

Statement by Sujeevan Muralimohan

I, Sujeevan Muralimohan, have held a premises licence since 2011 and have operated in full compliance with licensing regulations throughout this period, with no prior remarks or violations.

I strongly deny the accusations made by the Home Office Enforcement Team. I would like to begin by referencing a statement made by the Home Office, which claimed I was "...speaking to my colleague, which, again, was quite disrespectful and non-compliant." This interpretation of my behaviour is incorrect. The officers deemed my response disrespectful simply because I raised my voice in objection to the unnecessary use of force against an individual named [REDACTED]. It was only after I voiced my concerns that the officers began scrutinising me and my business, posing irrelevant questions that appeared intended to catch me out rather than clarify facts. It is worth noting that my penalty was reduced by £5,000 in recognition of my full cooperation with the investigation—an outcome that directly contradicts the claim that I was uncooperative or dismissive of the seriousness of the situation. EXHIBIT 1

I have personally operated my store since 2013, and it has built a solid and respected reputation within the community—a reputation that has now been unfairly damaged due to the Home Office's unfounded statements and allegations.

With regard to the Challenge 25 policy, the photographic evidence submitted clearly shows that signage is prominently displayed throughout the premises. We take our responsibilities very seriously and always adhere strictly to licensing laws. As a parent of three children, I fully understand and respect the importance of preventing underage sales and do not take this lightly. The statement that the business does not display signs such as 'no smoking' or shop opening times is fabricated see EXHIBIT 2 a photo taken of shop front in october 2024.

The individual who was arrested at my premises has no involvement whatsoever in the operations of my business. The claim that he was unsupervised is categorically false. CCTV confirms my presence at the time of incident. I offered the officers access to my CCTV footage in order to clarify any misunderstandings; however, they declined this offer and instead requested access to the flat above the shop, which is not part of my property. Nevertheless, I cooperated and spoke with the tenants to facilitate access. No evidence was found connecting the individual or any illegal activity to my business. A legal statement and its accuracy is very important as that's what the reported authorities act on and in this case it is very misleading and reported to suit their outcome. EXHIBIT 3

While several statements made by the Home Office are, in my view, fabricated, I will focus on responding to those directly related to my licensing responsibilities to avoid wasting your time. I have initiated legal proceedings through the County Court against the Home Office, as I am treating this matter with the utmost seriousness. The damage to my livelihood and business reputation caused by this unjustified action cannot be overstated.

Regarding the Skull Vodka raffle: this is an annual community-based initiative involving various products, and the money raised typically only covers the cost of the prize. Any remaining funds are donated to support those in need locally. Contrary to the officers' claims, the bottle was not displayed at the entrance but was securely kept behind the till and under my direct supervision. It is misleading and concerning that an officer confidently claimed the raffle was "clearly not endorsed by any

legitimate drinks company,” despite the product having been purchased from Costco Wholesale—a well-known and reputable supplier. EXHIBIT 4

We previously operated a takeaway business located at 289B Kinson Road, Bournemouth, BH10 5HE, which has since ceased trading. At the time of closure, catering equipment and stock remained on the premises. Given the nature of the products and my understanding of their significance, I took the decision to move the remaining stock into a common area within the building. This space is not part of the licensed premises and is only accessed occasionally for utility meter readings.

As a responsible licence holder, I ensured that the items were stored securely and were not accessible to the public or any retail-related areas. The products were not available for sale at any point. This could have been easily clarified had I been given the opportunity to explain the situation during the inspection.

All boxes and remaining stock have since been securely and appropriately disposed of. Following the report, two licensing officers visited my store on 19 November 2024. They conducted a thorough inspection and expressed no concerns about my operations. No further action was deemed necessary.

The RSPCA visited my German Shepherd on 26th November 2024 and found no welfare concerns. The visiting officer noted that the dog appeared healthy and was in excellent condition for his age (13 years). A minor rash near his tail, which has been present since puppyhood, was reviewed by our vet, who advised against any intervention given the dog’s age and the chronic nature of the condition. I find it difficult to accept the claim that no follow-up occurred, as suggested in the report. EXHIBIT 5

I also question the legitimacy of the referral made by the Home Office, especially as the arrested individual was later released without any mention of my business or myself in his statement. It is important to note that [REDACTED] initial interview was conducted in English, a language he does not speak fluently. In all subsequent interviews, an interpreter was provided, acknowledging the need for language support.

The premises licence has been prominently displayed at all times since 2013. This can be verified by various officials who have visited the premises over the years during routine inspections and visits throughout the course of trading. Finally, I want to reaffirm that [REDACTED] was not working at my premises, nor was he behind the counter, serving, or alone in the shop at the time of the incident. He has no involvement in my business. The allegations appear to stem from a personal bias after the officers felt slighted during our interaction—possibly interpreting my attempt to defend another individual as a challenge to their authority.

I remain committed to upholding all legal and licensing obligations and respectfully request that this matter be reviewed with objectivity and fairness.

EXHIBIT 1

UKVI Helpline.

Your penalty has not been reduced for this factor.

Mitigating factor 2 – evidence of active co-operation. You have actively co-operated with the Home Office by:

- providing Home Office officials with access to your premises, recruitment and employment records and right to work checking systems when requested;
- responding promptly, honestly and accurately to questions asked during Immigration Enforcement visits and responding to any further requests for information by the deadline set;
- making yourself available to our officials during the course of our investigations if required; and
- fully and promptly disclosing any evidence you have which may assist us in our investigations.

Your penalty has been reduced by £5,000 per worker to reflect this co-operation.

Mitigating factor 3 – You must demonstrate that you have effective right to work checking practices in place together with mitigating factors 1 and 2. This includes:

- having robust document checking systems in place;
- thorough and consistent right to work checking processes;
- records of right to work checks for your staff; and
- a history of compliance with the requirements.

This is required together with mitigation for factors 1 and 2: this is not applicable as you did not meet the criteria for mitigating factors 1 and 2.

Your penalty has not been reduced for this factor.

Your final penalty has been calculated to be £40,000 per worker as one of the mitigating factors applies to the calculation of the penalty.

Your total penalty has been calculated to be £40,000 for one worker.

10:37



17 October 2024

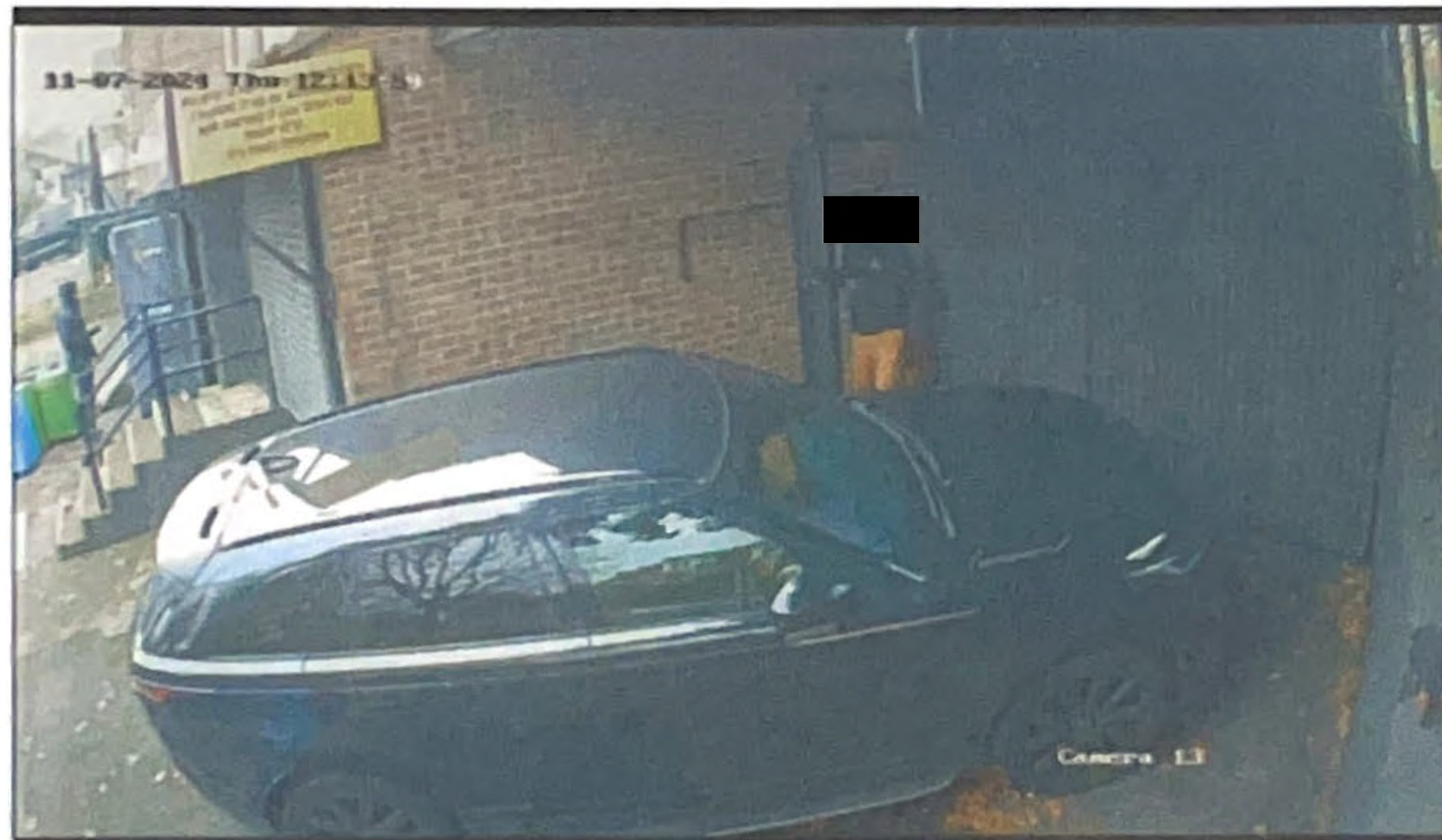
10:39



EXHIBIT 2



EXHIBIT 3



12:13 9AM COMING OUT
OF SIDE ENTRANCE AS THE BACK
STORE DOOR WAS CLOSED THIS CAN
ONLY BE OPEN FROM INSIDE.
(VIDEO AVAILABLE)

EXHIBIT 4

19:32

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Menu

All

Search Costco



Set Delivery Postcode

Business Delivery

Crystal Head Vodka Jeroboam, 3L

(0)

Item #218819_BD

C Membership Restrictions Apply



FALSE
STATEMENT



costco.co.uk — Private

EXHIBIT 5

AWA 202938

THIS IS NOT A STATUTORY NOTICE



Animal welfare assessment form

An RSPCA officer has called to see: (owner)
German Shepherd
(and location) *209 Hammer Lane, Linslade*
on: (date and time) *26/11/2024*
Owner/person responsible: (name of pet) *Willa*
Contact number: *[redacted] 575555*

Below is the RSPCA officer's view about how the animal(s) is/are being kept. If the officer has marked the 'No' column below you need to do something for your animal's welfare.

Detailed advice explaining this assessment can be found in the attached guidance leaflet.

To be completed by RSPCA officer

Assessment area	Yes	No
1 Does the animal have ready access to water?	☒	☐
2 Does the animal look like it is getting a nutritionally adequate diet to stay healthy?	☒	☐
3 Is the animal contained within a suitable environment?	☒	☐
4 Is the environment clean?	☒	☐
5 Is the environment free from hazards?	☒	☐
6 Is there shelter from extremes of weather?	☒	☐
7 Is there a comfortable resting area?	☒	☐
8 Is the animal free of any sign of pain, injury, disease or suffering?	☐	☒
9 Is the animal free of any obvious signs of fear and distress?	☐	☒
10 Does the animal have the right environment to express its normal behaviour?	☒	☐
11 Are the animal's specific social needs catered for?	☒	☐

Additional information (if required):
Please see the ground for a vet check for sore skin on back & chest. Regular flea treatment. Please follow vet advice. As per vet today.

Officer's name: *[redacted]* Date: *26/11/24*
Number: *11205*
RSPCA contact number: 0300 1234 999

1581 Welfare Assessment Guidance leaflet given 1577 8309

RSPCA NO CONCERN.

ADDITIONAL EXHIBIT

REF: EVI9-957,794



Immigration
Enforcement

Notice to Occupier

Address of Premises

Premier Shop, 289 Kinson Road,
Bournemouth BH10 5HE

* Informed consent

I hereby consent to Immigration Officers [and Police Officers and
entering and searching the above-named premises for
on

I am aware of the extent of the proposed search and if, in the course of conducting the above search, criminal activity is found or a breach of immigration law is suspected, enforcement action may be taken. Enforcement action may include the seizure of property which may be used as evidence of an offence and may include the arrest of any person suspected of committing offences or breaching immigration law. (If illegal workers are found on the premises are let to tenants without leave to remain, evidence obtained during the course of this visit may lead to the issue of a civil penalty and / or the issue of an illegal working closure notice) I am also aware that, once lawfully on the premises, immigration officers may exercise statutory powers of search in connection with the removal of persons in breach of immigration law or the imposition of a civil penalty.

I can confirm that I am entitled to grant consent to enter and that informed consent has been fully explained to me in a language I understand. I understand that I am not obliged to provide consent and that my consent can be withdrawn at any time.

Signature

Name

Status relative to premises

Date

Over 18 YES ☐ NO ☐

* STATUTORY POWER UNDER WHICH SEARCH WAS MADE (WITH WARRANT)

Warrant (copy attached) issued under Paragraph / Section
Date granted by

* STATUTORY POWER UNDER WHICH SEARCH WAS MADE (WITHOUT WARRANT)

Some of these powers require written authority of a Chief Immigration Officer or above, which will normally be recorded at 1 below. This notice will show at 2 if authority has been recorded elsewhere.

1. Recording on this notice

I hereby authorise the search of the above named premises

Signature

Name

Date / Time

Rank

06/08/2024
AD

2. Recorded elsewhere

Where authority recorded

By whom (name / rank)

Date / Time recorded

PRONTI

06/11/2024

Entry forced: YES ☐ NO ☐

Authorised by

Damage: YES ☐ NO ☐ If Yes, record full details and take photographs.

Premises Secured YES ☐ NO ☐

Officer in charge of search

Name

Office

Address

Date

Time of entry

Hrs

Time of Departure

Hrs

* Delete as applicable

ENTRY TIME . .

Statement of Case

Reference: 329207

We have set out below the types of evidence we hold, together with the reasons why you have breached Section 15 for each worker identified in your case.

Evidence types: Interview records, photographic evidence

When officials visited Premier Hillside Stores on 7 November 2024, [REDACTED] was observed emerging from a door marked "staff only", behind the counter. *colv*

When [REDACTED] was questioned by officials in English, he stated that he had begun working at the business on 18 September 2024 and he was employed to work behind the counter and stack shelves. He confirmed that he worked on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9am until 1pm, but that these shifts could potentially change if another staff member was not available. When asked about who had employed him, [REDACTED] stated that he had asked [REDACTED] for a job and it was he or his wife that would tell him when he needed to attend the shop and what he was to do whilst he was there. When asked about any payment he received, [REDACTED] stated that he was not paid anything as he was just training. In reply to being asked about what training he had been given, [REDACTED] replied that he had been shown how to stack shelves, handle cash, operate the card machine, and he had also been trained in alcohol sales. When asked, he stated that he did not know how to operate the lottery terminal. When asked if any right to work checks had been conducted prior to being given the job, [REDACTED] stated that he had provided his Biometric Residence Permit (BRP), passport and provisional driving licence. He confirmed that the employer was not aware that he was not permitted to work in the UK.

When Sujeewan Muralimohan was interviewed by officials in English, he confirmed that he was the leaseholder of the business. When asked about [REDACTED], he stated that he had attended the shop a few months previously for training and would be called to attend when the business was short-staffed, although this was not on a regular basis. Sujeewan Muralimohan stated that [REDACTED] hours could consist of three mornings per week if needed. He also confirmed that as [REDACTED] did not have a premises licence, he was not left alone in the shop. Sujeewan Muralimohan further confirmed that [REDACTED] duties included stocking shelves, serving customers and he would also serve alcohol when required. When asked about any payment that [REDACTED] received, Sujeewan Muralimohan acknowledged that he was given free food, free clothing, and sometimes cash as well, perhaps £10. He stated that [REDACTED] was not usually paid as he was not fully trained, and that there were no National Insurance contributions or income tax paid. When asked if any right to work checks had been conducted prior to offering the job, Sujeewan Muralimohan stated that he had been given [REDACTED] passport, BRP, and provisional driving licence. He confirmed that he had been told that [REDACTED] was a student and that the BRP was valid when he had seen it one year previously. He stated that he had retained these documents in his car but that the car had been stolen in April 2024.

In response to the Information Request sent to you on 5 December 2024,

PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

[REDACTED]
Hillside Stores
289 Kinson Road
Bournemouth BH10 5HE

Tuesday, 26 November 2024

NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

Reference: [REDACTED]

Retailer: 644491 – Hillside Stores, 289 Kinson Rd, Bournemouth BH10 5HE

Dear [REDACTED]

We refer to our Security Investigator's visit to the above store on Tuesday 19th November 2024, which led to the immediate suspension of the Retailer Agreement.

Reason for Investigation:

On Saturday 9th November 2024, Allwyn were made aware of a Home Office Immigration Enforcement visit to the above retail premises about 13:40 hours on Thursday 7th November 2024.

The visit was reportedly intelligence-led and subsequently a man namely, [REDACTED] was found in the staff-only area of the store. The store was open for business and [REDACTED] was the only person found on the premises at the time of this visit. [REDACTED] was asked how he entered the premises that morning, and he responded that his employer opened the shop for him.

CONTRADICT

[REDACTED] reported that he had been working on premises since 17th/18th October 2024; on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, usually between 09:00 and 13:00 hours.

When asked, [REDACTED] responded to the Home Office officials that he did not know how to sell Lottery Tickets; however, the terminal was in use a various periods throughout that day of trade, including 15 minutes before the officials arrived on site.

[REDACTED] had no right to work in the UK, having had his Student Leave curtailed, with immediate effect, on 19th August 2023.

He strongly resisted arrested and two officers were required to detain him.

The Home Office officials believed that the store owner, identified to them as Muralimohan Sujeevan, had failed to carry out the requisite Right to Work checks. He reportedly accepted this failing to the Enforcement Officers at the time of the visit. He initially asserted that [REDACTED] did not really work there, as he wasn't trained, but then conceded that [REDACTED] worked there in the morning, when the "alcohol sales are low."

HE WAS ARRESTED BY 11.13
HOW CAN HE SERVE...?

Response to complaint COMP/1234298/24

From Complaints <complaints@homeoffice.gov.uk>

Date Thu 28/11/2024 11:53

To [REDACTED]



UK Visas
& Immigration

HE WAS NOT BEHIND THE
COUNTER . . .

28 November 2024

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email correspondence of 20 November where you have raised a complaint regarding an enforcement visit at your business.

I am unable to uphold your complaint.

Immigration enforcement visited the store on 7th November under S179 of the licensing act. Once lawfully on premises they interviewed a male on the premises behind the counter area, who admitted working. There was sufficient evidence obtained to support a referral of a Civil penalty and one was duly served.

The person encountered behind the counter was arrested and due to his behaviour was handcuffed and escorted from the premises. The officers have completed a use of force form to record the justification. There is sufficient evidence from what I have seen to justify the visits, confirm an offence has been correctly identified and a civil penalty referral has been served.

On the day, a Surjeevan Muralimohan came to the store and stated it was his business and the relevant paperwork was given to him regarding the civil penalty and the matter explained to him. The civil penalty will now be considered by the Civil Penalty Compliance Team (CPCT) and they will decide the next steps.

The ICE team have made appropriate referrals in line with guidance to fire and rescue, licensing and the lottery. The officers have undertaken their duties in the correct manner and

KT SOLICITORS

I, [REDACTED] hereby state the following in support of
asylum claim:

HOM OFFICE
HAS HIS
STATEMENT

22. Later my friend said, one Job available in Bournemouth, within next couple of day. I went to the shop.
23. After I knew the shop owner also [REDACTED] and he checked my right to work & everything after he said OK.
24. Later in training, provided the shop owner. he said, sorry I wouldn't offer you a job. because your English is not good.
25. Four to Five months later, I went to the same shop again. The shop owner said OK and he checked my right to work but the RTW not showing so he refused.
26. On that time, he picks me up to the train station to send off before that he offers some food and drinks on that time, I left my passport and all other documents in his car.
27. Few days later I recognize I left my documents his car and I contact him, but his not reachable and I contact to the shop they said he was in Vacation.
28. On the day off arrest, I went to shop straightaway. I asked the shop owner about my documents.
29. He said, I don't know because my car has been stolen.
30. It was on this day When I was speaking to him, I was arrested.