

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: 29th 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]
2. I was instructed by [REDACTED] to attend Vanilla Thai Spa, 1 White Row, London, E1 7NF in order to conduct a test purchase on behalf of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets.
3. At approximately 11:27 hrs on the 29th October 2021 I visited Vanilla Thai Spa, 1 White Row, London, E1 7NF.
4. Upon entering the premises there was a reception area with a reception desk to the right. I approached the reception desk and was greeted by a female of Asian appearance who appeared to be in her late twenties. The female was wearing a black tunic, black trousers and flat back shoes. The tunic appeared to be a uniform and the female had auburn hair which appeared to be dyed.
5. I asked if I could have a massage and she replied, "yes ... how long for?". I said that I would like forty-five minutes. The female then asked if I wanted 'relaxing' or 'deep tissue' and I said that I would like relaxing. She then said that that would be £40 which I gave her as 2 x £20 notes.
6. 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. 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.
7. The female told me to remove my clothes and pointed to some hangers and a small chair where she told me to put my clothes. The female told me that she would be back soon and, again, told me to remove my clothes and to lie down on the massage table that was in the centre of the room.

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[REDACTED]

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8. *Inside the room there was a shower and sink to the right and 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.*
9. *About a minute later, the same female from the reception area entered the room. We exchanged pleasantries and some small talk about the currently inclement weather. The female momentarily lifted the towel before replacing it in roughly the same position.*
10. *The female asked if I was comfortable to which I replied that I was. She then began the massage by pressing downwards on my legs and back. The female then knelt on my hamstrings lightly and massaged my back. After this, she stood up on the table and then stood on my back and hamstrings.*

After a minute or so, the female climbed off the table and began a hand massage from my back and then on to my legs. She then stood at my head reached down to my boxers and pulled them half down exposing my buttocks but not removing the boxers any further. When she did this, she lightly smacked my buttocks and said, "I like to see your bum" and giggled.

The female then stood by my feet and began massaging my upper legs. At this point, she changed to very light touches which were very close to my genitals. The female then told me to turn over and took the towel completely off me and placed it to one side.

The female then asked, "you want special massage?". I asked what is a 'special massage' to which she said, "what kind of special massage you like?". At this stage, I got the impression she would not further describe what 'special massage' meant so I asked her how much is a 'special massage' to which she replied "how much you want to pay?" I then declined the offer and the female immediately said, "That's OK" and continued with the massage.

The female 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.

The female told me to dress in my own time and to come out whenever I was ready. I then dressed and returned to the reception area where the same lady asked if I would like some water which I politely declined. I thanked her again and then exited the premises at approximately 12:14 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.*
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 29/10/2021. I exhibit these as GF.003*
14. *I believe the facts stated in this witness statement are true.*

Name / Signature: _____

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: [REDACTED]

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

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: [REDACTED]

Statement Taken By (print name): Station:

Time and Place Statement Taken: [REDACTED]

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Witnesses (1) (4)
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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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'O', 'C' and 'S' codes — give full details:

 Name of person submitting form and date

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