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Statement of: **Matt Hammond**

Age if under 18 (if over insert "over 18"): **Over 18**

Occupation: **Police officer**

This statement (consisting of .....1..... Pages(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: \_\_\_\_\_



Date: **6<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

I am a police officer in the Gloucestershire Constabulary and my current role is alcohol licensing officer for Gloucester & Forest policing area.

On the 26<sup>th</sup> November 2022 I conducted a Test Purchase operation utilising one male and one female young person both of whom were 16 years of age. Neither young person dressed or changed their appearance to look older in any way and in my opinion neither looked older than 18 years. The full details and dates of birth of these young persons is detailed within the operational order.

In total five premises were checked on the 26<sup>th</sup> November 2022, three of these premises passed and requested identification to prove age and declined the sale when this could not be produced.

At 1406 hours I was in the Bargain Booze premises, 216-218 Hewlett Road, Cheltenham where I observed the female test purchaser select a bottle of Old Mout Cider 4% abv and she paid for this at the till with no verbal communication from the cashier at all, she then left the store. I identified myself to the cashier and she provided the following details Mrs Dalwinder Kaur [REDACTED] she stated she was the designated premises supervisor and that she had been trying to sell quickly due to the small queue forming and was also distracted by a young child who was sat on the floor next to her in the staff area, she admitted that she didn't look at the purchaser and that she had made an error.

An entry was made of these facts on my police mobile device and this was signed by Dalwinder.

I advised Dalwinder that contact would be made over the next few weeks and that she must observe the challenge 25 scheme and ensure all age restricted products are sold correctly with age verification.

Signature ... \_\_\_\_\_



Please complete in BLOCK CAPITALS

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**Witness Contact Details**

Name:  Former name (s):

Date of Birth:  Place of Birth:  Gender:

Home address:  Postcode:

Home Tel No.:  Work Tel No.:  Mobile Tel No.:

Email address:  Ethnicity 16+1

Preferred means of contact (specify details for vulnerable/intimidated victims and witnesses only):

Dates of Witness Non-Availability:

**Witness Care**

Witness / Victim Status:  X Witness Statement  Victim Statement  Juvenile  Professional  Interpreter

Is this Witness / Victim?  Vulnerable  Intimidated  Persistently Targeted  A victim of most serious crimes

a) Is the witness willing to attend court?  Yes  No No, include reason(s) on form MG06.

b) Does the witness require special measures  Yes  No **MG2 Mandatory**  
**MG2 not required 18 & over**

c) Does the witness have any particular needs?  Yes  No If Yes select below

Disability,  Childcare,  Language Difficulties,  Restricted mobility  
 Healthcare,  Transport,  Visually Impaired,  Other concerns

d) Are alternative contact methods requested?  Yes Complete MG11 (Page 2 alternative contact details) Attached

**VPS ONLY:** All victims have the right to have it read aloud or just read by the Court. Choose one of the below:

Read aloud by the victim  Read aloud by CPS.  Read, and included in the court process but not read aloud

**MG2 ALWAYS required for:**

All youths under 18.  
Witnesses with mental disorders,  
Learning or physical disabilities,  
Witness in fear of giving evidence  
All sexual offence cases

**Witness Consent**

a) The Victim Personal Statement scheme (victims only) has been explained to me  Yes  No

b) I have been informed that victim & witness leaflets are available on Gloucestershire Constabulary's website at address: <http://www.gloucestershire.police.uk/VictimsandWitnesses>  
All Gloucestershire libraries have computers with free access to the internet.  Yes  No  N/A

c) I consent to police having access to my medical record(s) in relation to this matter (obtained in accordance with local practice)  Yes  No  N/A


d) I consent to my medical record in relation to this matter being disclosed to the defence  Yes  No  N/A

e) I consent to the statement being disclosed for the purposes of civil, or other proceedings if applicable, e.g. child care proceedings, CICA  Yes  No  N/A

f) Child witness cases only. I have had the provision regarding reporting restrictions explained to me. See Below  Yes  No  N/A

I would like CPS to apply for reporting restrictions on my behalf  Yes  No  N/A

**Read to Child Witness**  
'Because you are a victim/witness to a criminal offence you may be required to attend court and give evidence. This means telling the court what happened in the incident and answering questions about it. Even if you are not required to attend court your name may be mentioned in court as part of the proceedings. Members of the media are allowed to attend court and report on what happens, but this is rare unless the offence is particularly serious. If the case is dealt with in a youth court, or you are a victim of certain offences, the media are not allowed to identify you in their reports but if the case is dealt with in an adult court your identity can be reported. The Crown Prosecution Service can make a request to the adult court on your behalf to stop your identity being reported. A magistrate or judge can then decide to stop the media identifying you in their reports by imposing 'reporting restrictions'. Would you like the Crown Prosecution Service to ask for 'reporting restrictions' to stop your identity being reported in the media?'  
g) The information recorded above will be disclosed to Victim Support so that they can offer help support, unless you ask them not to. Tick this box to decline their services

Witness Signature:   Print Name:

Parent/Guardian/Appropriate Adult Signature:   Print Name:

Address & Tel. No. if different from above:

Statement Taken by (print name)  Station:

Time and place statement taken