

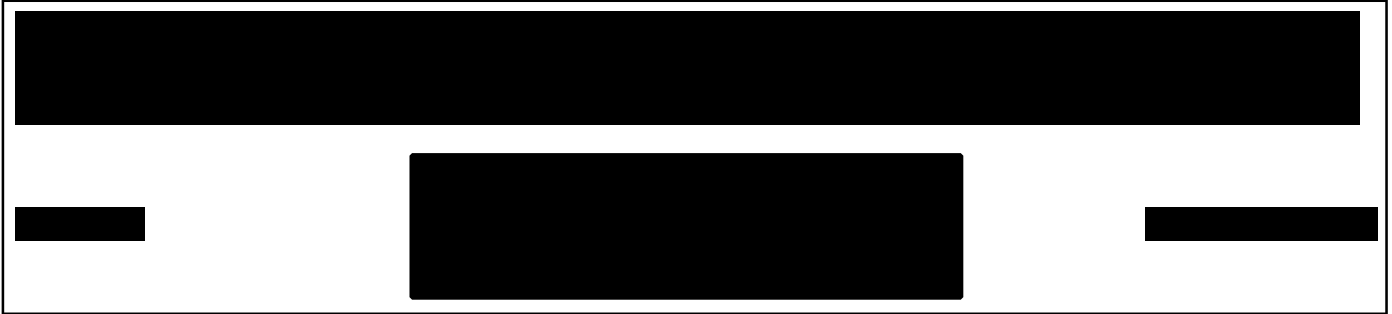
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I am Police Constable 2085 Montague of the Avon and Somerset Constabulary, currently stationed at Bridewell Police Station as part of the Ashley Ward Neighbourhood Policing Team.

On Wednesday the 13th of December 2023 I was on duty in full uniform when at 18:04 hours I attended 'St. Paul's Supermarket' located at 128 Grosvenor Road, St. Paul's, Bristol, BS2 8YA.

'St. Paul's Supermarket' is a small convenience store and off-licence which is licensed to sell alcohol for consumption off the premises. At that time and date I had attended the store in order to assist my colleagues with conducting a check of the licensing conditions surrounding the sale of alcohol within the store.

I was wearing a personal issue body-worn camera that can be used to record audio and visual footage digitally which can then be uploaded to a secure digital network.

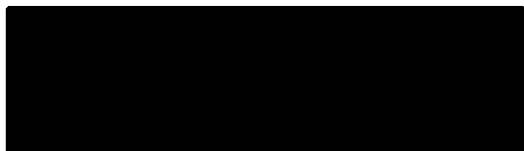
As I entered the store, I started to record footage.

The store was set out in a typical fashion, with a counter and goods on display on a series of shelves. On the right hand side of the store as you stand at the back of the shop looking out to the front of the shop was a refrigerated display with numerous bottles of wine on it.

I noticed immediatly that numerous bottles of wine on display had "One Stop" written on the front label of the bottles prominently in black marker pen and my suspicions were immediatly aroused as this was clearly different from the name of the shop that we were in.

When we had arrived at the store, there had been a member of shop staff on duty, but at about 18:12 hours, a second male entered the store who identified himself as the owner and manager

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of the premises. Later on this male identified himself to me as Noor MOHAMMED DOB [REDACTED] of [REDACTED]

One of my colleagues who has conducting the licencing check was Police Staff 9976 Louise Mowbray, a Licensing Officer working for Avon and Somerset Constabulary.

I, Louise Mowbray and Noor MOHAMMED were all stood in the shop in front of the alcohol display when in the presence and hearing of Noor MOHAMMED I pointed out to my colleague that there were bottles of wine in the shop which were clearly marked with "One-Stop". Louise Mowbray then informed me that there was a shop called "One Stop" in [REDACTED] that had been suffering a great deal of shoplifting.

I then said to Noor MOHAMMED: "I'M FILMING THIS: I CAN CLEARLY SEE THAT THERE ARE ONE, TWO, THREE... THERE'S NUMEROUS BOTTLES THAT ARE MARKED UP WITH PEN FROM A SHOP WHICH MY COLLEAGUE SAYS IS SUFFERING A HIGH LEVEL OF SHOPLIFTING. THE SECOND BIT OF THIS INFORMATION IS THAT HANDLING AND RECEIVING STOLEN GOODS IS A CRIME FOR WHICH YOU CAN BE ARRESTED".

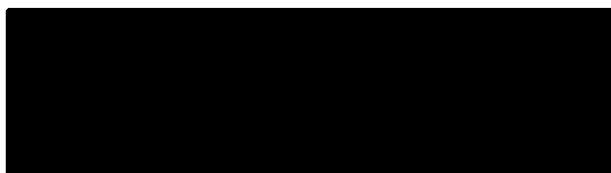
I then consulted with some of my other colleagues and decided to seize all the bottles of wine from 'St. Paul's Supermarket' which had been marked up with "One-Stop" written on the label. I started to take these bottles of wine of the shelf at approximately 18:17 hours. Taking this stock from the shelves and removing it from the store took until about 18:30 hours. I exhibit all of the wine seized from 'St. Paul's Supermarket' at 128 Grosvenor Road on the 13th of December 2023 as 2085SJM1.

At 18:35 hours I said to Noor MOHAMMED: "SO I'M THE OFFICER THAT'S SEIZING THE WINE FROM THE SHELF, THE WINE OUT THE BACK THERE AND THE WINE THAT WAS JUST ON THE FLOOR IN FRONT OF ME. THE REASON IS THAT IT ALL HAD MARKED UP ON IT, IN PEN, THE NAME "ONE STOP", WHICH IS THE NAME OF A SHOP THAT IS SUFFERING FROM A HIGH LEVEL OF THEFTS TO THE POINT WHERE THEY HAVE STARTED WRITING THE NAME OF THEIR SHOP ON THEIR BOTTLES OF WINE IN PEN".

I continued: "I SUSPECT THAT THE WINE IS STOLEN; i SUSPECT THAT YOU KNEW ABOUT IT AND I AM GO TO THAT SHOP, I AM GOING TO SHOW THEM THAT WINE AND ASK THEM: 'IS IT YOURS?'. IF, AS AND WHEN THEY CONFIRM THIS, THEN I WILL BE COMING BACK TO SPEAK TO YOU ABOUT IT".

The time was now 18:36 and with the assistance of my colleagues, I conveyed the wine back to Bridewell Police Station where it was booked in to the detained property store. I exhibit a clip of the BWV I recorded in 'St. Paul's Supermarket' on the 13th of December 2023 as 2085SJM2.

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In total, I seized 69 bottles of wine from 'St. Paul's Supermarket' and at 19:15 hours I lined up all the seized bottles in a row in the report writing room of Bridewell Police Station and used my work mobile phone to video them in sequence, This was to aid in the identification of the wine, as there were so many bottles that photographing them individually would have been impracticable. I exhibit this video as 2085SJM1A.

On the 17th of December 2023 I spoke with [REDACTED] who identified himself as the manager of the "One-Stop Shop" on [REDACTED]. In the course of obtaining a witness statement from [REDACTED] I showed him the video 2085SJM1A and he confirmed to me that all the bottles of wine on display were in fact stolen from the One-Stop Shop.

On the 3rd of January 2024 at 10:00 I was on duty in full uniform at Bridewell Police Station when I met with Noor MOHAMMED and his legal representative, in order to conduct a digitally recorded interview of him under caution. Noor MOHAMMED had attended the police station voluntarily.

Noor MOHAMMED had a period of consultation with his legal advisor, which ended at 10:45 hours on that day. In one of the interview rooms at Bridewell Police Station, I said to Noor MOHAMMED: "SO, YOU ARE NOT UNDER ARREST AND YOU ARE NOT OBLIGED TO REMAIN WITH ME. HOWEVER, YOU DO NOT HAVE TO SAY ANYTHING, BUT IT MAY HARM YOUR DEFENCE IF YOU DO NOT MENTION WHEN QUESTIONED, SOMETHING WHICH YOU LATER RELY ON IN COURT. ANYTHING YOU DO SAY MAY BE GIVEN IN EVIDENCE".

I also said to Noor MOHAMMED: "WE ARE AT BRIDEWELL POLICE STATION. THE TIME IS 10:45 ON WEDNESDAY THE 3RD OF JANUARY 2024. WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO DO IS TO INTERVIEW YOU UNDER CAUTION FOR WHAT I SUSPECT IS YOU RECEIVING AND HANDLING STOLEN GOODS ON OR AROUND THE 13TH OF DECEMBER 2023 AT 128 GROSVENOR ROAD.

NOW MY UNDERSTANDING IS, SPEAKING TO YOUR LEGAL ADVISOR THAT YOU DON'T WANT TO BE INTERVIEWED. CAN YOU CONFIRM THAT?"

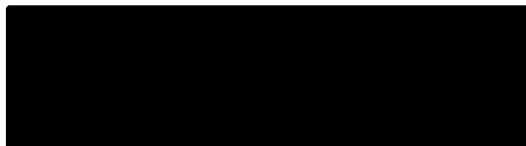
Noor MOHAMMED replied: "YES".

I then said to Noor MOHAMMED: "MY OTHER UNDERSTANDING IS THAT YOUR LEGAL ADVISOR HAS PREPARED A STATEMENT WHICH YOU AGREE WITH. IS THAT CORRECT?"

Noor MOHAMMED replied: "YES".

Noor MOHAMMED'S legal advisor then presented a prepared written statement, which at 10:47 hours I seized and exhibit as 2085SJM3.

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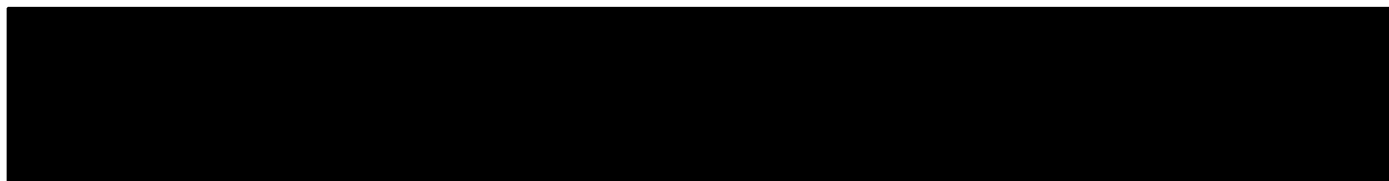
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Noor MOHAMMED then confirmed that this statement was what he wanted to say in relation to this matter and I then said to him: "I AM GOING TO REPORT YOU FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF THE QUESTION OF PROSECUTING YOU FOR THE RECEIVING AND HANDLING OF STOLEN GOODS... "

I also said to Noor MOHAMMED: "YOU DO NOT HAVE TO SAY ANYTHING. BUT IT MAY HARM YOUR DEFENCE IF YOU DO NOT MENTION NOW, SOMETHING WHICH YOU LATER RELY ON IN COURT. ANYTHING YOU DO SAY MAY BE GIVEN IN EVIDENCE". Noor MOHAMMED made no reply this and soon afterwards left Bridewell Police Station in the company of his legal advisor.



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