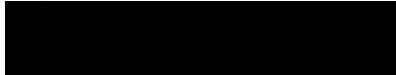


STATEMENT OF WITNESS
(Criminal Procedure Rules 2005 r27.1(1);
Criminal Justice Act 1967 s.9; M.C. Act 1980 s5B)

Statement of: Festus Bankole Akinboyewa

Age of Witness (If under 18): Over 18

This statement consisting of two pages 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: - 

Date: -

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1. I am Festus Bankole Akinboyewa; I am employed by the London Borough of Haringey as an Anti-Social Behaviour Enforcement Officer. Part of my duties involve carrying out investigations under the Licensing Act 2003.
2. Rakkas 365 – 367 Green Lanes N4 applied for a new premises licence on 6th May 2021. The Licensing Sub-Committee carefully considered the application for the premises licence for 365-369 Green Lanes, London, N4 and decided to grant the application for a new premises licence with conditions. One of the conditions is that the licence holder must close the rear external area by 21.00 hours to reduce the risk of the premises undermining the licensing objective with respect to public nuisance.
3. On Thursday the 10th of March 2022, the council received a complaint from a resident that the business is operating and causing noise and ASB issues, and that the garden area that is supposed to be closed by 21.00 hours is still occupied and fireworks are being let off from this area.
4. On Thursday the 10th March 2022, my colleague Maria Barbeito and I visited RAKKAS 365 – 369 Green Lanes London N4 1DY at about 23.02 hours to investigate whether the licence holder was in breach of their premises licence in regards to the use of the rear external area.
5. On arriving at the premises at 23.02 hours, I introduced myself and showed my ID to the security staff at the entrance. I requested to speak with the Designated Premises Supervisor. A male who identified himself as the manager came out to speak with me. I introduced myself again and showed him my ID. I then requested to inspect the rear external area. During my inspection, I observed a large number of patrons sitting and consuming alcohol in the rear external area that is supposed to have been closed by 21.00 hours, which is a breach of their premises licence. I gave the manager a verbal warning.

Signed: - 

Date: -

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6. On Friday the 11th March 2022 at about 22.48 hours, my colleague Maria Barbeito and I revisit Rakkas 365 – 369 Green Lanes London N4 and carried out inspection of the rear external area. During my inspection, I again observed a large number of patrons sitting and consuming alcohol in the rear external area that was supposed to have been closed by 21.00 hours which was a breach of their premises licence.
7. I attempted to speak with the manager but he was argumentative and dismissive.
8. I am available to attend court and give evidence.

Signed: -



Date: -

14/3/2022