

MG 11

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WITNESS STATEMENT			
(CJ Act 1967, s.9; MC Act 1980, ss.5A(3)(a) and 5B; MC Rules 1981, r.70)			
URN	06	G1	20
Statement of: <u>Antony Lawton</u>			
Age if under 18: over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: Neighbourhood Schools Officer			
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: 10/06/20	
Check box if witness evidence is visually recorded <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (supply witness details on last page)			

I am Police Constable 12408 Antony Lawton of The Greater Manchester Police, currently based at Ashton Police Station , Manchester Road , Ashton Under Lyne, Tameside. I am work in company with Pc 15373 Greg Howard , and together we are the G1 – Ashton , Stalybridge, Dukinfield and Mossley Schools Officers which cover the High Schools in these areas .

On Wednesday 3rd June 2020 myself and my colleague were on uniformed mobile patrol in a livered police carrier driving down Market Street Stalybridge passing through the area on patrol, when we observed a number of youths outside a shop known as JITS, – Market Street, Stalybridge, this shop I'm aware due to my role has been of interest to licensing and Police Neighbourhood Officers due to possible sales of alcohol or cigarettes to under age youths . One of these youths we observed looked into his plastic bag whilst showing items to his three friends all of whom looked to be under the age of 18years and looked slightly nervous due to their body language . Myself and my colleague thought these items looked to be alcohol. So parked up further along the street, but due to another vehicle exiting a side street were unable to intercept the lads.

My colleague , Pc Howard who was driving then proceeded to drive around the block to head down the street the lads were walking down which was Chapel Street , Stalybridge . As we drove back up Chapel street towards Market Street , the 4 lads were walking towards us . And as they passed two white parked vans the tallest of the group a male I now know to be [redacted] who wore a man bag , and had dark curly hair , short back and sides , put down a bag at the side of the vans . When they came towards us we spoke to the group .

PC L – WHERE IS THAT BAG YOU JUST HAD
 PC H – HAVE YOU JUST COME FROM THAT SHOP JITS
 MD- YEAH , ITS ON THE FLOOR
 PC L –OKAY IS THERE ALCOHOL IN THE BAG?
 MD- YEAH
 PC H – DID YOU JUST GET THE BEER FROM THAT SHOP JITS
 MD – YEAH
 PC H – OKAY THANKS FOR BEING HONEST – GO AND COLLECT THE BAG AND JUMP IN OUR VAN PLEASE,
 HOW OLD ARE YOU ALL ?
 MD– 16/17 WE HAVE JUST LEFT WEST HILL SCHOOL .

All four males then got in our vehicle with the bag of alcohol that [redacted] had bought from JITS, and we drove the short distance to the shop where Pc Howard and [redacted] entered the shop and I witnessed the shop worker take the bag back and say she did serve this male and PC Howard advised Max to give the bag back and the worker to refund his money. Once the above had taken place we asked the males to leave the area which they did so.

Pc Howard then asked the name of the worker, who stated her name was Shanon , and she was 23years old and it was her first day . She stated she knew Jit as she had worked there a few years earlier , and did not id the male and apologised. We informed the worker that the matter would possibly be followed up by the council for serving under age , and also not complying with the ID .

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The shop is opposite a number of TMBC council cctv cameras , and after the event I also made contact with them and asked that they save the footage of the males outside the shop for any proceedings , this has been passed to Mike Robinson at Tameside Licensing .

I wish to add to the above , that I have prior to being a schools officer , been a Neighbourhood Police officer and my area was Stalybridge South , which covers , Copley , Brushes , Millbrook and Mottram Rise. On this area is a High School Copley High School , and I had , and still have due to my new role good contact with the teachers there usually Mr Dan Obrien who is a safeguarding lead at this school . As my time as a Neighbourhood Police Officer , and also recently as a schools officer , both Copley and nearby West Hill High Schools have made us aware of pupils being found with single cigarettes or congregating around the above shop , and have stated that items purchased were from Jits , Market Street , Stalybridge , and this has come from pupils who have been stopped within school and had items removed from them as it is against school policy.

Signature:

Signature witnessed by:



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Witness contact details

Home address: Ashton Under Lyne Police Station - Manchester Road , Ashton , Tameside

Postcode: Home telephone no.:
 Work telephone no: Mobile/Pager no:
 E-mail address: n/a Preferred means of contact:
 Male Female (tick as applicable) Date and place of birth:
 Former name: Height: Ethnicity code: w1
 State dates of witness non-availability:

Witness care

- a) Is the witness willing and likely to attend court? Yes No
 If 'No', include reason(s) on form MG6. What can be done to ensure attendance?
- b) Does the witness require 'special measures' as a vulnerable or intimidated witness Yes No
 If 'Yes' submit MG2 with file.
- c) Does the witness have any specific care needs? Yes No
 If 'Yes' what are they? (Healthcare, childcare, transport, disability, language difficulties, visually impaired, restricted mobility or other concerns?)

Witness consent (for witness completion)

- a) The criminal justice process and Victim Personal Statement scheme (victims only) has been explained to me: Yes No
- b) I have been given the leaflet 'Giving a witness statement to the police – what happens next?': Yes No
- c) I consent to police having access to my medical record(s) in relation to this matter: 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 proceedings: Yes No N/A
- f) The information recorded above will be disclosed to the Witness Service so that they can offer help and support unless you ask them not to. Tick this box to decline their services:

Signature of witness:

Statement taken by (print name): pc 12408 lawton Station: Ashton
 Time and place statement taken: 1030hrs 10/06/20

