

CHELTHENHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

(Criminal Procedure Rules, 2005 r27.1(1);  
Criminal Justice Act 1967, s.9 Magistrates' Courts Act 1980,s. 5B)

Statement of GORDON CLARK MILNE

Age of witness: Over 18

Occupation of witness: OFFICE MANAGER

This statement consisting (of 2 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 the 16<sup>TH</sup> day of JULY 2013

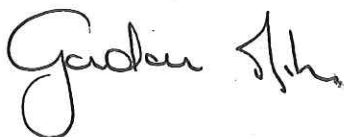
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On the 4<sup>th</sup> July the date of the offence Mr John Carr licensed driver of private hire vehicle number 053 advised me that he had been stopped by the police whilst driving and was unable to continue to work until he had replaced three tyres on his vehicle he also admitted that had had been using a mobile phone whilst in control of his vehicle. Mr Carr is a night time driver who occasionally works in the afternoon.

He was originally employed by A 2 B Taxi's as a control operator but later became a driver on a agency basis supplying his own vehicle and being responsible for the maintenance of his vehicle. It was also explained to him that he was responsible for ensuring that he and

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his vehicle complied fully with all licensing conditions specified by Cheltenham Borough Council. He also had an obligation to comply with all company conditions.

On several occasions I advised Mr Carr to make sure that he and his vehicle were fit for the purpose and make sure that tyres, lights and condition of the vehicle were compliant on no occasion did Mr Carr say that his vehicle was not fit for the purpose of carrying fee paying passengers.

Several drivers had expressed concern about the condition of his tyres over a period of time however this has only just been disclosed to the company.

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Signed

*Gordon J.L.*

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