

Appendix A

APPENDIX 17

Section 9 Statement - [REDACTED] - Employee at Taylors Estate Agents

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WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27. 2; Criminal Justice Act 1987, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B

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Statement of: [REDACTED]

Age if under 18: over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: Lettings Negotiator

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:.....[REDACTED]..... (witness) Date: 20/03/2017

I am the above person and work for the company TAYLORS ESTATE AGENTS LIMITED at 1 WEST STREET, LEIGHTON BUZZARD, LU7 1DA. I have been an employee with the company for 13 months and my role here is a lettings Negotiator.

Outside the premises there are normally over 5 to 10 homeless people hanging around outside the shops and often linger outside our building in the porch way or at the corner of our building. We often have to ask them to move on. They also hang around outside the back of our building where we park our personal vehicles and also where our customers can park. They will be sitting on the wall or sitting under the coach house and every night most of them will sleep under there.

I don't know their names but I believe one of them is called [REDACTED] There is a mixture of females and males that hang around the building a sleep outside under the coach house. There is a very tall skinny female and a blonde female that has recently started to join them. There is a male who wears a green coat who is always asleep on our wall and there is a male who wears a black hoodie and shakes while he walks. They are all white males and females and their ages are from late 20's to late 50's.

While working here I have seen them drunk and have become quite aggressive when property has been disposed of from outside the coach house. They have threatened to smash our cars before. When I have walk out of the building passed them to the shops they have made comments at me or will just stare at me which makes me feel uncomfortable and

Signature:.....[REDACTED]..... Signature witnessed by:

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intimidated. When I have to leave the building at night I when it is dark and I am on my own, I am worried and feel uncomfortable because I don't know who will be out there near my car. They are always caught urinating on the building and will also urinate right at the front of the shop in the porch area which customers use. They will drink outside the front of the building and around the back. In the summer they will be outside playing a radio, drinking and spitting everywhere. I have seen them fighting each other even as early as 9am and especially when they are drinking. They have sent a fire outside the back before which we had to put out. They urinate under the coach house which I have stepped in when leaving my vehicle before and they also sniff aerosol cans and do drugs around the back of the building. Under the coach house they have set up bedding and they leave litter everywhere. I have also seen one of the homeless men urinate and be sick down our window at the same time.

This is happening every day. They wait until we leave to go home and all move under the coach house around the back of our building and sleep there. They are then also there in the morning when we get to work and when asked to leave or to stop drinking or urinating they can get quite mouthy towards us stating "THEY CAN DO WHAT THEY WANT". They hang around outside our building most days and have been asked to move from our porch area on several occasions.

This has been going on for as long as I have been working here which is over a year and my colleagues who have worked here for longer said that this has been going on for years.

As the homeless people keep hanging around outside our build both at the front and at the back, customers have stated that they are amazed we are still open because they put people off coming to the agency. When they see a group of people hanging around the shop they decide not to come in as they are too intimidated to walk past them. One client has stated that she was going to come in a register but when she saw the group outside she decided to ring up and do it over the phone instead.

Customers always say "DO THEY NOT AFFECT YOUR BUSINESS". If customers saw people urinating up our building when in the store they are not going to come back. It makes our business premise look scruffy and uninviting but there is nothing we can do about it as they are always there.

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Signature witnessed by:

APPENDIX 18

Section 9 Statement -- [REDACTED] - Manager Mill Stream Estate

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Revised April 2007

WITNESS STATEMENT

(CJ Act 1967, s.9; MC Act 1980, ss.5A(3) (a) and 5B, Criminal Procedure Rules 2005, Rule 27.1)

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Statement of: [Redacted]

Age if under 18: 018 - (If over 18 insert 'over 18')

Occupation [Redacted]

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 [Redacted] ed in it, anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature: [Redacted]

Date 24.03.2017.

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

This statement is in relation to Anti social behaviour problem we experience on a daily basis.
I am an [Redacted] at Mill stream Estates on West Street Leighton Buzzard.
The location is called the coach house. You drive into a small car yard which has some parking and my building I work in is above some of these parking spaces. This was created a open garage situation which is sheltered.
A number of homeless people have started to use this space as somewhere to take shelter. There can be up to six people who use this space to sleep in. These homeless people, sleep, urinate, defecate, take drugs and drink in these parking spaces. There have also been occasions where fighting has taken place. When we arrive in the mornings they pack up their belongings and then sit on the wall of our car park. They continue to drink alcohol take drugs, urinate and fight. I have also found Piles of vomit.

Signature: [Redacted]

Signature witnessed by: _____

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APPENDIX 19

Section 9 Statement – [REDACTED] – Manager Lloyds Pharmacy

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WITNESS STATEMENT

(CJ Act 1967, s.9; MC Act 1980, ss.5A(3) (a) and 5B, Criminal Procedure Rules 2010, Rule 27.2)

[Redacted box]

Statement of:

[Redacted name]

Age if under 18: "018" (if over 18 insert 'over 18')

Occupation

[Redacted occupation]

This statement (consisting of ... 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:

[Redacted signature]

Date

28/03/2017

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

I am making this statement in relation to a group of street drinkers in HEIGHTON BUZZARD Town Centre.

I am employed by Lloyds Pharmacy which is situated at the top of the HIGH STREET by the Market Cross. Lloyds sell cosmetics, fragrances, Medicines as well as being a place where people can pick up prescriptions. I have been in this role since 14th November 2016.

Since I have been working here the street drinkers, mostly males at a few times, have been causing anti-social behaviour directly outside of the shop. They have been urinating, discarding empty cans and beer bottles by the shop entrance, shouting and swearing and putting people off from coming into the shop. I think they have lost us business because of this. When they stand outside there is usually a group of them and times can range from midday until early evening when we close which is at 10.00pm. My staff are often wary about leaving the shop after

Signature:

[Redacted signature]

Signature witnessed by:

Continuation of Statement of: [REDACTED]

finishing as they feel too intimidated and scared to leave. The age range of most of the drinkers is about 40 plus and they are usually wearing heavy coats, dirty jeans or combat trousers and all look very unkempt. They all smell of a stale urine and alcohol. I know this due to having to walk past them many times when I have to leave the hop. Staff and Customers have also said the same. As you leave the hop there is an alleyway to the right that leads to the Multi-Survey Carpark via the Staff Carpark. The drinkers are often known to hang around there too as it is hidden away but when my staff and myself leave to go home it makes for an uncomfortable and intimidating feeling. I have also seen the same people in heavy coats with beer bottles in the back of our carpark swapping goods. I have seen them with electrical items such as CD/DVD players. I have no idea where these have come from but they have still been in boxes. I have also seen empty cans and bottles that have been put in our bin.

One female I do know that has been hanging around with the group is called [REDACTED]. She is a well known shoplifter in the area and I have seen her out on the street with alcohol on numerous occasions. She is banned from Lloyds due to past incidents of shoplifting but still tries to come in.

All in all the people I understand these people may have nowhere to go during the day and early evening

Signature: [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by

Continuation of Statement of:

[Redacted Name]

but this does not give them the excuse to stand outside my shop and act in the way that they do. It is unpleasant for not only myself but also my staff and members of the public, whether they come into the shop or not.
I am willing to attend but if required [Redacted]

Signature:

[Redacted Signature]

Witnessed by

APPENDIX 20

Section 9 Statement – [REDACTED] Technical Officer Leighton Buzzard Library

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CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF WITNESS (Criminal Justice Act, 1967 s9; Magistrates Courts Act, 1980, s102; Magistrates Courts Rules 1981, r70)

STATEMENT OF

Age of Witness OVER 18

Occupation TECHNICAL OFFICER

This statement, (consisting of page 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 be cross-examined fully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated 19/4/17 Signature X

I am employed as a Technical officer by the library service of Central Bedfordshire Council. I am based in Leighton Buzzard library where I have been employed for 8½ years.

Although not part of my main duties because I am responsible for the building I had to deal with any nuisance issues.

We have had a number of issues over an extended period with young people but these statements are about the problem caused by older street drinkers. We have had occasional problems with homeless people but these has got worse over the last 12 to 18 months.

I have got to know some of these people and I know [redacted] and [redacted] quite well.

[redacted] comes in from time to time to use the computers and although we know he is a street drinker, he rarely causes a problem and sort of if we ask him to.

Signed

Taken by [signature]

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Continuation statement of..... [redacted]

[redacted] however can be totally different. He tends to come into the library to either eat or he sits down and goes to sleep.

Sometimes, when he is asked to leave, he will do so without carrying a full. However, on many occasions he will be aggressive and will start taking and we have a real problem getting them out.

He is so aggressive that our staff are very wary and uneasy about approaching him. He can be aggressive.

He smells really strongly and it under the influence of alcohol in work. B.C.C. Ltd. On one occasion he fell down in the library and he had to be taken away in an ambulance.

We had so many complaints from clients and library users about his smell, conduct and behaviour that we decided to make a real effort to persuade him not to come here. Therefore we approach him as soon as he is seen and ask him to leave.

Staff and customers feel uneasy and apprehensive when he is about. I am sure people use the library less when they see him around.

We get other drinkers coming in and invariably there are problems with them and their behaviour.

I have also noticed that a group of drunken has started to hang around in a secluded area at the side of the library.

Signed X [redacted] Taken by [signature]

Continuation statement of.....



At the back of the bus stop house, I have seen several people drinking and have noticed that there is a lot of litter caused by them and empty bottles etc. This is unpleasant for anyone walking through that area and it is something that we would want near the library.

As I have stated, these problems have gone on for some time and cause us a major concern as at times it can be quite bad.

I would not want our customers including families with children to be exposed to this drunken behaviour.

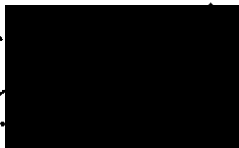
Clearly the number of complaints we received reflect that local people are fed up with this.

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Signed.....

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Taken by.....

APPENDIX 21

Section 9 Statement — [REDACTED] Rubies Shoes

CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF WITNESS (Criminal Justice Act, 1967 s9; Magistrates Courts Act, 1980, s102; Magistrates Courts Rules 1981, r70)

STATEMENT OF

Age of Witness

OVER

Occupation

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Dated

20/4/17

Signature

X [Signature]

I [Redacted] Barber shop at 7 North Street, Kington Buzzard and have owned the business for 7 years. For about the last 3 years we have had a problem with street drinkers in the area. At first the drinkers were local people who we knew and they tended to move around the town drinking. Therefore they were not to much of a problem because they were hung around one particular area. Gradually that changed and the Black Horse temporary shelter is nearby on the other side of North Street we started getting new faces who were using there and these people tended to hang around North Street. I recognise some of the people, namely [Redacted] and I think [Redacted] but a lot of them are new people and there does seem a lot of turnover with new people. I am aware that the Black Horse makes these people leave early in the morning and doesn't let them back in until the evening time.

Signed

X

Witnessed by

[Signature]

Continuation statement of [redacted]

During the day, these drunks tend to hang around in North Street drinking and causing problems. I know that they get their drink from either Cornish News and Buzz Wines. They tend to call them alcohol even when they are already drunk. I have seen this group of men taking drugs and drinking in North Street. They swore and use foul and abusive language in the street. I have also seen some individuals urinating on the street which is very unpleasant.

They hang around very often for much of the day in North Street behaving in this way.

A lot of my customers have mentioned that they feel intimidated and have said how uncomfortable they feel.

I have even had customers mention that they don't want to come into North Street because of their

I have also seen some of them parked outside the street and school kids surrounding them looking at them. It is not right that children should be this happening.

I have had a female member of the group in the shop and it was unpleasant and I didn't want to have her close. I know for certain that my business has been badly affected by their conduct. I have seen customers drive like going passed them or near them.

Signed [redacted] Taken by [signature]

Continuation statement of.....



I know that another Prop owner, Jo Alexandria beauty shop had to move to another place in Tempe because the long ago they used to be customers and the services would often be about a long about outside.

I know that a lot of other businesses in North West Mesa suffered and are extremely concerned about the situation.

We are so worried that the business owners have started up a Facebook page to try and get together and others are getting fed up with seeing these notices and the way they behave.

Something needs to be done before all the businesses in North West go out of business.

A neighbor opposite my property has had to close the entrance to that side alleyway because the structure was using it as a toilet. This situation is ridiculous and needs stopping and X



Signed X



Taken by [Signature]