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## WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27. 2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B

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Statement of: PC Maria O'MAHONEY 2321AS

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

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.

Witness Signature: [REDACTED] ..... Date: 07/02/2020

Before making this statement I have viewed my body worn camera footage which I exhibit as MVO/1.

I am a Police Officer attached to Night Time Economy. On Wednesday the 29<sup>th</sup> January 2020 I was on duty in plain clothes in the company of PC DUCKER 2494AS and PC LYNCH 2246AS also from (NTE). Also in attendance were Southwark Council Trading Standards and Licencing Officers Ray Moore Charlie JERROM and Andy MILLS, UK Border Agency and Southwark Social Services. We were taking part in a multi-agency operation targeting unlicensed Nails Bars and businesses carrying out special treatments not in according to their licence.

We were visiting SABRINA BEAUTY SALON 151 Rye Lane SE15 5EX. The reason for the visit was to check for compliance. When the premises had previously been visited on the 30<sup>th</sup> October 2019. There was no Special Treatments licence as it had expired and had not been renewed. Eight members of staff working at the venue were arrested for immigration offences. They had either entered the UK illegally or did not have permission to work.

At 11:15 hours we entered the premises. On entering the store I could see that there were eight Nail Technician Stations set up, five on the left as you enter and two on the right a bit further into the shop. The Special Treatments Licence (ref 870691) only had two technicians named on it and SABRINA BEAUTY SALON had six people carrying out nail treatments.

The owner of the business Amanuel FISSEHAYE entered the shop at 11:20 hours. Charlie JERRON informed him that apart from the two Technicians named on the licence who were sat on the front two work stations at the left of the shop the other staff must stop carrying out nail treatments on customers as they were not on the licence. Despite being told that they were not allowed to carry out any nail treatments staff continued to sit at their work stations. At 11:44 hours (BWC 1) a customer enters the shop and one of the employees who had been told that she was not allowed to do nail treatments starts working on the customers nails. She was then told several times by officers that she was not allowed to do so but continued doing treatments. This was pointed out to Mr FISSEHAYE who asked officers that she be allowed to finish the customer's nails. It was pointed out to Mr FISSEHAYE that by allowing her to continue he was breaching his Special Treatments Licence.

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At 11:40 hours UK Border Agency and Southwark Social Services withdrew from the premises as their checks on staff were satisfactory and there was no issues. I stayed behind to support Trading Standard Officers Ray MOORE and Andy MILLS who had found a number of problems with the nail products. They seized a large quantity of nail products from all eight work stations which in total was in excess of 2200.

At 16:30 hours we exited the premises.

I have done a number of inspections of Nail Bars on the Borough of Southwark and it is in my opinion that the management of SABRINA BEAUTY SALON are not fit and proper to hold a licence for special treatments. On both occasions that police have attended the premises it has been operating as a Nail Bar. On the first occasion eight workers were arrested for Immigration offences and the Special Treatments Licence had been allowed to expire. On the second visit there were four members of staff carrying out nail treatments who were not named on the licence. Mr FISSEHAYE and staff were told that no one except the two people named on the licence were allowed to continue nail treatments but despite this advice a staff member who was not named on the licence started work on a customer who had come in after our inspection had started. She then continued to work on the customers nails having being warned several times that she was not authorised to do so. The premises has continued to be used in an improper manner and Mr FISSEHAYE appears to be unaware of his responsibilities. \_\_\_\_\_

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