



WITNESS STATEMENT

(C.J. Act, 1967, s.9; M.C. Act 1980, ss.5A(3) (a) and 5B; Criminal Procedure Rules 2005, r.27.1 (1))

Continuation of statement of:  Maria Johnson

I asked to speak to the owner and was directed towards Nadir Ismail Ali, who I have met before and know to be the sole Director of Palm Palace Restaurant Limited.

I explained the purpose of our visit was to ensure that condition 13 on the premises licence was being complied with. At the time of the visit tables and chairs were still outside.

I cautioned Mr Ali and asked why the tables and chairs were still outside after 23.00 hours. Mr Ali said "sorry". He went on to say that they were the same customers who had been there since 22.00 hours and that they had wanted to stay for another 30 minutes more.

I explained that it was nearly midnight and he said "sorry". He said that it was very difficult when you have customers, some from overseas and that it was difficult to run a business.

Mr Ali asked what would happen if he stopped using his licence – I said that he would need to cease selling hot food and drink at 23.00 hours.

Mr Ali instructed his staff to close the kitchen and said that he would not use the licence and would continue to serve customers shisha outside.

We left the premises after approximately 20 minutes.

Signature

Signature witnessed by: