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WITNESS STATEMENT

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

Statement of James STILL URN:

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

This statement (consisting of:4..... 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: 22/01/2025

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded (supply witness details on rear)

I am Immigration Officer (IO) James STILL and I currently work at 10 Lower Thames Street Enforcement Office as part of the Central London Immigration Compliance and Enforcement (CL ICE) team.

On 10/01/2025 I was on duty with officers of the CL ICE Team and Metropolitan Police Camden Licensing team when we conducted an enforcement visit to Kiss the Sky Bar, 11-13 Camden High Street, London, NW1 7JE, under Home Office visit reference EV2-.....

The visit was conducted following intelligence provided by PC Dominic Hallam Camden Licensing Team. The officer provided notes from a previous visit stating conducted by the police that they attended the address and found two people who appeared to be working behind the bar. One of the males said that he was working there, Mr Darpan A.....

Another male became very nervous and tried to leave when we showed our warrant cards. He eventually provided his ID that had the following details. Mr Gursimrat

The males' names were provided to immigration to conduct status checks on both males. Mr details were confirmed by immigration but Home systems confirmed that the details and picture for Mr did not match.

The police have footage of admitting to working and documents supplied by the establishment that he does not work there. The documents also show he works at The Camden, 65 Crowndale Rd, Greater, London NW1 1TN.

Immigration records confirm that Darpan was granted a Leave to Remain Skilled Work visa on 11/08/2023, valid until 20/08/2028. Visa restrictions confirm that

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the applicant has no recourse to public funds. Work restricted to named sponsor - Caring Locals (sponsor licence number [REDACTED])

I was the Officer in Charge (OIC) of the enforcement visit conducted on 10/01/2025.

Entry was via Paragraph 17(2) Schedule 2 Immigration Act 1971 warrant at approximately 23:47 hrs.

Officers entered encountering the Bar manager - Katherine Barrett - [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Ms BARRETT confirmed that both targets were not scheduled to be on shift that night.

During the sweep of the premises a male worker attempted to flee the address but was stopped and arrested by immigration officers. They were later de-arrested due to insufficient evidence to prove breach of visa conditions.

Ms BARRATT provided the contact details of the owner of the business - Kashka Anthony Ray, [REDACTED]. I attempted to contact the owner over the phone to conduct employment Q&A with them, but they were unreachable on the night. Therefore, employment Q&A was conducted with the bar manager – Ms BARRETT.

The following questions and answers were provided -

Q. What's the name of this business?

A. Kiss the sky

Q. What's your job role here?

A. Bar manager

Q. Who is the owner of the business?

A. Kashka Anthony Ray [REDACTED]

Q. Are you in charge of everyone present at the bar

A. Yes

Q. Who's in charge of the rotas

A. There are no rotas, The jobs are advertised on our WhatsApp chat

Q. who pays the workers?

A. The owner

Q. what's the name of the other bar that is attached to Kiss the sky

A. The Camden, over the road from here

The following Q&A was conducted regarding Employee - Darpan, [REDACTED]

Q. Known to employer as

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A. We Call Them D

Q. How long has the employee been working at this business?

A. Roughly 18 months

Q. What is their job role/ duties?

A. Bar staff

Q. Who gave the employee this job?

A. We knew him from Sainsbury's, and he came in one day asking for a job

Q. Do they also work at the Camden?

A. Yes

Q. Who pays this employee?

A. The owner

Q. Did you check the right to work or immigration status before you offered the employee the job?

A. I don't know

The following Q&A was conducted regarding Employee - Gursimrat [REDACTED]

Q. Known to employer as

A. Gary

Q. How long has the employee been working at this business?

A. They have worked around 4 shifts

Q. What is their job role/ duties?

A. Bar staff

Q. Who gave the employee this job?

A. Through Darpan as they're friends

Q. Who tells them what days and hours to work?

A. From the WhatsApp chat

Q. Who pays this employee?

A. The owner

Q. Did you check the right to work or immigration status before you offered the employee the job?

A. I don't know

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During the visit, Ms BARRETT provided officers with employee sign in sheets dated from 19/10/2024 to 03/01/2025 and training logs confirming both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] employment at Kiss the Sky.

I served the business with an Illegal working Civil Penalty Referral Notice at 00:38hrs / 11/01/2025. Including the names of both suspected immigration offenders C [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

All officers departed from the scene at 0055hrs.

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