

**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

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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 Eastern European Foods, 11 Harehills Road Leeds 8. At 1530hrs on Wednesday 7 October 2015, in company with Carmnel Brennand, Leeds City Council Licensing and Enforcement and probationer constable PC Stephanie Van Loo we visited the store. This visit was following complaint, received by Leeds City Council and was one of a number of inspections conducted on this day.

At the time of the visit there was a young female staff member behind the counter and we introduced ourselves to her. There was no premises licence on display in the shop and we were then approached by a male who identified himself to us as Shoresh Mohammed.

The nature of our visit was explained to Mr Mohammed and conversation took place in relation the whereabouts of the premises licence, which he was able to locate. We discussed the CCTV system installed at the shop. The premises licence has extensive conditions in relation to the quality and standard of the CCTV system required for the premises licence.

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Carmel Brennand asked if we could inspect the CCTV system and were were informed that the system was in an upstairs room. Mr Mohammed began to make his way to the rear of the property, where there is an external staircase, but then turned and admitted that the CCTV system was not working. Further discussion took place in relation to the importance of the CCTV system to prove or disprove a complaint as well as the CCTV sytem being a a condition of the premisies licence.

Mr Mohammed was informed that a follow up inspection would have to be conduted by which time the CCTV should be fully operational and comply with all the conditions on the premisies licence.

At 1415hrs on Wedensday 4 November 2015 in company with Carmel Brennand from Leeds City Council Licensing and Enforcement and probationer constable PC Alan Andrews, I visited Eastern European Foods, 11 Harehills Road, Leeds 8.

The premises licence was not on display and on this occasion we were met by Mr Mohammed who informed us that the CCTV engineer had been.

We all went to the rear of the premisies, up an external flight of stairs which led to Mr Mohammed's living quarters on the first floor. The CCTV system was situated in the front bedroom of the property. Mr Mohammed thought that the system would record for two months but the date and time on the screen actually showed 5 November 2015, the day after the visit. Mr Mohammed tried to operate the system but was not able to do so.

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Mr Mohammed went to get a young member of staff to see if he could assist, however despite his best efforts, the television screen kept saying 'Nothing on file'.

We returned to the ground floor shop and it was made clear to Mr Mohammed that the CCTV failings were a serious breach of the premises licence. Mr Mohammed claimed to have paid £300 for the engineer to visit the shop and amend the system. Mr Mohammed wanted to give us the telephone number for the CCTV engineer for us to resolve the issue with him. It was made clear to Mr Mohammed that it was his CCTV system and his premises licence and that he needed to resolve the issues as soon as possible.

Mr Mohammed was informed that the premises would be revisited and the CCTV needed to work.

At 1050hrs on 17 November 2015, in company with Sebastian Roberts, an Officer from the West Yorkshire Police Imaging Department, I visited 11 Harehills Road Leeds 8.

We were met in the shop by Mr Mohammed who informed us that the CCTV had been fixed and asked to wait downstairs for five minutes before calling us upstairs. As we waited in the shop, the screen on top of the fridges looked better, but the recording facility was what needed to be checked.

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Once upstairs it was very clearly a difficult system to navigate around. Whilst there appeared to be eight cameras wired to the hard drive only seven cameras appeared to be working. When checking individual cameras the only way to return to a 'live feed' was to unplug the system and plug it back in again!

The recordings we were able to access only went back three days to 14 November 2015 and the hard drive said that there was only space for another 21 hours. The hard drive was simply not big enough for the number of cameras installed and the resolution required.

Mr Mohammed blamed the CCTV engineer 'from up the road' and said that he would have the CCTV fixed. There was no recommendation from Sebastian Roberts, the hard drive simply was not large enough and the system was not fit for purpose.

On 20 November 2015 I received an e-mail from PC Stephanie Van Loo who had accompanied Carmel Brennand and I on a licensing inspection on 7 October 2015. PC Van Loo informed me that she has requested CCTV footage following an assault which had taken place outside the property on 10 November 2015.

PC Van Loo reported speaking to Shores Mohammed who said that his CCTV only recorded for two days. It was pointed out that this would be a breach of his premises licence and at the time of sending the e-mail no CCTV had been produced for this crime. The crime has since been filed as undetected.

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On 22 December 2015 I received a second e-mail from PC Van Loo following a report of a burglary at 11 Harehills Road Leeds 8 on 18 December 2015.

Officers who attended the burglary reported that there was no front door on the premises at all and that the shutters had been forced, which had resulted persons unknown gaining access to the shop. Officers enquired about the CCTV at the store and Mr Mohammed claimed to be having difficulties with the CCTV system and that he could not burn anything to a disc. Shores Mohammed failed to cooperate further with the officers and would not let them inspect the premises or reveal fully what had been stolen.

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Signature:	David Crossley	Date:	03/02/16
Time and date statement taken: 03/02/16 16:00hrs			

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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 **10:16hrs** we attended at "**East European Foods**" **11 Harehills Road, LS8.5HR** There was a young male behind the counter who identified himself as **Mumteamu GHEORGHE**. Carmel and I identified ourselves, and shown our identification to **GHEORGHE** who spoke very little English, so telephoned his boss. I asked where his boss was coming from to which **GHEORGHE** replied '**Romania**', however he then pointed up to the ceiling and within a very short time a male I now know to be **Shoresh MOHAMMED** walked from the back of the shop. Carmel asked if he had received a letter telling him of today's visit, to which he nodded. Carmel asked to look at the shops CCTV and **MOHAMMED** signalled for us to follow him, so **GHEORGHE** locked the shop up and we all went out through the back of the shop into a small yard and up a flight of metal stairs to a first floor flat. We followed **MOHAMMED** through the kitchen and into a bedroom which contained the CCTV monitoring and recording equipment. **MOHAMMED** stated he had paid **£80** for a **2000 gigabyte hard drive**, and **GHEORGHE** was asked by Carmel to search the **8th December 2015**. I watched him enter the correct date and in the order of **2015/12/08** onto the search screen, whereupon a message immediately came up which read '**NO DATA**' Carmen voiced her opinions regarding the fact that no footage had been recorded. **GHEORGHE** continued his attempts to find some footage without success on dates requested by Carmen, being the **10th December 2015**, followed by the **15th, 20th, 22nd, 24th and 25th December**. On each occasion the same

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message appeared stating '**NO DATA**' Carmen asked **MOHAMMED** if the shop was open on Christmas Day, and he confirmed that it was. Carmen asked questions regarding when the engineer came, did he have any receipts and whether the engineers visit was after a letter she had sent to **MOHAMMED** in December, at which point **MOHAMMED** said the engineers visit was after the other lady came, which was clarified as being **PC DOBSON**.

At this point a young female who had been in bed since we arrived, told us the engineer came on the 21<sup>st</sup> December. She then got out of bed and took over from **GHEORGHE** on the CCTV equipment and attempted to rewind the footage to see how far back it had recorded. She went on to a different search screen and kept clicking on the rewind symbol, which went back a single hour at a time. She was however able to go back to **09:00 on 5 January 2016**, which means only 3 days of footage had been recorded, which apparently was exactly the same as it was when **PC DOBSON** visited in **November 2015**. **MOHAMMED** insisted that he had paid for 2000 gigabyte and shown us a 'label' of the system on his phone, he then told the female to try again. She entered **27 December 2015** on the search screen and again '**NO DATA**' appeared. This was also the same for **1<sup>st</sup> January 2016**. When asked for details of the CCTV engineer, **MOHAMMED** said the engineer has a shop a few streets away, I asked **MOHAMMED** if he had the engineers name, business address or contact telephone number, however he was unable to provide these details. Carmen explained there may be a prosecution or a review at the Civic Hall where all parties will be entitled to put their case, and she would be writing to him in due course. **MOHAMMED** was also advised to use the services of a reputable engineer. At **10:53hrs** we left the premises.

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