

**ROTHERHAM METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**WITNESS STATEMENT**

(Criminal Justice Act 1967 Section 9, Magistrates Court Act 1980, Section 5B  
and Criminal Procedure Rules, Rule 27.2)

Statement of: Lee Kerry

Age (if under 18): 0'18 (if over 18 insert "over 18")

Occupation: Licensing Enforcement Officer

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This statement (consisting of 3 page(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.

Dated the 9th day of September 2022

Signature 

Witness .....

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I am the above named person and I reside at the address overleaf.

I am employed as a Licensing Enforcement Officer by Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council (RMBC).

On Thursday the 8<sup>th</sup> of September 2022 at 11:00hrs I attended at The Ave Ferham Mini Market, which is situated at 192 Ferham Road, Rotherham. At this time I was in company with Keeley Ladlow, who is the Principal Licensing Enforcement Officer at RMBC and Police Constable Gavin Culmer of South Yorkshire Police.

This premises is a small grocery store which is also licensed to supply alcohol. The purpose of this visit was to collect CCTV evidence and to carry out an inspection in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003.

On arrival I saw a male who I now know to be Mohammed Ibrahim behind the counter. Myself and my colleagues identified ourselves to Mr Ibrahim, who stated that he worked at the store on a part time basis, when required by the owner. He stated that he was not a Personal License holder.

(In addition to the declaration above, the witness must sign the statement at the end of the script on each sheet)

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Mr Ibrahim then contacted Amanj JAWAD who is the licence holder and owner of the premises. A short time later Mr JAWAD attended at the store and identified himself as the owner.

Myself and Keeley then undertook a licensing compliance visit at the premises and examined the license conditions under Annex 2 of the premises license.

On inspection it became clear that JAWAD had breached a number of these conditions.

Condition 3 states that the license holder shall ensure that the CCTV system was capable of obtaining clear facial recognition of every person entering and leaving the store.

On inspection it was found that there was no CCTV camera covering the front entrance/exit door.

Condition 4 states that a CCTV log shall be completed on a weekly basis to ensure that all elements of the system are working correctly. When asked whether he kept and maintained a CCTV log, Mr JAWAD stated:

“YES I DO BUT I DON’T WRITE IT ANYWHERE”

On inspection the CCTV log produced by Mr JAWAD was blank and contained no entries.

Condition 12 states that the licence holder shall ensure that a personal license holder is present at all times that the premises is carrying out licensable activity. When asked whether Mr Ibrahim is a license holder, JAWAD stated :

“HE’S DONE THE TRAINING BUT HE’S NOT GOT A PERSONAL LICENSE”

When asked what training Mr Ibrahim had received, Mr JAWAD stated:

“I TRAIN HIM EVERY DAY”

On inspection the staff training booklet produced by Mr JAWAD was blank and contained no entries.

Condition 15 states that an incident log must be kept and retained at the store for 12 months. When asked to produce this log Mr JAWAD stated:

“I HAVE A LOG BUT THERE HAVE BEEN NO INCIDENTS”

On inspection, the incident log produced by Mr JAWAD was blank and contained no entries.

Condition 23 states that the license holder shall keep a written record of refusals to sell alcohol to underage customers, including descriptions. When asked whether he kept these logs, Mr JAWAD stated:

“YES, BUT ITS NOT COMPLETED ALL THE TIME”

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On inspecting the booklet produced by Mr JAWAD, it was shown that the last log was completed on the 25<sup>th</sup> of April 2022.



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