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**POLICE STATEMENT****Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s.9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B****NICHE Ref No:** 45250109440**Statement of:** 42544, ROBERT FALL

Age (if under 18): N/A

This statement 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 of Witness:

Date: 20-11-2025

This statement is in reference to a licencing check, as part of a covert policing operation conducted at 1700 HOURS on WEDNESDAY 27 AUGUST 2025.

On WEDNESDAY 27 AUGUST 2025, at 1700 HOURS, I was on duty, in plain clothes, assisting with a police operation targeting shops that had been identified by police information selling alcohol to persons under 18 in STAINES TOWN CENTRE.

Before this operation commenced, I was briefed by DS 40675 BURGESS in company with two police cadets, who were in plain clothes, and under the age of 18. The nature of the operation involved the cadets entering the target store, and making an attempt to purchase alcohol from the store. They possessed no ID, and if asked to provide an ID, they were to desist their actions, and exit the store. If they were able to purchase the alcohol, they were to leave the store, and inform DS 40675 BURGESS of the successful purchase. All this would be witnessed by an officer in plain clothes, who would be able to provide a statement.

At 1700 HOURS, I attended TONY'S FOOD & WINE, 149 HIGH STREET, STAINES, TW18 4PA, in company with the police cadets, who were under 18. I entered the store first at around 1700 HOURS, and kept eye-view of the front counter while appearing as if I was shopping. At this time, the police cadets entered the store, and going to the alcohol section, selected two cans of alcohol. They then took this to the counter, which was being operated by a female store worker, who I now know to be [redacted]. At 1702 HOURS, the cadets attempted to pay for the alcohol, and [redacted]. I made no attempt to check their identification or verify their ages. The cadets were able to successfully purchase the alcohol before leaving the store. [redacted] made no attempt to stop them from leaving, and the two police cadets were able to exit the store. After roughly 1 minute, I also left the store.

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