

WITNESS STATEMENT


**Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27.2
Criminal Justice Act 1967, S. 9
Magistrates Courts Act 1980, 5B**

Statement of: Jason Lee BETHELL

Age of witness: (if over 18 enter 'over 18') Over 18


Occupation: Illicit Tobacco officer

This statement (consisting of 1 pages 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: 20/12/2023 **Signature:** 

I am an Illicit Tobacco officer employed by West Yorkshire Trading Standards Service (WYTSS). I am an authorised officer for the purposes of the Trade Marks Act 1994, the Tobacco and Related Products Regulations 2016, the Standardised Packaging of Tobacco Regulations 2015 and the Consumer Rights Act 2015.

On 03/10/2023 a further test purchase was conducted at Baba Jaga, 107 Harehills Road, Leeds, LS8 5HS and another illegal packet of counterfeit cigarettes was purchased for £4.00. The cigarettes were again obtained from a vehicle parked next to the store on Conway Place and brought back into the store to the sales counter to make the sale. This store has continued to trade in illegal tobacco.

NOTE : *If statements are typed double spacing should be used. One side only of this paper should be used.* **(Signed)** 

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To be completed if applicable:being unable to read the above statement I,of....., read it to him/her before he/she signed it. **Signed** **Dated**.....