

STATEMENT OF WITNESS
(Criminal Procedure Rules, r. 16.2;
Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9)

STATEMENT OF David Wood

Age of witness (if over 18, enter "over 18"): Over 18.

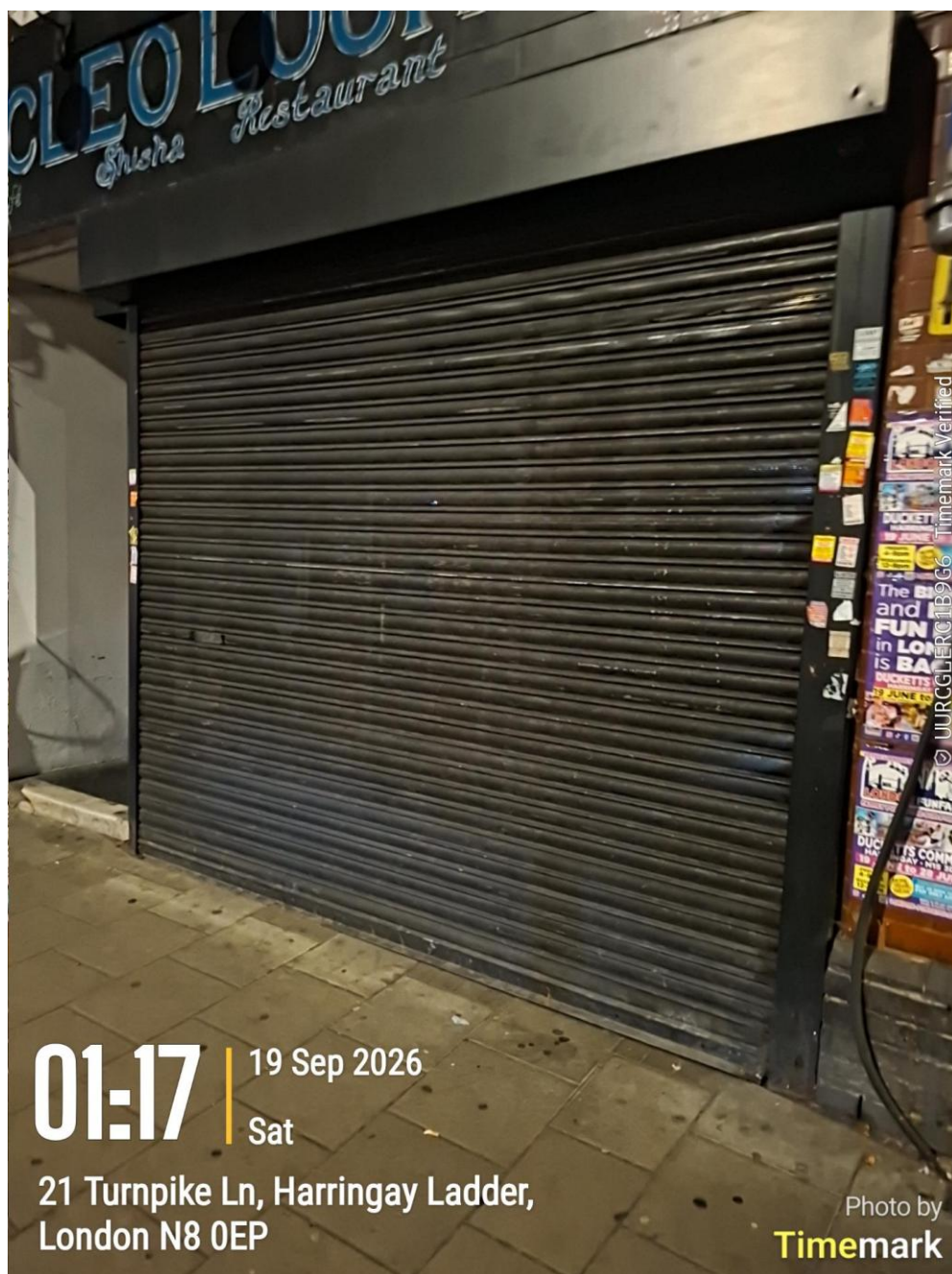
This statement (consisting of 1 pages) **is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.**

Signed:  **Date:** 23rd September 2026

1. My name is David Wood. I am employed by the London Borough of Haringey Council and am an authorised Noise Nuisance and Licensing Officer.
2. On Saturday, 19 September 2026, at approximately 01:17 hours, I was on duty in company with Claire Willis, who is also an authorised officer of London Borough of Haringey Council. Together, we conducted an inspection of the premises known as Cleopatra Restaurant & Lounge, 21 Turnpike Lane, London, N8 0EP.
3. We approached the premises at 01:17 hours, I observed that the metal security shutters of the shopfront were fully down and closed (Exhibit DW/1).
4. According to the London Borough of Haringey Premises Licence (Licence Number: LN/000015965), the authorised opening hours for the premises are Monday to Sunday 07:30 to 23:30.
5. Due to light emanating from behind the shutters, Officer Willis and I inspected the property closer. Looking through the perforated gaps of the security shutters at 01:17 hours, I observed illuminated interior lighting and active movement inside the premises (Exhibit DW/2). The entrance door had the shutter half pulled down.
6. At 01:18 hours, Officer Willis pulled up the door shutter and we entered. Upon entering, I observed that the venue was fully open.
7. Inside the main seating and lounge area, I observed multiple people seated at tables consuming services, while staff members actively serving customers. Shisha pipes and beverages were present on the tables (Exhibit DW/3).
8. Further inspection of the interior counter area at 01:18 hours revealed an electronic till system switched on (Exhibit DW/4).
9. I asked a man in the Kitchen if the manager was available and he said that he was not on the site. Officer Willis and I then left.

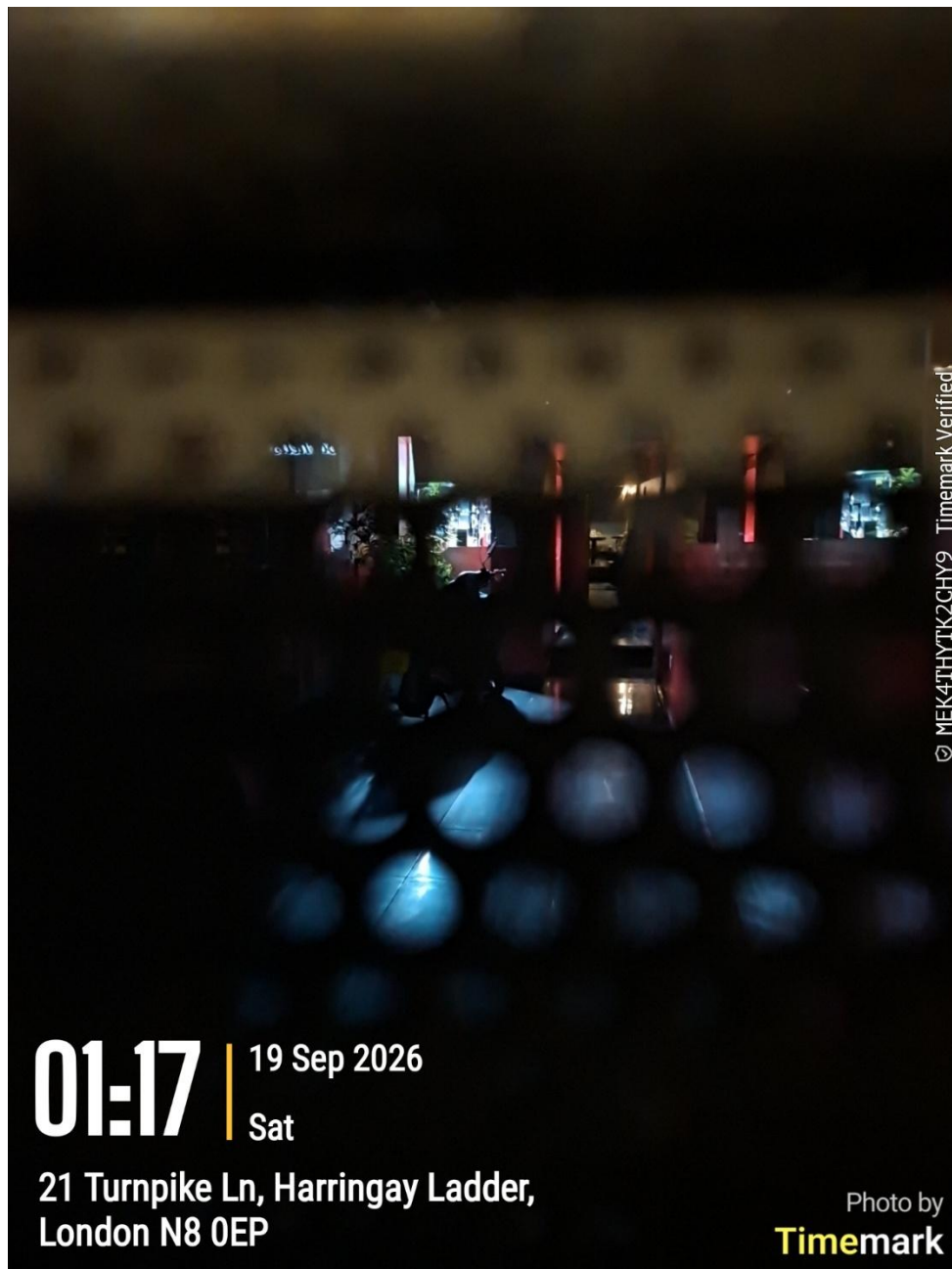
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EXHIBIT [DW/1]



This is the exhibit marked [DW1] referred to in the witness statement of DAVID WOOD dated the 19th day of September 2026.

EXHIBIT [DW/2]



This is the exhibit marked [DW2] referred to in the witness statement of DAVID WOOD dated the 19th day of September 2026.

EXHIBIT [DW/3]



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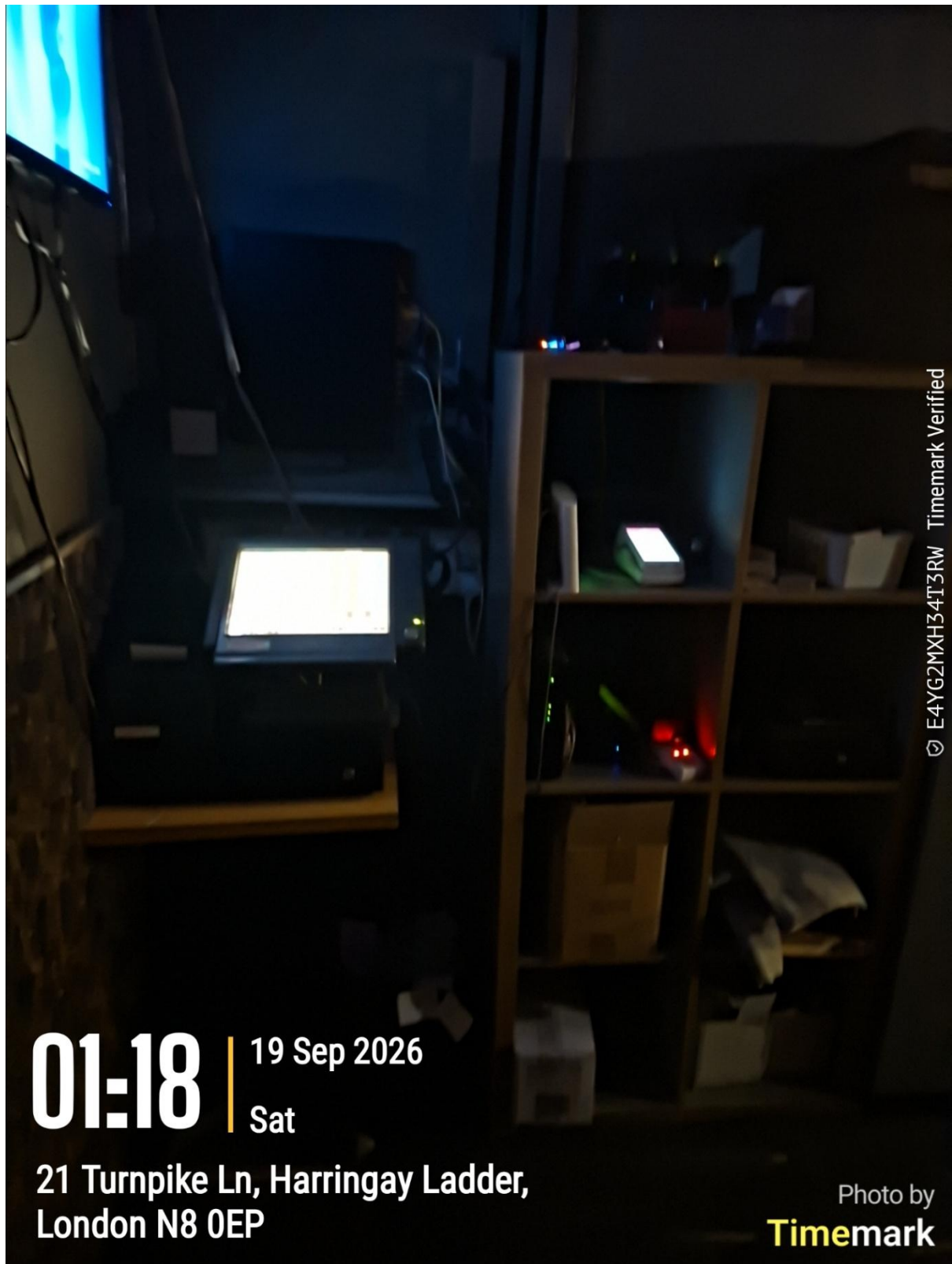
21 Turnpike Ln, Harringay Ladder,
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EXHIBIT [DW/4]



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