

OFFICIAL SENSITIVE (when completed)

WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 16.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9

Statement of [REDACTED] **URN:**

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Age if under 18 Over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: Immigration Officer [REDACTED]

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 anything in it which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature: **Date:** 15/11/2021

I am an Immigration Officer based at the [REDACTED]. On Saturday 23/10/2021 I was on duty dressed in uniform when I went to Noble House Restaurant, 43 Osborne Road, Portsmouth PO5 3LS as part of an Immigration Enforcement visit. Our team arrived at the premises at approx. 20.40

The Officer in Charge of the visit was myself. Also present, [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

I entered through the front door holding my Warrant card in my hand. At the briefing, I had directed [REDACTED], [REDACTED] & [REDACTED] to make their way directly into the kitchen on entry. A male who I now know to be Mr Albert CHOI immediately started shouting at us as we entered that we could not come in. I tried to explain that we were immigration Officers, the purpose of our visit and our power of entry but Mr CHOI was beside himself with rage and could not hear me such was his aggression and hostility towards us. He attempted to block [REDACTED] as he made his way to the kitchen and he followed me and my colleagues through the busy restaurant, shouting and haranguing us as we moved to the kitchen which was accessed via a doorway in the far right hand corner of a dining area. CHOI then started shouting at his kitchen staff in a foreign language and shortly after I learned that the staff were not engaging with our telephone interpreters. I continued to identify myself to CHOI as the Officer in Charge and serve the Notice to Occupier to him. CHOI made various threats about how much trouble I was going to be in, stating that he had powerful friends at Portsmouth City Council and also making comment regarding his lawyer who was going to take me to court. I also observed him mocking my colleague, [REDACTED]. At one-point CHOI got out his mobile phone and started videoing our Collar numbers. I invited CHOI to call the Police if he felt that we were illegally present on his premises. There were three kitchen workers present and waiting staff who were coming in and out of the kitchen. Eventually Home Office checks revealed that all three of the kitchen staff were illegally present in the United Kingdom and had no permission to work in the UK. At this point I asked Mr CHOI to consider telling his customers that there would be no food that evening as his chefs were all under arrest. Only at this time did Mr CHOI begin to calm himself and I instructed [REDACTED] to conduct an illegal working interview with CHOI. It was by now around forty minutes after our arrival and the customers had all begun to leave. Officers began conducting Interviews with my team but still refused to give a place of abode. Over an hour went by before CHOI admitted that they all lived in a flat above the restaurant. At around 22.55, all Officers departed the restaurant and as I left, I provided Mr Choi with a leaflet explaining the Home Office complaints procedure. I have had no further dealings with Mr CHOI.. IO 9080

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Witness contact details

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Name of witness:
 Home address: Postcode:.....
 Email address:..... Mobile:.....
 Home telephone number:..... Work telephone number:.....
 Preferred means of contact (specify details for vulnerable/intimidated witnesses **only**):.....
 Gender:..... Date and place of birth:.....
 Former name: Ethnicity Code (16 + 1):

DATES OF WITNESS NON-AVAILABILITY:

Witness care

- a) Is the witness willing to attend court? Yes No If 'No', include reason(s) on form **MG6**.
- b) What can be done to ensure attendance?
- c) Does the witness require a Special Measures Assessment as a vulnerable or intimidated witness? (*youth under 18; witness with mental disorder, learning or physical disability; or witness in fear of giving evidence or witness is the complainant in a sexual offence case*)
 Yes No If 'Yes', submit **MG2** with file in anticipated not guilty, contested or indictable only cases.
- d) Does the witness have any particular needs? Yes No If 'Yes', what are they? (*Disability, healthcare, childcare, transport, language difficulties, visually impaired, restricted mobility or other concerns?*)

Witness Consent (for witness completion)

- a) The Victim Personal Statement scheme (victims only) has been explained to me: Yes No
 - b) I have been given the Victim Personal Statement leaflet Yes No
 - c) I have been given the leaflet "Giving a witness statement to the Home Office...." Yes No
 - d) 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
 - e) I consent to my medical record in relation to this matter being disclosed to the defence: Yes No N/A
 - f) I consent to the statement being disclosed for the purposes of civil proceedings if applicable, e.g. child care proceedings, CICA Yes No N/A
 - g) **Child witness cases only.** I have had the provision regarding reporting restrictions explained to me. Yes No N/A
- I would like the CPS to apply for reporting restrictions on my behalf. Yes No N/A

I understand that the information recorded above will be passed on to the Witness Service, which offers help and support to witnesses pre-trial and at court.

Signature of witness: PRINT NAME:

Signature of parent/guardian/appropriate adult: PRINT NAME:

Address and telephone number if different from above:.....

Statement taken by (*print name*): Station:

Time and place statement taken: