

**MG11 WITNESS STATEMENT****Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s.9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B**

Occurrence Number: 43220554262

URN:

Statement of: [REDACTED]

Age: [REDACTED]

Occupation: Security guard

Remote Witness Statement: Yes

This statement has been taken remotely by P6847, DC Vincent Moore. I have had the opportunity to review the contents of the statement and confirm that the contents are accurate and true.

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.

The content of this statement has been prepared by interviewing the witness and taking notes. The statement was then typed not in the presence of the witness. The time and date that the witness reviewed the statement is logged below. Any changes are recorded in the statement.

I am the above named person and my details are known to the police.

I am a loss prevention partner working for [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] in Reading town centre. I have held this post for five months. I have worked for several other retailers in Reading town centre over the last five years. I am therefore very familiar with numerous shoplifters within Reading town centre. The retailers that I have worked with have all been members of the Reading Business Against Crime consortium which is a group of retailers within the town that share intelligence with each other to try and prevent / reduce / detect retail crime within the town centre. We have a "town-safe" radio system that we all use. The council CCTV operator and the two town centre business wardens are also on this system.

On Friday 9th December 2022 I was off duty. At about 14:00 hours I was in Broad Street when I noticed a male that I know by the name [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] is known to be a potential shoplifter. He seemed to be acting suspiciously, carrying a full rucksack, and walking very quickly. I decided to follow him to see where he was going. I followed him from the PRET shop on Broad Street the short distance to the "Red Shop" which is number 17 Duke Street.

I saw him enter the store, still with his full looking rucksack. This store is known to have a very bad reputation for taking in stolen goods, so I decided to observe what was happening.

I saw the male that was working in the store talking with [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] showed him items from within his rucksack. I could not make out what the items were. I then saw the male in the shop hand [REDACTED] some bank notes. Again I could not tell how much.

I used my mobile telephone to record a short video of [REDACTED] leaving the store. In the video you can clearly see [REDACTED] counting out some £10 bank notes as he is leaving the store.

I have uploaded this footage to the police secure digital evidence management system as my exhibit LG/01 Phone footage 17 Duke Street 09122022 at 141235.

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I can described the male working in the store as an Asian male in his 50s, large build and balding. He was wearing a dark sweatshirt with white writing on the front.

When I was stood outside the store, I could clearly see what was happening. The two males were about 8 to 10 meters from where I was stood looking through the stores front window.

Statement accepted or rejected by witness? [Approved on 10-12-2022 07:34:58](#)