

WITNESS STATEMENT

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

Statement of JUSTIN SIMPSON URN: [] [] [] []

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

This statement (consisting of: three 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 anything in it which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature: [Redacted] Date: 21st June 2023.....

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

I am an Immigration Officer attached to the Home Office, Kent Arrest Team, Frontier House, Folkestone CT20 2SG. On THURSDAY 16th MARCH 2023 I was on duty with officers [Redacted] and Officer in Charge [Redacted]

At 17:53 hours we visited THE SWAN RESTAURANT, 35 SWAN STREET, WEST MALLING, KENT ME19 6JU, entering the premise under paragraph 17(2) of Schedule 2 of the Immigration Act 1971(as amended). I was initially tasked with [Redacted] to conduct a sweep of the first and second floors, during which [Redacted] located the owner and escorted him to the ground floor.

Upon completion of the sweep I returned downstairs and joined colleagues in the rear courtyard where employees were present. I spoke with a male, I now know to be, [Redacted], born [Redacted], an Albanian national and conducted an illegal working interview on my electronic notebook, commencing at 18:14 hours;

Q. How long have you been working here at the Swan?

A. A year.

Q. What is your job role / what are your duties?

A. I'm a chef.

Q. What days / hours do you work each week?

A. 2/3 days a week as also work in construction.

Q. Do you work the same hours / days every week?

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A. It might change dependant on construction jobs.

Q. Who gave you this job (name and role in business)?

A. I'd prefer not to say.

Q. Who tells you what days / hours to work?

A. I work 5 days here and construction as well but this is my primary job.

Q. Who tells you what days / hours to work?

A. There is a rota I get sent on WhatsApp.

Q. This shows you working 1500-2300hrs today, same on 16th, 8-1500 and 1700-2300 on 17th, same on 18th and 0800-1800 on 19th ?

A. That's correct.

Q. Who tells you what tasks / duties to do each day?

A. Head chef - [REDACTED]

Q. How are you paid (money, accommodation, food)?

A. Cash. It varies on hours but generally get between £1500 - £1800 per month.

Q. Any other perks?

A. Staff food twice a day.

Q. Do you pay income tax or have a National Insurance number?

A. I don't have a National Insurance number.

Q. What name does the employer know you as?

A. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you show documents before being offered the job? If so, what?

A. They asked for documents, the managers but I just said I needed a job.

Q. They knew you weren't supposed to work?

A. Not all of them.

Q. Which ones?

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A. I don't remember their names.

Interview concluded at 18:30 hours [REDACTED] was then escorted to the staff accommodation at 37 SWAN STREET to conduct a section 25a search for documentation to assist removal. Upon entry to the first floor bedroom [REDACTED] presented me his Albanian passport from a coat in his wardrobe. This was seized at 18:46 hours and placed in sealed evidence bag number [REDACTED] Premises left at 19:11 hours with no further incidents to report. [REDACTED]

Signature:

[REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by:

[REDACTED]

Signature: **Signature witnessed by:**