

WEST YORKSHIRE POLICE

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OFFICIAL (when complete)**POLICE STATEMENT**

(Criminal Justice Act 1967, s.9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, S.5B;
Criminal Procedure Rules, Rule 16.2)

NICHE Ref No: 13230482430

Statement of: [REDACTED], PC Elizabeth Hall

This statement 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.

Signature

[REDACTED]

Date: 22-12-2023

I am PC [REDACTED] HALL currently employed by West Yorkshire Police and based in the Leeds District at Killingbeck Fire Station covering the Gipton and Harehills ward area.

On Wednesday 30th August 2023 I was working 0700x1600 duty wearing uniform. I was assisting with a day of action organised by A/PS [REDACTED] ELLIS targeting several business premises on HAREHILLS ROAD in LEEDS who were suspected to be involved in Organised Crime. Several partner agencies were also present.

One of the businesses targeted was BK STORES, 78 HAREHILLS ROAD, LS85NU. I was asked to attend at the premises to assist another officer who had 2 suspects detained following the discovery of a large quantity of suspected stolen goods.

I attended and met with A/PS ELLIS who escorted me to the cellar area of the shop where there were shelves full of various types of alcohol as well as different perfumes. This was located tucked away at the very rear of the cellar.

There were around 120x bottles of Jack Daniels along with numerous boxes of Zara and Next perfumes and aftershaves all in the original packaging. As far as I could see none of these fragrances were on visible display upstairs in the shop for sale to customers. This further led to me thinking the goods were stolen.

Signature

[REDACTED]

Date: 22-12-2023

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I obtained images of the various perfumes and aftershaves which I exhibit as EMH1.

Signature

[REDACTED]

Date: 22-12-2023

Signature

[REDACTED]

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WITNESS STATEMENT

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NICHE Ref. No:

13230482430

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Statement of: PC [REDACTED] LINDSEY TOWERS

Date of birth: Over 18

Occupation: Police Constable

This statement (consisting of: 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.

Signature: L.TOWERS

Date: 30/08/23

Time and date statement taken: 16:00 30/08/23

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

I am PC [REDACTED] TOWERS and I am employed by WEST YORKSHIRE POLICE. I am based on the neighbourhood Impact Team at Elland Road Police Station.

On 30th August 2023 I attended B.K STORES, 78 HAREHILLS ROAD, LEEDS on a joint operation with HMRC.

Initially present was a male behind the counter I now know as:

[REDACTED]

A short while later the shop owner arrived at the premises. I now know the male to be:

Aamir MASOOD

The store was a fairly large convenience store. As you walked through the front door there were shelves to the left and to the right. The till was to the right hand-side as you walked in. There was a small wooden door at the back right of the shop which lead to a staircase that lad to the cellar.

There was a wooden door which was padlocked in the cellar, this then lead into another room which had another wooden door at the back of the room which was also padlocked.

Within the second padlocked room there was a large amount of property that appeared to be stolen. I suspected the items to be stolen due to them being branded items such as PRIMARK, NEXT, and ALDI. Most items were in bags for life and looked as if shoplifters were bringing stolen items and the shop owner was buying the items from them and storing them in the locked room.

There were large quantities of washing powder, coffee, and shampoo. There was an extremely large amount of Jack Daniels, approximately 250 bottles.

Based on this suspicion At 12:35hrs I arrested the [REDACTED] and MASOOD on suspicion of handling stolen goods. I applied handcuffs in the front stacked position to MASOOD and double locked them for safety. Neither made no significant reply.

HMRC seized a large quantity of alcohol believed to be smuggled.

I seized the following items:

Signature: L.TOWERS

Signature witnessed by:

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Continuation Statement of LINDSEY TOWERS

LT1- 1 X MOBILE PHONE seized from shop owner at 12:44 hrs 30/08/23 by PC [REDACTED] TOWERS. Bag Number BSH0357699.

LT2- 1 X MOBILE PHONE seized from shop employee by PC [REDACTED] TOWERS AT 12:44 hrs 30.08.23. Bag Number BSH0357700.

LT3- 53x MISC STOLEN ITEMS seized from back room, cellar by PC [REDACTED] TOWERS at 14:30hrs.

I took photographs of the property within the cellar and I exhibit these as LT4.

I took photographs of the suspected stolen property and I exhibit these as LT5.

I exhibit my body worn video as LT6.

Signature: L.TOWERS

Signature Witnessed by:

SUSPECTED STOLEN PROPERTY BK STORES

Occurrence details

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| Niche occurrence ID | 13230482430 |
| Occurrence type | |
| Disp. type | |
| Call source | |
| Occurrence reported time | 30-08-2023 12:43 |
| Call priority | |
| Occurrence start date | |
| Occurrence start time | |
| Occurrence end date | |
| Occurrence end time | |
| Status | New |

Officer Recording: Towers Lindsey PC [REDACTED]
Form Submitted: Entry
Occurrence Number: 13230482430

Entry Photos



Caption: 1

When Taken: 30-08-2023 12:04



Caption: 2

When Taken: 30-08-2023 12:04



Caption: 3

When Taken: 30-08-2023 12:04



Caption: 4
When Taken: 30-08-2023 12:05



Caption: 5

When Taken: 30-08-2023 12:05



Caption: 6
When Taken: 30-08-2023 12:05

































██████████ entered the UK as a visitor and did not have permission to work in the United Kingdom. His visa expired on 09/11/2021. He has not made any attempts to regularise his stay in the UK. He does not have permission to work in the UK.

A Civil Penalty Referral Notice was served to Aamir MASOOD and this is currently being considered by the Civil Penalties Compliance Team.

Whether by negligence or wilful blindness an illegal worker was engaged in activity on the premises, yet it is a simple process for an employer to ascertain what documents they should check before a person can work. All employers are dutybound by law to conduct these checks if they wish to avoid being penalised if found to have employed someone who is prohibited from working, and guidance can be found on the Gov.UK website or by using a search engine. Additional information on how to conduct these checks is available online, this includes the Home Office's official YouTube page.

It is an offence to work when a person is disqualified to do so, and such an offence can only be committed with the co-operation of a premises licence holder or its agents. It is also an offence to employ an illegal worker where there is reason to believe this is the case.

Section 182 guidance of the Licensing Act 2003 at point 11.27 states that certain activity should be treated particularly seriously, and this includes employing someone who is disqualified from that work by reason of their immigration status in the UK. 11.28 of the guidance states that **it is expected that revocation of the licence – even in the first instance – should be seriously considered.**

Details of Responsible Authority

Name and Address:

Home Office Immigration Enforcement
The Alcohol and LNR Licensing Team
40 Wellesley Road
Croydon
CR9 2BY

Email address
(optional):

IE.Alcoholreviews@homeoffice.gov.uk

Signatures

Signature of Responsible Authority

Home Office Immigration Enforcement

Date:

18 January 2024

Capacity:

**Responsible
Authority**