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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 February 2025 13:32
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: [External] Statement - [REDACTED]
Attachments: MG11 [REDACTED] 11.02.25.docx

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Good afternoon [REDACTED]

I forward an E mail from Pc [REDACTED] who has taken a statement from the above named, in relation to Mr [REDACTED], owner Of Oval Wines.

I also attach the statement from [REDACTED] to be included in both the Review for DPS application for [REDACTED], and the Appeal Application to be heard at Stevenage Magistrates Court.

Many thanks and kindest regards,

[REDACTED]

Community Safety Unit
Senior Licensing Officer Stevenage

Office: 01438 757370
Mobile: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]





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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 February 2025 13:09
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Statement - [REDACTED]

Hi [REDACTED],

Just to confirm how we came into this information, we needed to further speak to these former staff members due to seizing some items from the location with trading standards that actually ended up belonging to them and they have since been ruled out of any further action. As part of our further engagement and the fact they both work at another local business on my ward and as part of the follow up they raised they were unhappy with what they had read and being blamed and wanted to provide part of side.

Thanks

[REDACTED]
Neighbourhood Team PC
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, February 11, 2025 4:27:01 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Statement - [REDACTED]

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

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Statement of: [REDACTED]

Age if under 18 (if over insert "over 18"):

Occupation: Ex Employee

This statement (consisting of2... Pages(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.

I can confirm that the Victim Personal Statement (VPS) has been explained and offered to me

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tick box

I do wish to make a VPS at this time

I understand that I can make a VPS at any time before a sentencing hearing

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tick box

*delete as applicable

Signature: [REDACTED]

Date: 11/02/2025

I am the named-above person, and this statement relates to incidents I was witness to in my former employment at OVAL WINES under the management of [REDACTED]

The persons I shall mention in this statement are:

I [REDACTED] my former manager and owner of OVAL WINES. I know him from my time over 16 months of employment at the location. I shall refer to him as [REDACTED] throughout my statement.

I am making this statement following the local news of the ongoing issues surrounding this premises. I initially worked there doing general day to day duties such as filling shelves with stock and serving customers. I was aware [REDACTED] was the store owner and would cross over with ORUC doing the later shift in the store with myself working mostly in the day time.

Throughout my time there was some clear issues in regards to the legality of some of the stock we were asked to sell. That being in reference to Cigarettes – usually packs of MARLBORO, being asked to sell those for £8 per pack, PACKETS OF TOBACCO for around £20 and VIAGRA JELLIES for £5. We were asked to sell these by ORUC.

The items above, which I suspected were illegal and which was confirmed from the trading standards visit, were stashed into the bottom of other stock by [REDACTED] he would arrive in his work van at the rear of the store and bring the items in as well as legitimate stock and he himself would place those illegal items in their hidden locations. I am fully aware due to regular customers that this is the same stock the previous owner had been selling as it seemed to be purposely ordered in for these exact people. I do not know them other than they would always attend and ask for these items. This evidently continued throughout my substantial period of time being employed at this location.

Signature: [REDACTED]

Signature Witnessed by: _____

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Continuation of Statement of [REDACTED]

I was shocked to read that [REDACTED] was blaming us for this in the recent information in the media and also the other, what I can only describe as a lie about us being sacked by him. Myself and my colleague were not sacked. Following the trading standards visit, I decided I wanted nothing more to do with his store and served my 2 weeks resignation notice. I left of my own accord and seek employment elsewhere. I am offended that [REDACTED] would even consider shouldering the blame onto us when all I did was exactly what he asked me to do every day at work.

I would sell per shift around £100 of the illegal items. As asked directly to do so by [REDACTED]

I was also aware that the licence holder was a [REDACTED] however in the 16 months I never met him at any point throughout to the point.

I have no knowledge of any drugs involvement from my time working at the store, I do not know what took place after I left work for the day.

I also want to raise an issue about the CCTV, which I never had access to and could not provide police evidence when asked, is that it clearly worked and whenever I would pass a message to [REDACTED] he would state he would deal with it, but clearly that has not happened. Had we had the appropriate training I would of happily provided whatever footage the Police requested.

I am shocked about the way the blame seems to of been passed onto myself and this has upset me to some degree as I do not want my reputation destroyed by malicious statements. I am a young man with a whole career ahead of me and it is not right to be put in this position. As such this is my statement.

[REDACTED]

Signature: [REDACTED]

Signature Witnessed by: _____

04/2013

RESTRICTED (when complete)