

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

*(Criminal Procedure Rules 2020, Rule 16.2,
Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9)*

STATEMENT OF: Natalie Elaine JILLETT

Age of witness: Over 18

Occupation of Witness: Senior Accredited Financial Investigator

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 30th day of January 2024

Signed 

On the 11th October 2023 I participated in an operational day with the aim of discovering illicit tobacco and illegal electronic cigarette devices within shops in West Sussex.

At approximately 1430 Hours I entered a convenience shop called Choices of Horsham which is on Park Way, Horsham, West Sussex, RH12 1PY. Individuals who attended the premise alongside me were Paul Rogers, Enforcement Officer from West Sussex Trading Standards, PC James Munden from Sussex Police and a dog handler from Wagtail UK Ltd.

After entering the premise, I introduced myself to Mr Ziaul Haque who was working behind the counter of the shop. I filled in a PACE Code B Form which Mr Haque signed, I then gave Mr Haque his white copy. I produce in evidence a duplicate copy of the PACE Code B Form number 62163 as exhibit number NJ/1.

I told the dog handler that they could begin searching the premise. I followed the dog handler around the premise and into the stock room. Off the stock room was a toilet which had stock inside it. The dog indicated on a black bin bag which was placed on top of the pile of stock. I quickly looked inside the bag and noticed it had

tobacco products inside that were foreign labelled and in non-standardised packaging, I took the bag to the shops front counter. I opened the bag some more to show Mr Haque, whom stated that the bag must have been there from when I visited last time which was the 16th August 2022. Mr Haque then phoned the Director of the company who owns the shop, Asmans Express Ltd, Mr Harinder Singh Anand. I spoke to Mr Anand, who stated the same as Mr Haque, that the bag must have been there since my previous visit. I took a photograph of the black bin bag with tobacco products and produce this photograph in evidence as exhibit number NJ/2.

Meanwhile the dog handler found some oversized vapes behind the shop counter in a cupboard behind the till. Again, Mr Haque stated that they had been there since my last visit.

I counted the foreign labelled tobacco found in the bin bag and there were 80 x Marlboro Gold, which I placed in an evidence bag and gave it sample number NJ/CH/1 and sealed with number XC00088493. I produce in evidence sample number NJ/CH/1 as exhibit number NJ/3. Paul Rogers counted the vapes and put them in an evidence bag.

I filled in the Inspection Notice Form which Mr Haque signed and gave him a duplicate copy. I produce the Inspection Notice Form number 4065 in evidence as exhibit number NJ/4. I also filled in a Disclaimer for Goods and Schedule of Goods so that the non compliant tobacco and vapes seized could be signed over to West Sussex County Council Trading Standards Service. I produce these forms in evidence as exhibit number NJ/5.

After the visit we placed the seized goods in the evidence room in our Horsham office.

Witness details

Address: Parkside, Chart Way, Horsham, West Sussex, RH12 1XH

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Mobile number:

Other number(s):

Date and place of birth:

Maiden name:

Dates to be avoided. Delete dates of non-availability of witness:

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Contact details if different from above

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CRIMINAL PROCEDURE AND INVESTIGATIONS ACT 1996

Record below anything that may affect the credibility of the person making this statement, e.g.; previous convictions, relationship to defendant. If there is nothing state 'none' below.

None

Dated the 30th day of January 2024

Signed 