

**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: [REDACTED]

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

Occupation: Surveillance Operative

This statement (consisting of [REDACTED] Pages(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.

Name / Signature: [REDACTED]

Date: 13/04/2018

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded:  (Supply witness details on last page)

**Statement**

1. I am [REDACTED] and I am employed by [REDACTED], of [REDACTED].
2. I was instructed by [REDACTED] to attend China Five Elements, 35 Artillery Lane, London, E1 7LP, in order to conduct a test purchase task on behalf of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets.
3. At approximately 14:00 hrs on the 13/04/2018 I visited China Five Elements, 35 Artillery Lane, London, E1 7LP, in order to conduct a test purchase task.
4. Upon entering the premises, I was greeted by a male who appeared to be Asian. This male was wearing a suit. The male was seated behind a desk and was using both a mobile phone and a laptop. I asked the male for massage prices, to which he responded by showing me a price list. The price list stated prices from between £45 for 30 minutes up to £120 for 120 minutes. I opted for the £45 massage and paid in cash.
5. The male led me to a room which was the third door on the left. This door was one of what appeared to be a total of six doors. There was a massage bed within the centre of the room, there were two candles on a table and there was a sink on the far wall under the window. The room was painted light brown.
6. Within the room a female was waiting. This female appeared to be Eastern European. The female was tall and had jet black hair. The female was wearing blue jeans, a white t-shirt and black boots. The female asked me to take off my clothes and lay on the bed. The female left the room whilst I undressed, without removing my underwear. A few minutes later the female knocked on the door and re-entered the room.

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7. *The female began to massage me. I would describe this as a soft and relaxing massage. The theme song from the film "Titanic" was playing on repeat during the massage. During conversation the female stated that she only works on Fridays and that she works until 21:00 hrs.*
8. *A few minutes into the massage, the female requested that I removed my underwear. I replied "If that's what's needed", after which the female then removed my underwear and continued the massage.*
9. *After approximately 20 further minutes, the female began to touch my crotch area. It appeared as though the female was attempting to incite a reaction.*
10. *Towards the end of the massage the female asked if I wanted anything more than a massage. I enquired as to what this meant, to which she replied a "happy ending" was £40, "with breasts" was £60 and "completely naked" was £100. I refused these offers, stating that I had no remaining cash. The massage then continued.*
11. *After the 30 minutes had expired I put my clothes on and departed the premises.*
12. *During this visit I was offered, without any previous suggestion by myself, services of an apparent sexual nature.*
13. *I declined all offers of such services.*
14. *Following my visit, I immediately returned to my vehicle and wrote notes on the details of the event within a document on my work-issued smart-phone on 27/03/2018. I exhibit these as DH.004.*
15. *I believe the facts stated in this witness statement are true.*

**Name / Signature:** .....

Log of events for China five elements, 35 Artillery Ln, London E1 7LP on 13/04/18

At approximately 1400 I entered China five elements. I was greeted by a well dressed Asian male. The male was in a suit and seated behind a desk on a mobile phone also using a laptop. I asked the male for prices for massages to which I was shown price list it stated £45 - 30 mins all the way up to £120 for - 120 mins. I paid £45 cash and was taken by the male to the 3rd door on the left of a possible 6 in total. On entering there was a massage bed in the centre of the room, two candles on a table, a sink on the far wall under the window. The room painted light brown. Waiting in the room was a tall eastern European female with jet black hair. The female was wearing blue jeans and white t-shirt with black boots. The female left the room asking me to take off my clothing and lay on the bed. Few minutes later the female knocked and entered. Female started a soft,relaxing massage. After a few minutes the female asked that I took my underwear off too which I replied "If that's what's needed" the female then took them off. Continued massage. After approximately 20 minutes the female began touching me in the crotch area almost trying to get a few tions from me. Towards the end I was asked if I wanted anything more than a massage. I then asked what she meant and was told..... happy ending £40 with breasts I show £60 and completely naked was £100. Op refused saying I had no cash left. Massage continued. After 30 was up I got changed and departed. During the Massage, titanic was playing I repeat. In convo the female states she works Friday's only and until 9pm