

Lancashire County Council

Statement of Witness
(Criminal Procedure Rules, r27.1(1);
Criminal Justice Act 1967, s9, Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s5B)

STATEMENT OF (name of witness) LAUREN MANNING

Age of witness (If over [18] enter over [18]): OVER 18

Occupation of witness: TRADING STANDARDS PRINCIPAL OFFICER

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 11th day of February , 2019 (Signed)

I am employed by Lancashire County Council Trading Standards Service as a Principal Officer in the Intelligence Management Team, currently based at County Hall, Pitt Street, Preston PR1 0LD.

Further to the representations I submitted on 21/12/2018 objecting to the new premises licence application at European Foods, I would like to add the following information.

On 10th January 2019 I received an email from John Clucas of Burnley Borough Council's Licensing Department, informing me of a test purchase that had taken place the previous day. John Clucas stated that he went to European Foods, 260 Colne Road, Burnley BB10 1DZ at 2pm together with his colleague, Katie Mawdsley, and that Katie entered the shop first as a prospective customer and was sold a bottle of white wine for £4.99. Katie selected the bottle of wine from a cabinet which had a sign on stating 'temporary stop sale alcohol'. The seller was ,

John Clucas then entered the premises and interviewed who admitted to the sale.

Following on from this test purchase, Trading Standards sent an adult test purchaser, Arkadiusz Owslanski, in to the premises on 23rd January 2019 to attempt a test purchase of

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illicit tobacco. The female shop assistant sold him a packet of illicit Winston cigarettes for
£5. These cigarettes were incorrectly labelled.

On 6th February 2019 another test purchase was attempted at the premises but the trader
refused the sale.

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STATEMENT OF (name of witness) LARA MASON

Age of witness (if over [18] enter over [18]): **OVER 18**

Occupation of witness: **SENIOR FAIR TRADING 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 in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated the 31st day of January , 2019 (Signed),

I am the person named above employed by Lancashire County Councils Trading Standards Service, currently assigned to the Special Investigations Team, based at County Hall in Preston.

On the afternoon of 23 January 2019 I instructed adult volunteer **ARKADIUSZ OWSIANSKI**, to enter the premises trading as **EUROPEAN FOOD STORE** situated at **260 COLNE ROAD, BURNLEY** in the County of Lancashire and attempt to purchase illicit tobacco products. I waited in a vehicle close by.

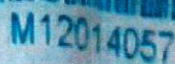
A few minutes later the adult volunteer returned to the vehicle and handed to me a packet of **WINSTON** cigarettes, I noticed that these were incorrectly labelled, I placed them into evidence bag referenced **M12014057** and labelled it as **LAM/EFS/1**, photographs of which I now produce labelled as **LAM/EFS/PIC1** and **LAM/EFS/PIC2**.

The adult volunteer gave me a description of what had occurred in the shop and of the people concerned.

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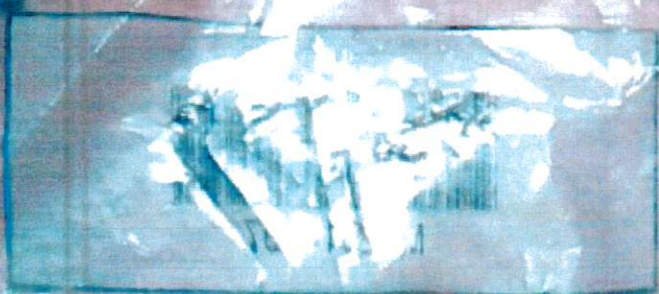
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EVIDENCE BAG

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STATEMENT OF (name of witness) ARKADIUSZ OWSIANSKI

Age of witness (if over [18] enter over [18]): OVER 18

Occupation of witness: DRIVER

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 day of , 20 (Signed)

I am the person named above, on 23 January 2019 I assisted Lancashire County Council's Trading Standards service in a test purchasing exercise.

On the afternoon of that day I was instructed by LARA MASON, a Senior Officer with Lancashire Trading Standards, to go into the premises trading as **EUROPEAN FOOD STORE** at **COLNE ROAD, BURNLEY** and attempt to buy illicit tobacco products.

I was served a packet of **WINSTON** cigarettes by a female shop assistant who I would describe as Eastern European, around 40 years old, 160-165 cm tall, average build with long brown hair and black glasses, she wore a tiger skin top and blue jeans. There was also an older male in the shop who I would describe as eastern European, in his 50s, around 170 cm tall with short black hair that was balding at the front, he wore a black winter coat a blue and green sweater, marine/royal blue jeans and black trainers.

I asked the female assistant what cigarettes they had, she said only Winston and asked the male for them, he handed them over but I did not see where he got them from.

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I paid £5.00 in cash then left the shop and returned to the car where I handed the cigarettes to Ms Mason, I told her what had happened and gave her a description of the people involved.

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