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Witness Statement

(CJ Act 1967, s.9; MC Act 1980, ss.5A(3)(a) and 5B; MC Rules 1981, r.70)

Crime Ref. No:

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Statement of CATHERINE ARKLE

Date of birth: Over 18

Occupation: PC 5548

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 anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated: 20th December 2011

Signature:



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

I am a police constable in the West Yorkshire Police, City and Holbeck Division, currently stationed at Millgarth Police Station in the capacity of Divisional Licensing Officer. I have jurisdiction over the city centre and the Morley, Holbeck and Rothwell areas of Leeds. The city centre demands most of my time with approximately three hundred licensed premises operating in that area. I have worked in this position since Spring 2005.

My duties entail enquiring into the background of various liquor licence applications, preparing police reports for the Licensing Authority and partnership multi agency working with the licensing trade. I am responsible, together with other members of the Licensing Department, for maintaining computer records aimed at monitoring incidents and crimes that relate to licensed premises.

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Continuation Statement of CATHERINE ARKLE

Recently we have become aware of a lack of sharing of information between the police and HM Revenue and Customs. HMRC are not a responsible authority but are heavily involved with licensed premises through enforcement visits to check tobacco and alcohol products are being sold without the evasion of excise duty. Senior management in both organisations have now reached agreements on the sharing of information and police assisting HMRC through licensing enforcement action, such as applications for reviews of premises licences. The country currently suffers substantial financial loss through the organised crime of evasion of tax duty.

Polish Delicatessen, 171, Dewsbury Road, Leeds, LS11 5EG

The Premises Licence Holder for the above mentioned shop is Makgorzata Czerwiec. On 23rd January 2009 West Yorkshire Police Licensing Department received an application for a premises licence at 171, Dewsbury Road. The normal checks were done on the applicant and the premises with nothing of note coming to light. A 'qualified' objection was made to the application by West Yorkshire Police. Agreements were reached with the applicant over the recommended conditions to be imposed on the premises licence to promote the licensing objectives and the police objection was therefore withdrawn.

On 25th October 2011 West Yorkshire Police Licensing Department received another application from the same applicant for premises situated within Leeds market. Due to a recent change in procedure regarding off-licence applications in particular I immediately made enquiries with HMRC. I was informed by Jai Vantoch-Wood, officer of HMRC, that he and other officers had had several dealings with the applicant, Ms Czerwiec, her premises at Dewsbury Road and the premises, without a licence, in Leeds market, and also her home address. I was informed that there had been several instances of seizures of illegally imported tobacco and alcohol from all three addresses and also a large cash seizure from the applicant's home address.

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Due to the information supplied to me I made an outright objection to the application for a premises licence in Leeds market. A hearing was set for Monday 12th December 2011 at the Civic Hall. The applicant failed to attend and the licence was not granted after the evidence was heard by the Licensing Sub-Committee.

Police computer systems have again been interrogated in relation to the PLH and both her home address and 171, Dewsbury Road. Of note is a report of an arrest of a Polish male at 171, Dewsbury Road on 9th June 2011. This was for an offence of handling stolen goods and resulted in a search of the male's home address which is the same as Ms.Czerwiec - [REDACTED] Leeds 17. Officers found large quantities of cash lying around the front room and mail linking both Czerwiec and the Polish male to that address. They also discovered bank account details which showed various amounts of cash passing through the account and being transferred into various other accounts. 2 vehicles, a Jaguar and a BMW, were also found to be registered to the Polish male. A white Iveco panel van without any number plates was found on the drive of the address. It contained five x twelve gallon drums filled with petrol/diesel and number plates.

As a result of the information received from HMRC and our own intelligence reports West Yorkshire Police now apply for a review of the premises licence at 171, Dewsbury Road. The licence to sell alcohol has been abused by Ms Czerwiec and used as a cover to sell illegally imported alcohol. This is a direct undermining of the crime prevention licensing objective, and I have no doubt that if a licence had been granted for the stall in the market the same illegal sales of alcohol would have occurred there as have at 171, Dewsbury Road. West Yorkshire Police now ask that the premises licence for 171, Dewsbury Road be revoked and will be relying on evidence provided by HMRC at any hearing.

Signature: [REDACTED]

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WITNESS STATEMENT

ENGLAND AND WALES ONLY

(CJ Act 1967, s.9; MC Act 1980, ss.5A(3)(a) and 5B; MC Rules 1981, r.70)

Statement of: Jai Vantoch-Wood

Age if under 18: Over 18 (If over 18 insert 'over 18')

Occupation: Officer of HM Revenue & Customs

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Date: 23rd November 2011

I have recently been contacted by PC Cath Arkle from Leeds District Licensing Office, Milgarth Police Station, Leeds.

PC Arkle has asked me to research any dealings HMRC may have had with the below named person:

Malgorzata Czerwiec

DOB: [REDACTED]

12, [REDACTED]

And also any dealings we may have had with premises for which she is the named premises licence holder at 171 Dewsbury Road Leeds LS11 5EG.

I have noted the dates and seizure amounts below for your information which I have taken from our Inland Detection Seizure file. These are not all seizures of goods I have been involved in personally:-

171 Dewsbury Road Leeds LS11 5EG

Date	Goods seized
14/11/2009	1180 cigarettes and 36 litres Vodka
19/09/2010	220 cigarettes and 0.05kg hand rolling tobacco
15/06/2011	800 cigarettes and 45 litres mixed alcohol (wine and vodka)
21/11/2011	760 cigarettes and 2.1 litres vodka

232-234 Kirkgate Market Leeds LS2 7HY

Date	Goods seized
09/12/2010	760 cigarettes

12 [REDACTED] Leeds [REDACTED]

Date	Goods seized
09/12/2010	14,920 cigarettes, 51.3 litres spirits, 6.3 litres wine and approximately £28,318.81 (£27,545.00 Sterling, 4 Bulgarian Lev, 2,286.46 Polish Zloty and 323.46 Euros. Cash forfeiture ongoing)

Date: _____

Signature: _____

(signature of witness)

Signature: _____

(signature witnessed by)

STATEMENT OF WITNESS: ENGLAND AND WALES ONLY

INTELL: THEFT/ FINANCIAL/ OTHER - At 12:45hrs on Thursday 9th June, officers attended at JOHN CHARLES SPORTS CENTRE, BEESTON to reports of youths causing damage to vehicles in the car park.

Upon arrival a red ford escort had been damaged and a sat nav stolen from the vehicle. Three youths were later arrested for the offence (# 262735 refers).

After interview the youths admitted to selling the sat nav to a Polish male at the POLSKIE DELICATESEN, 171 DEWSBURY ROAD.

Officers attended at the delicatessen and spoke to a male called [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] immediately admitted to buying the sat nav from the youths for £5 and handed the sat nav to officers. He was arrested for handling stolen goods, to which Occ# 269622 refers.

A section 18 house search was done at the flat above the store to which [REDACTED] said he lived. There was a family living at the locus.

E41 - They stated that [REDACTED] did not live there, but rented out the flat to them.

Outside the store was a silver BMW VRM: [REDACTED] which was registered to [REDACTED] at an address of [REDACTED] MEANWOOD. There was also a Silver Jaguar VRM: [REDACTED] outside the store.

A further section 18 was carried out at that address. There were no further items of note at the address, linking him to any further offences of handling. However, there were large quantities of cash lying around the front room with receipts from the Polski delicatessen and mail addressed to both [REDACTED] and a female called Malgorzata CWERWIEC

There was a Barclays bank account No. [REDACTED] (sort code: [REDACTED]) which showed various amounts of cash passing through the account and being transferred to other accounts.

There was also paperwork from the DVLA relating to a Silver Jaguar VRM: [REDACTED] this was also shown as registered to [REDACTED]

In the drive of the locus was a white Iveco panel van, with no number plates (front or rear). Inside the van were 5 x 12 gallon plastic drums filled with petrol/diesel and number plates

Occurrence: [13100284853 (Intelligence) Intelligen Task:]
Author: #721294 SYKES, M. Report time: 12/07/2010 10:23
Entered by: #401021 PEARCE, M. Entered time: 12/07/2010 10:23
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Operation or Task/Ref: Sensitive
Press Button to Sanitise (Intelligence Staff Only): *Sanitise Source & Officer Details*

Information
INTELL: OTHER - Anonymous information received that the Polish shop, POLSKI DELICATESSEN, 171 DEWSBURY ROAD, BEESTON is selling alcohol, mostly to polish customers and the shop is unlicensed.
Information is that they also sell cheap cigarettes which they import (no duty) and a lorry arrives every week from Poland delivering the goods.

ANPR Required
- Please select no of Vehicles if required -

Vehicle 1
VRM









