

## Witness Statement

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27.1 &amp; 27.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s.9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5A &amp; 5B

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Statement of: **Cerrig James SHARDLOW**Age if under 18 (if over insert "over 18"): **Over 18**Occupation: **Police Constable 5050**

This statement (consisting of .....1..... 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.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: **02/12/2015**

I am the above named Police Constable employed by Thames Valley Police at Slough Police Station Windsor Road Slough Berkshire SL12HH. This statement relates to witnessing a sale of alcohol to underage volunteers whilst conducting a test purchasing operation.

On Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2015 I was on duty in plain clothes crewed with PC6643 WILDRIDGE as part of a test purchase operation working in conjunction with the Thames Valley Police licensing officer, a representative from Slough Borough Council, and two volunteers one male who was 15 years of age, and a female who is 13 years of age.

At approximately 19:25hrs I entered Grover Superstore, 2 Canterbury Avenue, Slough, SL2 1EQ, and positioned myself within full view of the checkout area, and had a clear unobstructed view of the counter and the staff behind the counter. I can confirm that there was an Asian male behind the counter serving customers. A short period of time after I entered the store the two volunteers entered the store, where they selected a bottle of Lambrini, before then approaching the checkout where they placed the item onto the counter.

I can confirm that the male stood behind the counter who I now know to be Mr Kuljeet Singh Grover, didn't engage in any conversation with the volunteers, and entered the sale through the cash register, failing to ask for any identification, or clarifying their ages, and failing to make any challenges. The volunteers then left the premises with the bottle they had purchased. I remained within the store, and approximately 2 minutes I was then joined by the Licensing Officer, the Slough Borough Council representative, and PC 31 ADAMS. In my presence and hearing I heard the licensing officer inform Mr GROVER that he had made an underage sale, and then heard PC 31 ADAMS caution Mr GROVER for the offence.

I can also confirm that Mr GROVER was informed that their CCTV system was displaying the incorrect time, which was out by over an hour. I can confirm that I left the premises alongside the other officers and representatives. The entire check lasted approximately 10 minutes in total, the distance between where I was stood and the checkout was approximately 3-4 metres in total, and I had a clear unobstructed view. Mr GROVER is not known to me in any way, and I have not had any previous dealings with him.

I am willing to attend court and provide evidence should I be required to do so.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature Witnessed by: **N/A**