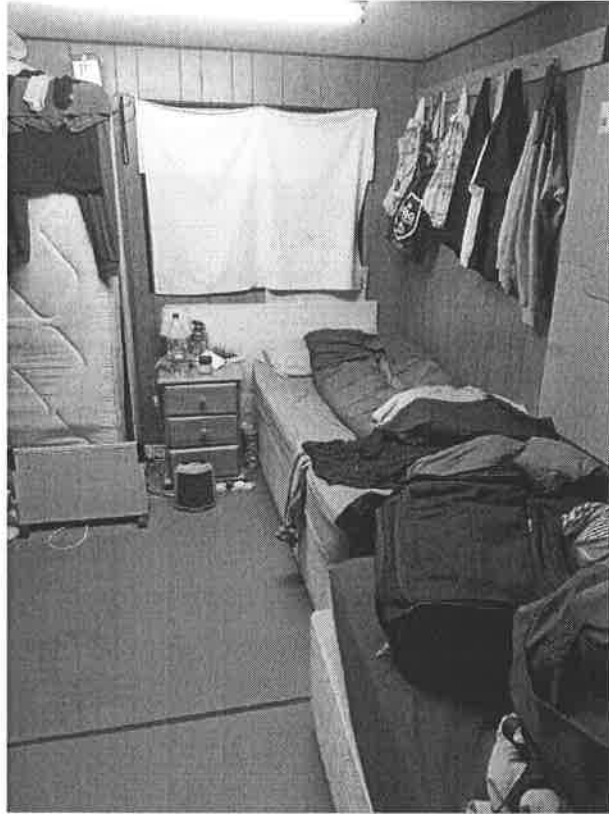


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Visit Report: EV8-2,347 Enforcement 9/11/2018

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**WITNESS STATEMENT**

**Criminal Procedure Rules, r. 16.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B**

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Statement of: Mr [REDACTED] JONES

Age if under 18: Over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: Licensing Officer (7706)

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: P. JONES

(witness) Date: 30/11/2018

I am a Licensing Officer employed by Essex Police for the Epping Forest and Brentwood areas, covering Harlow. I have been employed by Essex Police since May 2003; and a Licensing Officer since August 2011.

On Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 19:40 hours I attended Essence of India, 2 Hart Road, Harlow, CM17 0HL.

The purpose of our visit was to ascertain whether the Premises Licence Holders or Designated Premises Supervisors were on the premises or known to staff.

On arrival an Asian male approached who I now know to be [REDACTED] [REDACTED] who I would describe as being approximately 5ft 6in tall, medium build wearing a black parka style coat. I asked if he worked here and he replied 'yes'. I then identified myself as Essex Police Licensing Officer [REDACTED] Jones and showed the male my Police Staff ID.

I asked the male whether Abdul SALAM (Joint Premises Licence Holder and Designated Premises Holder) or Hussain IMDAD (Joint Premises Licence Holder) were on the premises, to which he replied 'no'. I asked if he knew these males and again he replied, 'no'. He then took out his mobile phone and spoke to a male in another language; but could tell that he was discussing me and the males asked for; as the words 'licensing', 'Abdul SALAM' and 'Hussain IMDAD' were said several times.

Signature: P. JONES

Signature witnessed by: .....

After approximately 5 minutes the male [REDACTED] ended his call, and said 'these are owners' and then presented the Premises Licence. This was in a frame by the entrance and on public display. I took from what he said and his actions that SALAM and IMDAD were the owners of the property.

I asked the male [REDACTED] who he called and he replied [REDACTED]. I enquired further and learned that [REDACTED] is the manager and his last name is [REDACTED].

I then asked the male his name and asked whether he had any ID. He stated his name was [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and then produced a UK Driving Licence. The document showed an image of the male with the name [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and DOB [REDACTED].

I asked the male [REDACTED] who employed him, and authorised him to sell alcohol to which he replied [REDACTED] the manager.

I then asked the male [REDACTED] how many staff were on duty he stated there were two in kitchen, him and another male, who was serving a table of two; a male and a female.

Finally I showed [REDACTED] an image that is held within the Essex Police Licensing System 'Bacchus' of Abdul SALAM; and asked whether this male had ever been in the restaurant of ever seen the male to which he replied 'no'.

I then left the premises at 20:05.

Signature: P. JONES

Signature witnessed by: .....

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