

**WITNESS STATEMENT**

*(Criminal Procedure Rules, r. 16.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9)*

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Statement of John Kirkham.....

Age if under 18 Over 18..... (If over 18 insert "over 18") Occupation: Licensing Enforcement Officer .....

This statement (consisting of ONE 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 J. Kirkham .....Date: 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023 .....

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

I am currently employed by South Yorkshire Police as a Licensing Enforcement Officer and cover licensed premises in the Barnsley area.

On Thursday 10th November 2022, I visited a premises known to me as Darfield Super Save, 2 garden Street, Darfield, Barnsley following a failed test purchase on the 27th October 2022. At the premises I spoke with the Designated Premises Supervisor and Licence Holder Gowtham Raja Rajaram. I provided him with an information pack including documentation to assist with staff training, provide general licensing information and ensure alcohol sales refusals were recorded correctly. I also explained to Mr Rajaram the consequences of failing further test purchase operations and provided him with a document entitled 'Two Week Voluntary Closure.' This document highlights the persistent selling of alcohol to young people, which is defined as 'when a licence holder is found to be selling alcohol to children twice within a three month period or three times within a twelve month period. This is monitored by the practice of test purchasing.' I advised Mr Rajaram, as I do with all licence holders in these circumstances, that the action plan would be in place for a period of twelve months and would be reviewed during further visits conducted by myself to ensure compliance with it. At the conclusion of the visit, Mr Rajaram signed and dated a document accepting receipt of the information pack and the information provided to him.

Signature: J. Kirkham..... Signature Witnessed by: .....