

WITNESS STATEMENT**Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B****Investigation No.****Case Number**

Statement of: Mr Lee Clews

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

Occupation: Neighbourhood Policing Officer

This statement (consisting of 2 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.

Signature: Lee Clews 20030**Date: Thursday, 05 May 2022**Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded ☒ (supply witness details on rear)

I am Police Constable 20030 Clews of the West Midlands Police Force currently stationed at Aldridge Police Station.

At approximately 15.37 hours on Thursday 5th May 2022 i was on full uniformed mobile patrol duty in company with other officers when i had cause to attend Spar,62 Walsall Road, Aldridge.

The reason for the visit is that the Spar is under a closure order and should not be trading for at least 3 months from March 23rd 2022.

As i approached the store i have turned on my police issue Body cam to start recording.

The front shutters were raised and the front door to the premises was open , the sign on the door said open also.

There was a set of keys in the front door.

Present inside the location was a male who identified himself as Paul who was behind the till and stated that he was the licensee and then paused when asked about ownership of the premises before answering yes he was the owner.

Also present were a male and female who Paul stated were family members and they had arrived to see him.

Paul stated that he had not been trading and was just speaking with his family i have my doubts about that.

There was a number of hermes parcels by the till on the floor as well as the Slush Machine was turned on.

There were no Security outside and the area was busy with School Children although apart from the persons mentioned no customers were present in the shop.

I now produce my Body Worn footage as Police Exhibit No LC/1 Court Reference No ().

Victim Personal Statement:

Signature: Lee Clews 20030