

WITNESS STATEMENT

CJ Act 1967, s.9; MC Act 1980, ss.5A(3) (a) and 5B; Criminal Procedure Rules 2005, Rule 27.1

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Statement of: **Clare COSSAR**

Age if under 18: **OVER 18** (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: **Police Officer**

This statement (consisting of 1 page 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:

12431 PC

Date: **29th September 2015**

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

On Friday 5th June 2015 at approximately 18:15 hours, I was on duty, in plain clothes and conducting licensing visits in the Chatham area. I entered Kubus Store, 80 High Street, Chatham to conduct a licensing visit. I noticed that HAREM HAJI was not at the cash desk but a female cashier. There were two males hanging around the cash desk, clearly not purchasing anything, as if waiting for something. I wondered to the rear of the shop and Mr HAJI was not there, as I walked back down the front of the store, I saw Mr HAJI walk into the store and acknowledging the two men. I have met Mr HAJI several times and recognised him. Mr HAJI was carrying a black carrier bag in his hands. The two men who had been waiting in the shop walked towards the cash desk, and I saw Mr HAJI place the carrier bag on a stack of canned alcoholic beers which were next to the cash desk. Mr HAJI proceeded to get out of the carrier bag 2 packets of Lucky Strike and give them to the man. The man then handed Mr HAJI some money. At this point I approached Mr HAJI and asked what he was doing. He recognised me and acted confused. He stated his friend had given them to him to sell. I informed him that he should not sell them, and I took the two packets from the male, who then asked Mr HAJI for his money back. Mr HAJI gave him his money back. The store then emptied out, I opened the bag which had 6 packets of NZ super slim cigarettes. These cigarettes I believed were non duty paid, they also did not have government health warnings on. I seized the cigarettes and Mr HAJI signed my day book documenting the cigarettes I had seized from him.

I booked the cigarettes into Special Property, number XY/11094/2015 and the cigarettes were collected by Her Majesty's Customs and Excise Officers for destruction.

Signature:

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Signature witnessed by:

N/A

Typed by: CLARE COSSAR