

RESTRICTED (when complete)**WITNESS STATEMENT**

(CJ Act 1967, s.9, MC Act 1980, ss.5A(3)(e) and 5E; MC Rules 1981, r.70)

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Statement of **GREGORY JAMES MAHON.**Age if under 18: **14yrs** (if over 18 insert over 18) Occupation **School Pupil**

This statement (consisting of **4** 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 anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Signature: **G. Mahon M. Brown** Date: **14-3-2008**Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded (Supply witness details in rear)

States:- I am a school pupil at Penistone Grammar school and I reside at the address shown overleaf with my mother.

At about 5pm on Friday 14th March 2008 I was out with my friends, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] At this time we were on Green Road, Penistone. There is a shop on Green Road called "Wooldies". I have known the owner of the shop Ian for about 18 months. As well as the shop, Ian is the landlord of the Britannia pub at Springvale. I can describe Ian as a white male about 50 years of age who wears glasses, has brown short hair and a beard.

As I approached the shop I saw a pile of legs on the footpath outside the shop. I know Ian has legs delivered for his open fire. I went into the shop and offered to move the legs for him as

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I was bored. Ian agreed that I could move them so I went and borrowed a wheelbarrow from one of Ian's friends nearby and started to move the logs from the footpath to round the back of the house into a store shed. It took the three of us about 30 minutes to move all the logs. Once we had finished we all went into the living quarters at the rear of the shop. Once in there Ian thanked us all for what we had done, went into the shop and came back into the rear a few seconds later drinking a can of Foster's Lager. He then said to me "do you want rest of that" and gave me the can of Lager which was almost full. He also gave me £2.50 in cash. I sat in the back of the shop drinking from the can of Lager then decided to go outside so I walked through the shop and out of the front door carrying the Lager. Once I got outside onto Green Road, I was stopped by two males who asked me how old I was and told me they were police officers. I was taken back into the shop while the police asked Ian questions and

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asked my name. I did not ask Ian for the can of Fosters Lager he offered it to me although he knows I am only 14 years of age and still at school.

I would also like to say that at the beginning of December 2007 I was outside "Waddies" when I gave a female I know to be 17 years of age £6 of my money to go into the shop and buy me 8 cans of Fosters Lager. I do not wish to name this girl but she did as I asked and purchased 8 cans on my behalf. She came straight out of the shop and gave me the cans of Lager which I consumed.

Ian is fully aware that he is selling alcohol to people who are under age I ~~am~~ have been at the shop on numerous occasions when my friends who are all of a similar age to me have bought alcohol at Waddies shop. It is only Ian that sells alcohol to underage kids and he will only sell it to kids he knows. This has been going on since he opened the shop.

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I can also say that Ian sells cigarettes to children under 16. I have personally bought cigarettes from the shop nearly every day for the last 6 or 7 months. I usually buy 10 mayfair or 10 Park Road, these cost me in the region of £2.10 per packet. It is only ever Ian that has served me and as I have stated before he knows I am only 14 years of age.

I have also bought cigarettes while I have been playing pool at The Britannia public house. It is Ians wife neeare that sells them to children there. These cigarettes are called Gold classic and are sold at £2.50 for a packet of 20.

Signature of witness: [Signature] Signature of witness of: [Signature]