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STATEMENT OF WITNESS

*(Criminal Procedure Rules, r. 16.2;
Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9)*

STATEMENT OF James Boles

Age of witness "over 18"

This statement (2 pages) 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.

I am currently employed by Trafford Council as a licensing enforcement officer, I deal primarily with licensed premises and the private hire and taxi trade.

On 28th August 2024 at approximately 1600hrs I visited the "Linguine" restaurant, located at 20 Northenden Road, Sale. M33 3BR. At the time I was in company with officers from Greater Manchester Police and Trafford Council officers from the environmental health and community safety departments.

On entering the premises, I spoke to a male who was setting tables and asked him if the owner or manager was on the premises. I informed the male that I was a licensing officer from Trafford Council.

The male stated that he was not employed at the restaurant and that he was only there to buy a car. When I asked him why he was setting the tables he stated that he was only helping the female set the tables while he was waiting to buy the car.

I then asked the female if she knew who the owner was, and she replied that she was only there as part of a training day and she was not employed by the restaurant. As both of them were dressed in smart black clothing it was clear to me that they were not telling me the truth and that they were both waiting staff working at the premises.

The police carried out further checks regarding the male and female and no issues were raised regarding their right to work status.

After approximately ten minutes a male who I now know to be Mr Shwana ZANA entered the premises and explained that he was the new owner.

I explained to the male that I was from the licensing department and I was making enquiries concerning the premises licence holder Mr Nagnadim ZANA.

The new owner stated that Mr Nagnadim ZANA had nothing to do with the business and that he was in charge. He also stated that his wife would now be taking over the premises licence

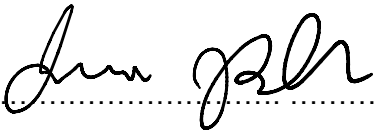


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and she would have it transferred into her name and that she would also be applying for a personal licence.

I then advised Mr Shwana ZANA that as Mr Nagnadim ZANA no longer had anything to do with the business and that he was only in the process of having the licence transferred to his wife then he should not be selling alcohol as according to him the licence holder had nothing to do with the business and he did not have a named designated premises supervisor (DPS) in place to give permission for alcohol to be sold.

Mr Shwana ZANA stated that he would not sell any alcohol on the premises until the licence was transferred and he had a named DPS in place.
At approximately 1630hrs I left the premises.

Signed:  (witness)

Date: ...29/08/24.....

(To be completed if applicable: being unable to read the above statement I,of, read it to him/her before he/she signed it.

Signed: Date:)