

**WITNESS STATEMENT**

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

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Statement of Kurt Fairhurst.....

Age if under 18 NA..... (If over 18 insert "over 18") Occupation: Police Officer.....

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 anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Signature K.J. Fairhurst..... Date: 16/07/21.....

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded  (supply witness details on rear)  
I am a Police Constable in the South Yorkshire Police, currently stationed at Royston Police Station.

On Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> of July 2021 I attended at Royston Police Station and briefed in relation to a planned test purchase operation, namely the purchase of alcohol from off-licences.

Also present was [redacted] a Police volunteer with South Yorkshire Police. Photographic images were taken of his appearance at that time and is produced as evidence duly labelled and signed by me as exhibit KJF/1

At 1936 hours that same day I entered an off-licence trading under the name of Rowland Convenience Store Located at 49 Rowland Road, Barnsley S75 2PF. I was shortly followed by the above mentioned Police volunteer who I observed select the following alcoholic item 1x WKD Blue.

He took the item to the till area and presented it to the member of staff serving, who I would describe as a middle aged Asian man.

The member of staff did not ask for any form of identification and sold the alcohol.

The member of staff informed the volunteer that the purchase price was £2.99 who then handed the money to them before leaving the store with the purchased goods. I observed this purchase from a close and unobstructed distance in good light. I also then left the store.

Outside the store the volunteer fully informed PC 3746 Jameson and myself of the circumstances which had just occurred. They also handed over the alcoholic purchase, which was taken back into the store and presented to the store worker.

In company with PC 3746 Jameson and PC1231 Salman I went back inside the store and we approached the aforementioned member of staff, who I now know to be Ravi KUMAR 25/07/1966.

Signature: K.J. Fairhurst..... Signature Witnessed by: .....

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We both introduced and identified ourselves and explained the test purchase operation. The offence of selling alcohol to an under aged person was outlined

The seller, Mr KUMAR was advised that they would reported to licensing and dealt with for the offence.

Signature: *K.J. Fairhurst* ..... Signature Witnessed by: .....