

IN THE MATTER OF PERSIA RESTAURANT

AND IN THE MATTER OF A REVIEW AT THE BEHEST OF SUSSEX POLICE

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STATEMENT OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] will say as follows:

1. [REDACTED] and work as a waitress at Persia. I have worked for Mr Abdolkhani for [REDACTED] have been working in restaurants as a waitress since 2020.
2. Each of the restaurants that I have worked at before I have always had training and I recall on joining Persia that I had training from Mr Abdolkhani as to the terms of the Licence etc.
3. That training is repeated and updated, particularly regarding underage sales and Challenge 25 every eight weeks.
4. I have never had a problem with customers regarding the sale of alcohol.
5. I recall the evening of 19 April 2024.
6. At about 10 pm the Police came into the premises and they went upstairs with Mr Abdolkhani.
7. A short while later he came downstairs and asked me to locate all the training records for the restaurant for 2024.
8. I looked out the training records whilst Mr Abdolkhani was looking for another file. I found one page which had dates of 2024 on, but also some entries for 2023 which I presumed was a mistake.
9. I showed this to Mr Abdolkhani who said quickly that he wanted all the records for 2024.
10. I therefore thought that the reference to 2023 was a mistake and without any prompting or request from Mr Abdolkhani took it upon myself to correct what I thought was a mistake, with tippex and a pen.
11. Mr Abdolkhani had asked me to get all the records for 2024 – he most certainly did not instruct me alter this sheet which I did of my own accord believing I was doing the right thing.

12. I would note that I did this openly standing at the bar in the restaurant in full view of everybody including the Police. I would suggest that I would not have done so had there been any intention to deceive.

I believe the fact and matters appearing in this Statement to be true.

Dated 04/06/24.....

Signed [Redacted].....

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