

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: 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021

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

Statement

1. I am [REDACTED] and I am employed by [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]
2. I was instructed by [REDACTED] to attend Vanilla Thai Spa, 1 White Row, London, E17NF in order to conduct a test purchase on behalf of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets.
3. At approximately 12:13 hrs on the 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021 I visited Vanilla Thai Spa, 1 White Row, London, E17NF.
4. On entering the reception area, the reception desk is to the right. To the left there was a massage chair and ornamental plants. Behind the plants was a black and white medical privacy screen that surrounded what looked to be a waiting area.
5. I approached the reception desk and was greeted by a female of Asian appearance who looked to be in her late twenties. She was wearing a blue face mask, a dark purple tunic, black trousers and flat black shoes.
6. I asked the female if I could have a massage and she replied, "sure how long would you like sir?". I said that I would like forty-five minutes. The female then said that that would be £40 which I then gave her as 2 x £20 notes. The female asked me to follow her and then led me to an area past the waiting area. There were two small rooms to the right and a small room with a washing machine and shelves full of towels straight ahead.
7. The female showed me in to the first room on the right which had an inward opening door. She beckoned me inside while she remained at the door. She then told me to remove my clothes and pointed to some hangers and a small chair where she told me to put my clothes. She told me to lay down and make myself comfortable pointing to a massage table in the centre of the room. Just before

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*closing the door, she said that a lady will be with me very soon.*

- 8. Inside the room there was a shower and sink to the right and two candles burning on small shelves in the far left and right corners. I stripped down to my boxer shorts and laid face-down on the table with a towel covering my upper legs and lower back. About a minute later another female entered the room. She appeared to be in her late twenties and was wearing a dark face mask, the same dark purple tunic as the receptionist, black trousers and black flat shoes. This female had a waist belt with an oil dispenser attached to it.*
- 9. We exchanged pleasantries and she asked if I had been here before to which I said no. She then moved the towel up slightly and said, "you take these off please" while touching my right hip. I asked if I needed to and she said yes as she will be using oil. I removed my boxer shorts and she held the towel in a way that I remained covered. I lay back on my front and she placed the towel so it covered my buttocks and legs. She then asked me if the music that was playing was ok and I said yes, it is very nice.*
- 10. The female then began the massage starting at my neck and shoulders. She then massaged my back and lumbar area before starting again at my feet and calves.*

*After about 30-35 minutes, she began massaging my hamstrings and buttocks after moving the towel up so it only covered my back. At this point, she massaged very close to my genitals. She then told me to turn over and took the towel completely off me and placed it to one side.*

*The female then asked, "massage is ok?" and told her it was very relaxing. She then gestured by circling her hand over my groin area and said, "Shall I massage here?". I said, "sorry what do you mean?" and she replied, "You want a nice massage here?" again, making the same hand gesture. I declined the offer and she said, "ok maybe next time, yes".*

*The female then spent the last 5 minutes or so massaging my neck and putting my legs in stretching positions. At the end of the allotted time, she tapped my shoulders and said that the massage was over and asked if it was ok. I told her that it was very nice and thanked her. She told me to dress in my own time and to come out whenever I am ready.*

*Prior to leaving, the female said that I should come back and that there are many different girls that work on different days. I then dressed and returned to the reception area where the receptionist asked if everything was ok. I stated that it was very nice indeed and asked for a business card, but she said that they didn't have any left. I was informed that more were being printed and she wrote the number down on a piece of paper and handed it to me.*

*I thanked her again and left the premises at approximately 13:01 hrs*

- 11. During this visit I was offered, without any previous suggestion by myself, services of an apparent sexual nature.*
- 12. I declined all offers of such services.*

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*13. 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 15/10/2021. I exhibit these as GF.002*

*14. I believe the facts stated in this witness statement are true.*

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**Witness Details**

Home Address: [REDACTED] Post Code: [REDACTED]

Home Tel No: [REDACTED] Work Tel No: [REDACTED] Mobile Tel No: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED] Preferred means of contact: Email

Best time of contact:

Sex: Male Date & Place of Birth: [REDACTED] UK Former Name:

Ethnicity Code (16+1): [REDACTED] Religion / Belief: [REDACTED]

Dates of Witness Non-Availability: [REDACTED]

**Witness Care** (please tick or type in box provided)

Yes No

a) Is the witness willing to attend court? (If no, include reason(s) on form MG6)

b) What can be done to ensure attendance? [REDACTED]

c) Does the witness require a Special Measures Assessment as a vulnerable or intimidated witness? (If Yes, submit MG2 with file)

d) Does the witness have any particular needs?

If Yes, what are they? (Disability, healthcare, childcare, transport, disability, language difficulties, visually impaired, restricted mobility or other concerns?)

[REDACTED]

**Witness Consent - For Witness Completion**(please tick)

Yes No N / A

a) The Victim Personal Statement scheme (victims only) has been explained to me:

b) I have been given the Victim Personal Statement leaflet:

c) I have been given the leaflet "Giving A Witness Statement to the Police – What Happens Next?":

d) I consent to police having access to my medical record(s) in relation to this matter: (obtained in accordance with local practice)

e) I consent to my medical record in relation to this matter being disclosed to the defence:

f) I consent to the statement being disclosed for the purposes of civil proceedings if applicable: (eg. Child care proceedings, CICA)

g) The information recorded above will be disclosed to the Witness Service so that they can offer help and support, unless you ask them not to. Tick this box to decline their services:

Witness Signature: ..... Print Name: .....

Parent/Guardian/appropriate adult Signature: ..... Print Name: .....

Address and telephone number if different from above:

Statement Taken By (print name): ..... Station: .....

Time and Place Statement Taken:

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Mark dates when Investigators and other witnesses are NOT available. Codes for non-availability  
 R = Rest day L = Leave C = Course N = Night duty S = Sickness O = Other

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 Name of person submitting form and date

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