

**RESTRICTED** (when complete)**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** Lynn Dobson

Date of birth: Over 18

Occupation: PC 5783

This statement (consisting of: 4 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.

Dated: 080216

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I am a Police Officer in West Yorkshire Police serving at Elland Road Police Station, Leeds. I am the Licensing Officer for the North East Leeds Division, which covers the Leeds 8 area. Prior to the formation of the Leeds District Licensing Office I was stationed at Killingbeck and for a brief period at Gipton. I have worked in the North East Leeds area for the past 24 years.

I have worked on patrol responding to calls from members of the public for the majority of my service. I have tutored probationer constables in the Division again responding and dealing with calls from members of the public. More recently I have worked as a researcher in the Killingbeck Divisional Intelligence Unit (DIU) and from September 2005 I worked in the Operations and Planning Department at Killingbeck. I am now responsible for all licensing

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issues in the North East Leeds area and I bring my knowledge of the area and my experience as a Patrol Officer to my role.

Although I am based at Elland Road Police Station I liaise regularly with the Neighbourhood Policing Teams at North East Leeds in relation to issues attributable to licensed premises. I also liaise with other Responsible Authorities in relation to ongoing issues connected to licensed premises and the action to be taken in relation to these issues.

One premises I am familiar with is an off licence shop called Biedronka, at 225 Roundhay Road, Leeds, LS8 4HS. I have liaised with Carmel Brennand, from Leeds City Council Licensing and Enforcement, in relation to this store and breaches of the premises licence and complaints received in relation to the store.

On 1515hrs Wednesday 7 October 2015, in company with Carmel Breannand and probationer constable PC Stephanie Van Loo we attended at Biendronka, 225 Roundhay Road Leeds 8. This visit was a follow up inspection to visits made previously by Carmel Brennand. This was one of a number of premises being visited where we had complaints or concerns in relation to licensing issues.

Upon arrival we spoke to a young female member of staff and Carmel Brennand introduced us and explained the reason for our visit. The female was alone in the store but almost immediately Mr Amiri arrived at the shop.

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As part of the inspection Carmel Brennand asked if she could view the CCTV at the store. It was clear that there was a CCTV system in place, with four cameras installed, but neither Mr Amiri or his member of staff could operate the system.

The premises licence has numerous conditions in relation to CCTV, which were agreed at the time of application, and should be complied with at all times. Arrangements were made to revisit the premises, by which time the CCTV should work and members of staff, on site, should be able to operate the system.

Carmel Brennand also explained that a Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) authorisation should be in place to allow others to sell alcohol. The DPS at this time was Shoresh Mohammed, form 11 Harehills Road, Leeds 8 and Mr Mohammed needed to authorise the sales of alcohol. Mr Amiri said that he and Mr Mohammed were good friends and he would make sure the authorisation was given.

Check 21 posters were also provided on the day of the inspection and Mr Amiri enquired about opening 24 hours a day. It was made clear that the shop needed to operate correctly with the hours it had before a variation to extend the hours would be entertained.

At 1400hrs on 4 November 2015 in company with Carmel Brennand and probationer constable PC Alan Andrews I visited Biedronka, 225 Roundhay Road, Leeds 8. A young female member of staff was behind the till and was asked the whereabouts of Mr Amiri or Mr Mohammed. She explained that it was her first day at the shop and she did not know the whereabouts of Mr Amiri and she did not know who Mr Mohammed was.

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The CCTV looked as though it had been improved with six cameras rather than four. However the sales assistant could not operate the system and details were left with her, by Carmel Brennand, to say we would need to visit again.

At 1121 on 17 November 2015 I visited 225 Roundhay Road Leeds 8 in company with Sebastian Roberts, an officer from the West Yorkshire Police Imaging Department. I was aware that Carmel Brennand had communicated further with Mr Amiri and that it was strongly suspected that the CCTV at the premises would not be working. In an attempt to try and see what the difficulties there were with the system it was thought that a visit by the WYP Imaging Department may assist.

Upon arrival I spoke with the same female member of staff, who was alone in the shop. Mr Amiri was not present but there was an unknown male fliting in and out of the shop who we were informed was 'told to watch her' whilst the owner was away.

The female member of staff showed me a letter sent by Carmel Brennand to Mr Amiri, plus a DPS authorisation sheet. Her name was not on the sheet of people authorised to sell alcohol.

On inspecting the CCTV system it clearly showed that it had only recorded from 13 November 2015 from 1545hrs. There were six camera installed but it was not possible to access the part of the system which showed if the system would record for 31 days to comply with the licence conditions.

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## WITNESS STATEMENT

(Criminal Justice Act 1967, s.9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B;  
Criminal Procedure Rules, r.27.2)

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Statement of: David CROSSLEY

Date of birth: Over 18

Occupation: Police Officer

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Date: 19<sup>th</sup> February 2016

Time and date statement taken: 16:45hrs 19/02/16

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For the past year I have held the position of ward manager for the Harehills area of Leeds, and in this role I often work with partner agencies and community groups in the Harehills area. On **Friday the 8th January 2016** I was working in company with senior Liaison and Enforcement officer **Carmel BRENNAND**, from Leeds City Council and we were conducting revisits at both licensed and non-licensed premises within the area. At **9:50hrs** we attended at **"Biedronika"** at **225 Roundhay Road, Leeds 8**. There was a young female standing at the side of the counter and a male mi now know to be **Mr Amiri** was seated behind the counter. **Carmel** and I identified ourselves and shown our identification to **Mr Amiri** and **Carmel** asked if he had received her letter telling him there would be a re-visit toady to which he said **"yes,"** and proceeded to show **Carmel** his new Personal Licence. **Amiri** stated he would transfer the Designated Premises Supervisor into his name and take the name **Soresh** off it. **Carmel** reminded **Amiri** that we were here to look at the CCTV and we turned to look at the wall mounted CCTV monitor. There was 6 cameras displayed on the screen however no date or time was shown. **Carmel** asked **Amiri** if we could look at footage from the **8th December 2015**, but he was having difficulty operating the system so the young female took over from him, went on to the search screen and tried to change the date. The search screen showed this in an American format of **2015-12-08** and **'No Data'** was displayed on the screen. Despite several further attempts, she was unable to show any footage from the **8th December 2015**. The same female then attempted to rewind the footage from today's date back to the **8th December 2015**, however the footage only went as far back as **09:00hrs** on the **4th January 2016**. **Amiri** said the CCTV was supposed to go back **31 days** and he had paid the CCTV man sums of £150 and £140, at which point **Carmel** informed him that it was his responsibility to check the CCTV daily to make sure it was recording to 31 days and pointed out offences regarding the sale of alcohol, then reminded **Amiri** of his recently completed personal licence course. **Amiri** picked up his mobile and said he was ringing his CCTV man. A short time later he ended the call and stated, **"The CCTV man is coming at 5 pm tonight, come back tomorrow and you will see that it has been fixed."**

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**Carmel** explained she had been visiting the shop since September and could not keep coming back. There was a further discussion regarding the visits between **Carmel** and **Amiri** during which **Amiri** asked for more time and **Carmel** explained she would be discussing the matter with her boss about taking formal action. **Amiri** said '*Please not court, I was there yesterday with my son*'. Before leaving the shop **Carmel** asked who the CCTV engineer was. **Amiri** pointed across Roundhay Road saying, "**He has a computer shop over there**". At **10:10hrs** we left the premises.

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