

### WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 16. 2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9

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Statement of LOUISE MOWBRAY

Age if under 18 Over 18 (if over insert 'over 18') Occupation ALCOHOL LICENSING OFFICER

This statement (consisting of 3 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 L MOWBRAY

Date 10/01/24

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

I am Police Staff 9976 Louise Mowbray, a Police Alcohol Licensing Officer employed by Avon & Somerset Constabulary based at Bridewell Police Station.

I have been a Licensing Officer for more than 10 years, part of my role is to conduct licensing inspections in order to check for compliance with the law and conditions of the Premises Licence.

St Pauls Supermarket is a convenience store in Grosvenor Road, St Pauls, Bristol, BS2 8YA which was granted a Premises Licence for the sale of alcohol in 2014.

The Premises Licence has a number of licence conditions, one specifically relates to the restriction of high strength alcohol due to street drinkers associated with the vicinity.

The licence condition which was attached to the licence in a Licensing Committee hearing on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2014 (Annex 3 Condition 2) states 'Cider, beer or lager with an ABV in excess of 6% shall not be displayed, sold or offered for sale'.

I initially attended the premises in company with PC 220 Harrison-Roye on the 21<sup>st</sup> May following receipt of information relating to the lack of CCTV provision on Police Officer attendance and cider/beer/lager over 6% abv on sale at the premises, contra to the licence conditions.

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During the visit I completed a Premises Licence compliance check and observed a significant number of licence breaches including issues with the inability to operate the CCTV system, no staff training records were available, there was no till prompt facility to enable age verification checks and cider/beer & lager were on display for sale that was non-compliant, being over 6% abv.

Advice was given at the visit to adhere to the premises licence conditions for the sale of alcohol at the premises and to remove the beer/cider/lager from sale that was over 6% abv.


I checked with an understanding of the licence conditions and advised that further breaches identified could result in a Premises Licence review or prosecution.

I further attended the premises on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2020 in company with PCSO 6396 Singh, a premises licence compliance check was undertaken and further breaches identified including no till prompt facility, premises licence holder not in attendance, length of CCTV retention and further identified breaches.

Following the visit on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2020 a formal warning letter was issued to the Premises Licence Holder/Designated Premises Supervisor outlining the licence breaches identified.

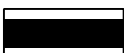
No response was received from the PLH/DPS on receipt of the warning letter.

On the 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023 I again attended the premises at 1805hrs in company with PS 2653 Collacott-Nuur, PC 1412 Wood, PC 2085 Montague & PC 4657 Daly to conduct a compliance check as a result of intelligence received relating to the sale of nitrous oxide from the premises.

A male who was serving behind the counter explained that he had contacted the owner a male I now know to be Mohammed NOOR  to attend the premises.

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On attendance at the premises I asked NOOR if he was the PLH/DPS he stated he wasn't, it was his nephew but he was the owner.

Mohammed WASEEM (PLH/DPS) did not attend the premises.

I explained the reason for the visit to NOOR and he agreed to the compliance check.

Whilst completing the check I was requested by PC 2085 Montague to examine a number of bottles of wine in the store for sale that were marked 'One Stop'.

I explained to PC 2085 that I was aware of bulk thefts from a convenience in Bristol City Centre that had been marking the bottles of wine to deter shoplifters.

I suggested to PC 2085 that the alcohol on sale in St Pauls Supermarket could be associated with the city centre thefts.

I completed the licence compliance check and noted that cider/beer/lager was on sale over 6% abv, the till point had no till prompt, no staff training records were available, no documented delegation for the sale of alcohol, no incident book was available and the CCTV system was showing the timing out by 1+hrs.

I explained to NOOR that cider/beer/lager that was over 6% abv must be removed from sale and must not be offered for sale at the premises.

NOOR confirmed to me his understanding.

I explained to NOOR that a decision would be made as further action to be taken and Mohammed WASEEM (PLH/DPS) would be notified.

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