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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 Jonathan 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: 15th January 2019

On Monday 17th December 2018, I was working at Hereford Police Station in full uniform leading a Multi Agency Targeted Enforcement Strategy (MATES) Meeting.

A briefing took place at Hereford Police Station shortly after 17:00hrs and involved Officers from West Mercia Police and Home Office Immigration Enforcement.

At approximately 17:59 hrs I entered The Taste of Raj Indian Restaurant located at 67 St Owen Street, Hereford in company with PCSO 40023 Kirsty Jenkins and Immigration Officers 4956 Aeltaf KAHN and Mirza AHMED. Mr Gavin KEMP from Herefordshire Council Environmental Health was also present.

We entered the premises under powers provided by Section 179 Licensing Act 2003. The restaurant was open to the public at the time but no customers were inside.

I was the first Officer through the front door as I knew the layout of the premises having located persons working illegally on previous enforcement visits.

I noted one male in the restaurant who was standing near the bar area as Ataur RAHMAN [REDACTED] who is the Front of House Restaurant Manager.

I made straight for the kitchen at the rear of the room where there is a wooden door with a glass window at head height. As I made my way towards the door I saw three males in the kitchen all at work stations. One male clocked me coming towards the door and he immediately turned around and started to hurry towards the rear fire exit door out of the kitchen into the street. One of the other males appeared to hold their arm out to stop him which he then did.

I then opened the kitchen door and asked all three males to stop cooking and remain where they were until checks were made by Immigration Officers.

I took a photograph of the two older males [REDACTED]

The youngest male in the room who in my opinion had attempted to run from the kitchen appeared nervous and agitated.

I recognised the older two males from a previous visit to the premises who had no Immigration issues on previous checks.

I took two photographs of the youngest male [REDACTED] who was identified as [REDACTED]

Signature: [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by

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[REDACTED] clothing was splattered with orange / brown curry sauce which he had been stirring in the pot which I also photographed [REDACTED]

Immigration checks of [REDACTED] confirmed that he had no leave to be in the United Kingdom and had no right to work. [REDACTED] was then arrested by IO AHMED for these offences and was interviewed in the restaurant area.

Mr KEMP then conducted an investigation of the kitchen where there were some food standard issues of frozen food being stored and 'defrosted' under the sink in the kitchen. I photographed two examples of this [REDACTED]

A further male was located in the accommodation above the restaurant who identified himself as [REDACTED] [REDACTED] also a national of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was arrested by Immigration Officers for being an illegal overstayer and during a search of his room he identified his possessions which included a white shirt and black trousers which he wore when he worked as waiter in the restaurant below.

[REDACTED]

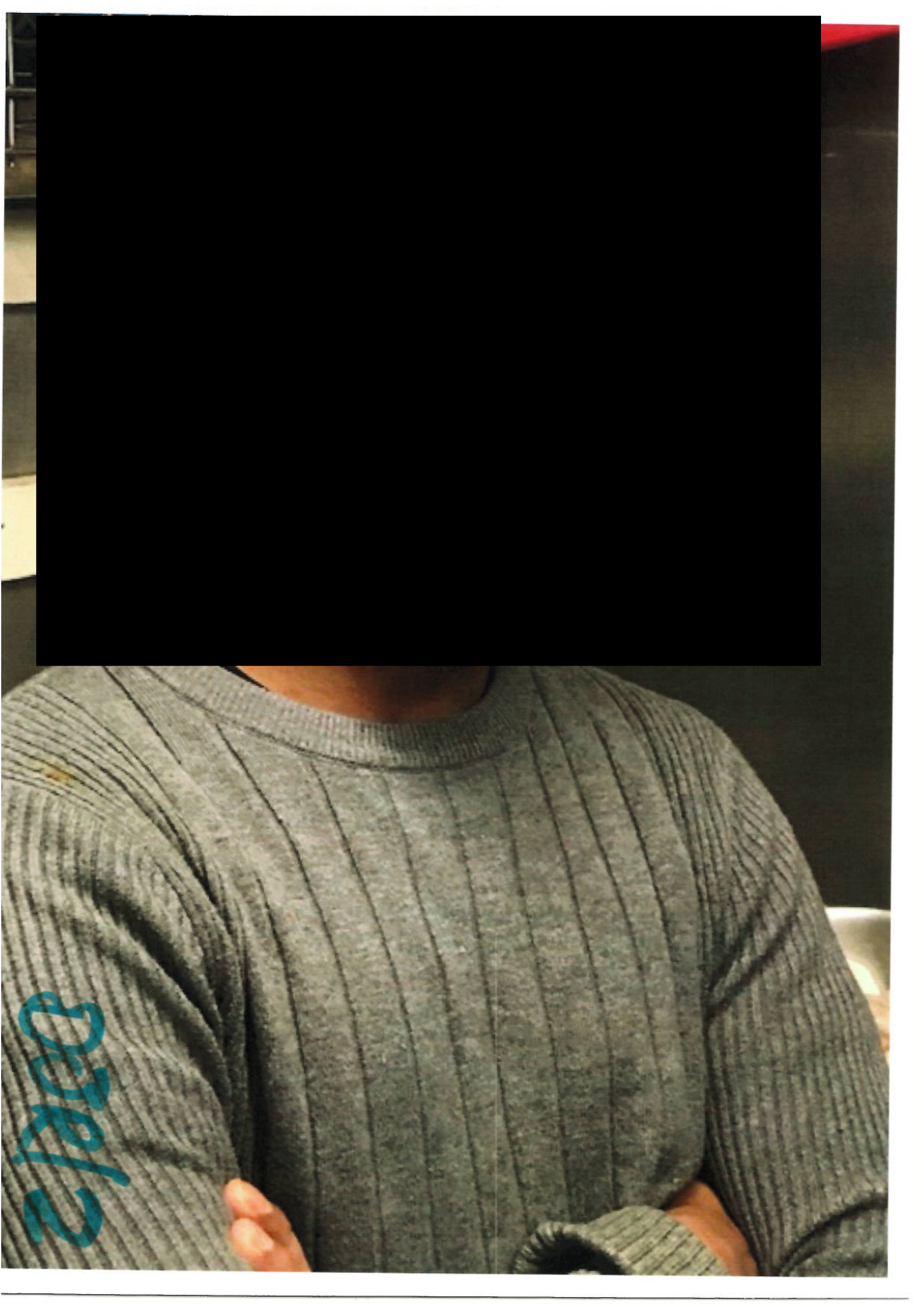
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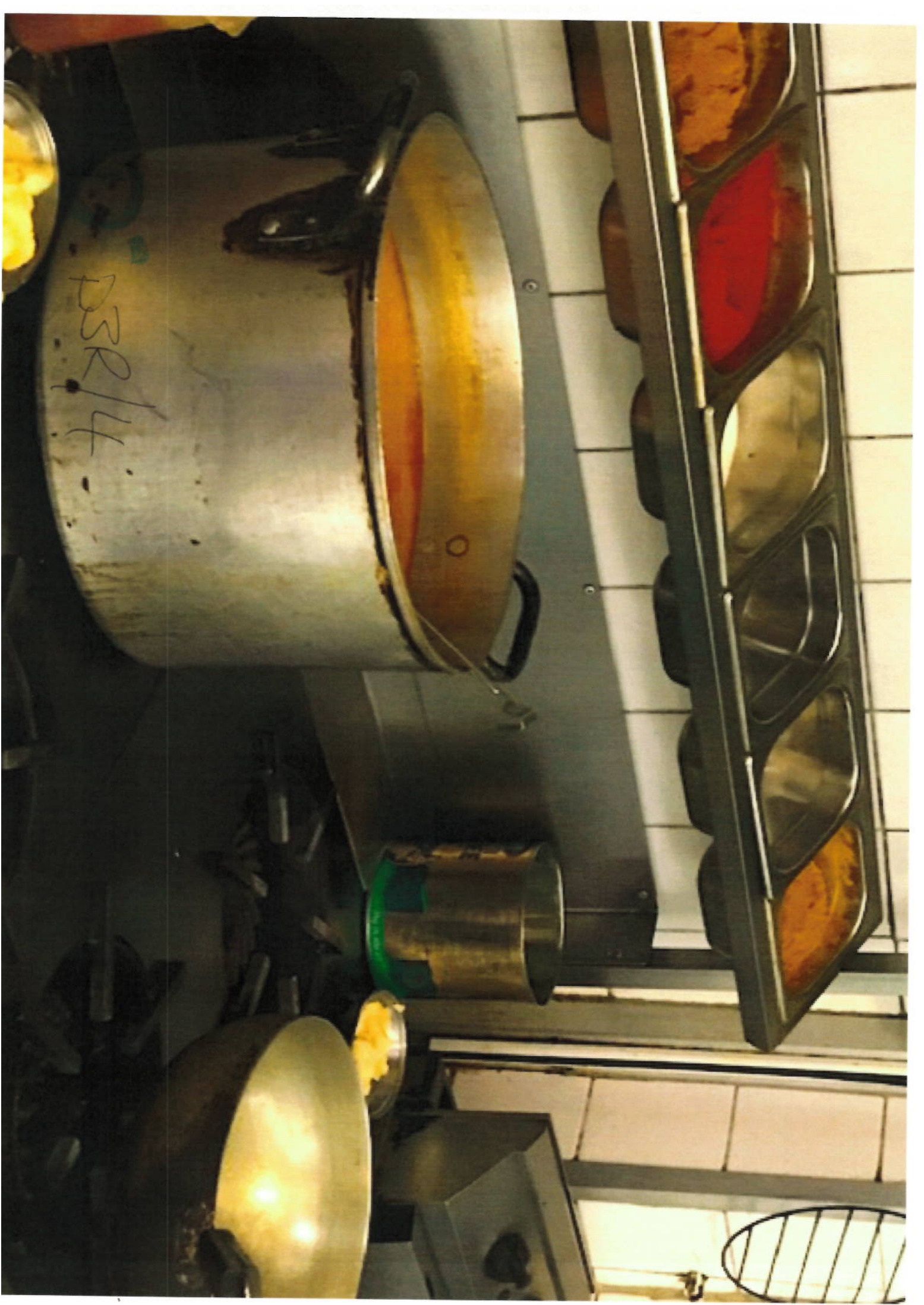




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