

WITNESS STATEMENT**Criminal Procedure Rules, r 16.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9**

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Statement of: Victor Norman SMITH

Age if under 18: Over 18 (*if over 18 insert 'over 18'*)

Occupation: Designing Out Crime 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 in it anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature: (witness)

Date: 11th February 2020

I am the Designing out Crime Officer for North Division, Surrey Police; but this statement relates to an incident when I was not on official duties, but socialising in my own time in Staines-upon-Thames.

On Wednesday 15th January 2020, my daughter [REDACTED] suggested that we meet for an evening meal at a Turkish style restaurant in the town. She told me that it was a new restaurant called 'Fora' and neither of us had visited before. The location was previously The Boundary Public House at 13 High Street, Staines-upon-Thames.

I met her inside the restaurant at about 7.30pm that evening, where she was already seated at a table at the very rear of the restaurant, past the bar area. I noticed that there were a group at the table to the left as I entered, and that there were half a dozen or so others already seated at various tables near to where I joined my daughter. I noticed that two young women at a nearby table were drinking from wine glasses - what I assumed to be red wine, with a wine bottle opened on their table.

Having sat down, we were served by a middle-aged male member of staff. I requested a bottle of Prosecco sparkling white wine to share and which he provided along with glasses. We ordered food and consumed the wine with our meals. At the end of the meal a younger man presented the bill, which included the cost of the bottle of Prosecco. I did not retain the bill, but from memory the wine was priced at £25.50 or thereabouts. We left at about 9pm that evening.

Signature:

Signature witnessed by: