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# WITNESS STATEMENT

**Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27. 2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B**

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Statement of: **PC 2495 Amy ROBERTS**

Age if under 18: **O-18** (if over 18 insert "over 18") Occupation: **Police service**

This statement (consisting of 2 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



: **A Roberts**

Date: **14/02/2024**

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded  (supply witness details on rear)

Further to my statement dated 7th February 2024, Tim Hodgkinson from Middlesbrough council collected a USB from AJ's, 39 Crescent Road, Middlesbrough on 16th January 2024. I was handed this shortly after. After going through some of the clips I have the following which has been shared.

AR/1 is a camera from inside the store, from 17th December 2023 at 0915hrs a young male with his hood up enters the shop and buys 2 single cans of Knights cider, after the purchase he goes outside the shop at 0917hrs and opens one of the cans and uses the bin as a bar and starts drinking one of the cans.

AR/2 is an outside camera that is from the same date and follows the male from above as he walks outside the store, he starts drinking one of the cans of alcohol, he then moves his bike to the front of a residential property, so he isn't blocking the path and continues to drink from the opened can of alcohol. The member of staff at 0919hrs comes out and puts a tissue in the bin and goes back inside. He doesn't seem to speak to the male to ask him to move away, he only seems to smile at him. The male is then seen to move away at 0921hrs.

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AR/3 is the outside camera on 17th December 2023 at 1447hrs, it shows a male exiting the store with a can of alcohol and stands at the bin drinking it. The footage shows some families crossing the road as they approach the location where he is stood to move away. The male is seen at 1503 to finish the can of alcohol and puts it into the bin, 1506hrs he goes back into the store and purchases another can and at 1507hrs he is stood again outside drinking the can of alcohol.

AR/4 is an inside view of the shop which covers the till area and the outside of the shop door. At 1511 hrs the same male mentioned above is still outside drinking his can. At 1517hrs when the clip ends the male is still outside drinking his second can of alcohol.

This shows that customers are hanging around the store after buying alcohol from it, local residents are moving away from the front as they don't want to walk past someone who is drinking, and the members of staff are not working with the operating schedule as per the condition "polite dissuasion of the consumption of alcohol outside the premise after sales".