

**WITNESS STATEMENT**

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

**Statement of**      **Jak Bentley** .....      **URN:**

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**Age if under 18**      **Over 18** .....      (if over 18 insert 'over 18')      **Occupation:**      **Police Officer 224995**.....

This statement (consisting of: ....**2**.... pages 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 anything in it which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

**Signature:**      .....      **Date:**      26.10.14

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

On Sunday 26th October 2014 between 1800 hours and 2200 hours I was on duty, foot patrol, in full uniform and between these dates I was walking in Brick Lane Tower Hamlets as part of an ongoing reassurance patrol of the area.

As part of my duty I spoke to a number of persons outside various restaurants in Brick Lane and warned them regarding their touting for custom to the various restaurants in the area.

About 19:10 hours I saw a male, whom I now know to be Mr Mohammed Faruk Miah standing outside Preem Restaurant on the junction with Brick Lane and Hanbury street. I watched as Mr Miah approached members of the public and spoke with them, often with his arms outstretched as if to increase his presence around them and "herd" them. I watched as he spoke to the members of public and then pointed to the menu displayed on the wall, or to the front door of the premises. I formed the opinion that he was touting for business. I went over and spoke to Mr Miah, I should point out that as previously stated I was in full uniform including beat helmet and reflective Police jacket. I told Mr Miah what I had seen and that I believed he was touting for custom and that this was against a by law and not allowed. Mr Miah told me he knew that it was not allowed but that everybody did it and it was part of the business. I warned Mr Miah that if I saw him doing so again I would report him for the offence.

About 19:30 hours I again returned to the area of Brick Lane and Hanbury Street I stood on the corner opposite the Preen restaurant and about twenty five feet from Mr Miah, I had a clear and uninterrupted view of him and was aware that he could clearly see me. I watched Mr Miah approach a couple and speak with them and he then pointed at the menu on the wall of the restaurant. The couple waved Mr Miah away and continued walking. Another couple approached and I watched and saw Mr Miah walked towards them and spread his arms out wide as if to prevent them walking around them. He spoke to them and then tried to usher them towards the restaurant. The couple stepped around him and continued walking, however, it was clear to me that Mr Miah was touting these customers to enter the restaurant, though I could not hear what was being said.

**Signature:**      .....      **Signature witnessed by:**      .....

Continuation of Statement of **Jak Bentley** .....

I approached MR Miah and told him that I had seen him continuing to tout for trade for the restaurant even though I had warned him it was an offence. Mr Miah stated that “it is my job, I am here every night, this is my living” I said to Mr Miah 2I am going to report this and I am reporting you for street Touting” I the cautioned Mr Miah who replied “do what you like, I don’t care, this is my job” he went on to say “ report me, I will still be here tomorrow, I have been doing this for fifteen years, everybody does it, you cant stop me” I asked Mr MIAH for his details and he told me his name and gave his address as [REDACTED]. he provided me with a provisional picture driving licence to confirm his details. I made enquiries to speak with the manager of the Preem Restaurant but was told that he was not available as he was at the mosque and would not be back until later.

Signature: ..... Signature witnessed by: .....

**Witness contact details**

Home address: **C/O Limehouse police station** ..... Postcode: **e14 8 ez**.....  
Home telephone number ..... Work telephone number .....  
Mobile/pager number **07515516046** ..... Email address: **jak.bentley@met.pnn.police.co.uk**.....  
Preferred means of contact: .....  
**Male** / ~~Female~~ (delete as applicable) Date and place of birth: **13.06.1963 London**.....  
Former name: ..... Ethnicity Code (16+1): **W1**..... Religion/belief: .....

**Dates of witness non-availability** .....

**Witness care**

- a) Is the witness willing and likely to attend court? Yes / No. If 'No', include reason(s) on **MG6**.
- b) What can be done to ensure attendance?
- c) Does the witness require a Special Measures Assessment as a vulnerable or intimidated witness? Yes / No. If 'Yes' submit **MG2** with file.
- d) Does the witness have any specific care needs? Yes / No. If 'Yes' what are they? (Disability, healthcare, childcare, transport, , language difficulties, visually impaired, restricted mobility or other concerns?)

**Witness Consent (for witness completion)**

- a) The criminal justice process and Victim Personal Statement scheme (victims only) has been explained to me Yes  No
- b) I have been given the Victim Personal Statement leaflet Yes  No
- c) I have been given the leaflet 'Giving a witness statement to police — what happens next?' Yes  No
- d) I consent to police having access to my medical record(s) in relation to this matter: (obtained in accordance with local practice) Yes  No  N/A
- e) I consent to my medical record in relation to this matter being disclosed to the defence: Yes  No  N/A
- f) I consent to the statement being disclosed for the purposes of civil proceedings e.g. child care proceedings, CICA Yes  No
- g) The information recorded above will be disclosed to the Witness Service so they can offer help and support, unless you ask them not to. Tick this box to decline their services:

Signature of witness: ..... Print name: .....  
Signature of parent/guardian/appropriate adult: ..... Print name: .....  
Address and telephone number if different from above: .....

Statement taken by (print name): **PS 11HT 224995 Jak Bentley** ..... Station: **Limehouse** .....

Time and place statement taken: .....