

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27.1(1)

Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9

Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B

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Age (if over 18, write over 18) Over 18

This statement (consisting of 5 pages 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.

Signed _____ *W.R.Masini* _____ Date: 2 December 2025

I, WILLIAM MASINI, WILL SAY AS FOLLOWS:

1. Further to the Application to review the Premises Licence held by Kamran Raza for the premises known as Retail 24 at 70 Uxbridge Road, Shepherds' Bush Green London W12 8LP I wish this statement to be additional evidence in support of the application.
2. I decided to give a copy of the application personally to Mr Raza at the premises on 24 September during the evening when I would be able to openly experience the trading environment and where relevant, further check for compliance with the premises licence. I expected to be in the shop for no more than a couple of minutes.
3. At 22:50 hours I arrived at the shop. Immediately outside the shop, by the open

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door, was a small group of late teen/early twenties males on mountain bikes or just standing unassisted. Recorded music was being played loudly from a device they had between them. I walked past them and went into the shop. In front of the counter were 4-5 similar aged males. Like the males outside they were wearing dark coloured "hoodies" with the hoods up obscuring parts of their faces. They were conversing with the two males working behind the counter. The shop stank of cannabis and I saw at least one of those males (on the counter side) openly smoking this illegal substance. The workers took no steps to prevent this happening or to get them to leave. I have no idea how long they had been in the shop when I arrived. There were no other customers in the shop at that time, though other customers did come and go during the time I was there.

4. I asked the workers if Mr Raza was present. One of the males who later said his name was Ali Sayad, replied saying he was not there. I introduced myself and showed my authorisation. I asked if they were the only workers there and, after repeating that question a couple of times, Ali said yes. Since alcohol was being sold at the shop I asked whether he or the other worker (wearing a cap and eventually giving a name of Atif Shah) had a Personal Licence. Neither seemed to understand (or was interested in) in my question. Ali said the shop had a licence and Kamran Raza had authorised them to sell alcohol. When I sought to confirm with them that neither held a personal licence, Ali did not answer that and said he would ring Mr Raza. Atif Shah simply ignored me and walked off towards the other end of the counter to avoid any further questions or conversations.

5. When Ali came off the call, he told me Mr Raza was working on that shift and was just having a break for food. Asked how long he had been gone, he replied "about 10 minutes ago". I noted the time as 22:57 hours. Asked where he had gone, Ali told me "Shepherds' Bush Market." When I said it was closed at that time of night, he said, "He's on his way back". I followed up and asked how long he would be. He told me "10 minutes". I decided to wait though, based on what

had been said so far, not expecting Mr Raza to appear.

6. Whilst waiting I checked what drinks were being offered for sale. I noted there was still on sale Guinness Extra (7.5% ABV), Henry Weston cider (8.2% ABV) and Aspall Imperial cider (8.2% ABV), despite me previously pointing out the condition 11 maximum strength condition of 5.5%, back in May, again in June and also during the interview under caution with Mr Raza on 18 August where he said it should not have been on display.
7. Whilst waiting I also experienced a number of incidents of note and for the remainder of the time I was in the shop, the situation became quite chaotic with Ali spending all his time on the customer side of the counter dealing with the people coming into the shop. Not one customer came in to make a simple and straightforward purchase. All wanted single cans or bottles of beer lager or cider. One of the males already in the shop when I arrived, went to purchase a single bottle of Corona beer and when at the counter was told he had to buy a minimum of 2 bottles. The male challenged Ali, who then blamed "him standing over there" - pointing at me. The argument between them continued with Ali referring to the notice on the fridge about selling a minimum of 2. The male argued he always bought 1 at a time and got quite angry. He eventually bought two bottles.
8. This male then went to join the other males who were still loitering around the shop entrance and still smoking cannabis. A couple of the males who had been in the shop at the time when I arrived were still in the shop. I said to Ali that he needed to do something. Ali's reply was it was nothing to do with them as they were outside. I replied that it was because they had sold the alcohol and they were still on the premises. He reluctantly went over to them and they then stood immediately outside the shop on the pavement but effectively partially blocking the shop entrance. Ali took no steps to bar from the shop or disburse the males who clearly felt comfortable being there.

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9. Other customers came into the shop and went straight to the “beer fridge” and picked up single bottles of beer or lager. They seemed very familiar with the layout of the shop. Ali went across to them and told them they had to buy 2 or more. All the customers objected and it was obvious to me that they had bought beer or lager there before but had never been told or challenged about this legal requirement. One shouted using offensive language, “creating a bit of a scene” saying he only had £1.80 on him and that was always enough. He pointed out about the price labels that gave “single” bottle/can prices. He left without buying anything. Others were unhappy and left or went on to buy two.
10. One customer who was clearly a chronic alcoholic and living rough, came in holding a handful of small cash in one hand and headed towards the beer fridge. Ali stopped him, and discretely pointed me out to him. That male then immediately left. I was unable to hear what Ali had said to him but the man did not seem to be unduly upset, so I concluded he was likely to return a few minutes later after I had left.
11. Ali was clearly uncomfortable and stressed when telling customers what they could and could not buy.
12. By 23:20 hours Mr Raza had not come to the shop and I concluded he was not going to do so. I decided to leave and told Ali and Atif that. Before doing so, I asked again about whether either held a Personal Licence. Neither answered. I told them it was a simple “yes” or “no” and the reason I was asking was because no alcohol could be sold from the premises unless there was a personal licence holder on the premises. Ali repeated that Raza had one, he was working there and anyway, they were authorised by Raza to sell alcohol. I replied that Mr Raza was not there and that any authorisation was meaningless unless a Personal Licence was there. Ali then said he did not have a Personal Licence and nor did Atif. I then said all the sales of alcohol that I had witnessed were in breach of the Premises Licence and therefore illegal and that alcohol must not be sold until a

Personal Licence holder was present in the shop.

13. I asked to see the CCTV recorded footage but Ali told me he could not access it. I was therefore unable to see whether Mr Raza had been in the shop earlier and if so, what time he had left.
14. I handed the envelope containing a copy of the review application to Ali asking him to give it to Mr Raza and went to leave the shop.
15. Then, as I was just leaving, one of the males standing by the shop entrance came back into the shop and asked Atif for four plastic cups. Atif got four such cups from a large stacked quantity from under the counter. These were the thin, flimsy, white plastic cups that are typically used when filling water from a drinks dispenser in an office or public place. I told him not to do so as they would only be used to dispense the alcohol that had just been sold and therefore it would be drunk outside on the pavement. Atif told me it was none of my business and made the sale. At that stage, there seemed little point trying to explain to an uncooperative member of staff about the Licensing objectives under The Licensing Act. When I left, the alcohol was being dispensed into these cups and drunk in a public space which is not permitted in Hammersmith and Fulham. I think the male handed Atif a 20 pence coin which he then put in the till. No conversation took place about price which indicated to me the male knew the price from a previous dealing(s).
16. I waited on the pavement near to the shop until 23:35 hours during which time Mr Raza did not go to the shop. I also looked into the shop at this time and he was not present; Ali was the only one I could see in the shop.