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WITNESS STATEMENT

(Criminal Justice Act 1967, s.9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, S.5B;
Criminal Procedure Rules, Rule 16. 2)

NICHE Ref No: 13230111819

Statement of: [REDACTED]

Age (if under 18): N/A

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: 08-03-2024

I am the above named person residing at the address stated overleaf.

I currently for ENTAIN GROUP who cover LADBROOKES and CORAL BOOKMAKERS. My current role is a [REDACTED], which I have done for the last seven years. My role is to ensure safety of the colleagues, health and safety and risk assessments for our licenses.

I am making this statement in relation to CORAL BOOKMAKERS at 41 COMPTON ROAD, LEEDS which I have covered on and off for the last seven years.

This shop in particular is one of focus shops, which is a shop we pay more attention to due to the link with anti social behaviour. I would say during my seven years tenure this shop has also had issues with anti social behaviour which is predominately linked to street drinking which occurs in the alleyway near the shop.

This has a knock on effect with that staff. Due to issues of street drinkers coming in regularly being abusive, we get a lot of staff who refuse to cover that store or quit because of the constant abuse.

This issue is mainly facilitated by two licensed premises on the same street, POTRAVINY DANKO and MAMA ROSE who are both on COMPTON ROAD also.

Staff members have confirmed to me that regular street drinkers will attend as soon as the shop opens at 0830 hours, buying alcohol from either of these licensed premises and then attending the bookmakers.

Signature

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I have been made aware recently that both licensed premises have had their licenses revoked despite this they still continue to sell alcohol irresponsible to street drinkers who cause misery to our shop staff. It is extremely unfair that my colleagues have to work under constant duress, which is a direct cause of irresponsible alcohol sales.

For example, the most recent incident reported via a safety manager centre, which I received a report for was today when the [REDACTED] an issue where a known street drinker had bought alcohol from POTRAVINY DANKO and has then been abusive towards colleagues in the store.

I have been made by the police about the ongoing issues with anti social behaviour and licensed premises. Whilst I appreciate both POTRAVINY DANKO and MAMA ROSE are businesses in their own right, they are clearly facilitating the issue of street drinking on the street and surrounding areas which causes regular issues with CORAL BOOKMAKERS.

I have provided PS ELLIS a spreadsheet of anti social behaviour related to alcohol from the shop over the last year. I shall exhibit it as [REDACTED] if required as evidence.

I am happy to provide more information if required.

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