises at 19.30 hours with the Licensing Officer ██████████ and two arrested subjects.



Signature: ██████████

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