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WITNESS STATEMENT**(Criminal Procedure Rules, r27.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s.9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B)**URN:

Statement of: Duncan REYNOLDS

Age if under 18: Over 18

Occupation: Police Officer

This statement (consisting of 1 page(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 anything in it, which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature: D J REYNOLDS

Date: 19th June 2018

On Thursday 14th June I was leading a multi agency operation involving officers from the following agencies:

- Hereford and Worcester Fire & Rescue Service ([REDACTED])
- Home Office Immigration ([REDACTED])
- Herefordshire Council Housing Enforcement ([REDACTED])
- Gang Masters & Labour Abuse Authority GLAA ([REDACTED])
- West Mercia Police ([REDACTED]).

At approximately 19:30hrs on this date we entered SHABAGH TANDOORI, BURGESS STREET, LEOMINSTER as a joint Fire Inspection visit and a Police Licensing Act visit.

Upon entry, we were greeted by a young male of Bangladeshi appearance who was dressed as a waiter with the 'Shabagh' log on his waistcoat. The premises were open and several customers were seated and eating. I now know this male to be [REDACTED]. I observed [REDACTED] serving alcoholic drinks and food to a table of customers.

We introduced ourselves and asked to speak to the Manager. He replied that the manager was in the kitchen and I followed him to the rear of the restaurant. A male I now know to be the manager began shouting something in Bangladeshi and a male ran from the kitchen into the rear yard of the premises where he was stopped by Police and Immigration Officers who were at the rear.

I now know this male to be [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was checked on PNC and was identified as being wanted on warrant for failing to appear at court. He was also identified as subject to Immigration offences and was arrested by myself. He admitted to working at the Shabagh restaurant and stated he had been employed there for three weeks and lived in a room above the restaurant. We went upstairs and he retrieved his clothing, mobile phone, money and medication. HWFRS Officers served a Prohibition Notice due to the imminent risk of death or serious injury in the event of fire in the upstairs.

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Signature witnessed by:

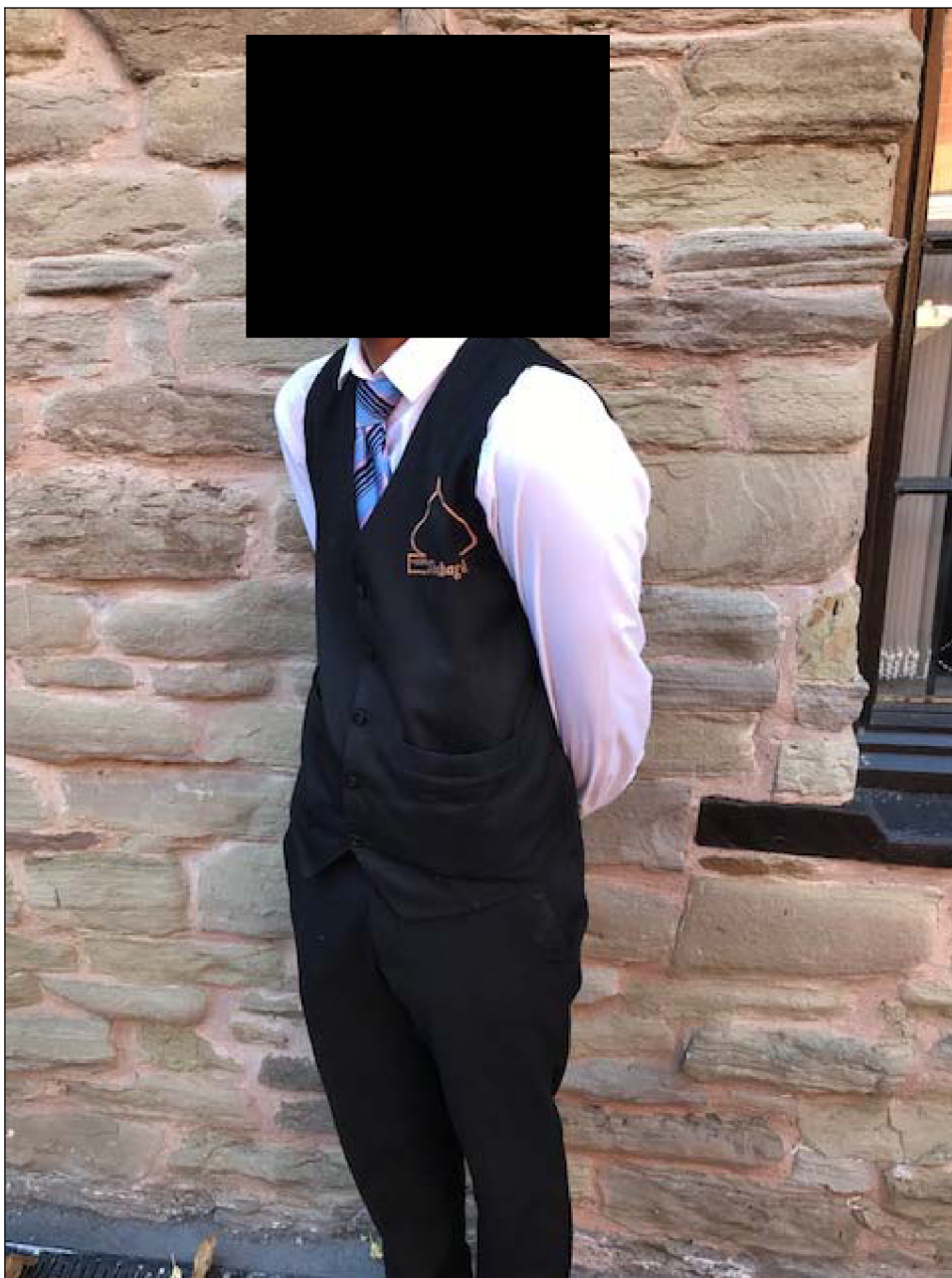
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█████ admitted to working at the restaurant for almost 12 months and consented to his photograph being taken along with producing an ID card that prohibited employment. █████ admitted to living above the restaurant.

I am in no doubt that █████ works in the restaurant as a waiter and █████ as a kitchen assistant from the evidence I observed.



DJR/1 – photograph of █████ in Shabagh Uniform

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DJR/2 – ID card located in [REDACTED] pocket with 'FORBIDDEN FROM TAKING EMPLOYMENT' on front.

Signature: D J REYNOLDS

Signature witnessed by: