

## Mir Awais Khan statement

My name is Mir Awais Khan and I was employed as a stock manager at Broadnews. I want to make a few things clear that I didn't fail any test purchase and I have gained my Level 2 Award as Personal License holder accredited on the 30<sup>th</sup> of March 2020.

I want it clear that I do know there is an accusation made regarding sale of alcohol to a fifteen year old boy which trading standard have put forward in their objections. I want to make it clear that I did not make any underage sale and I am unhappy the accusation being put towards me like this. I would never make a mistake like this. The fact I feel I being punished for continuing my employment at Broadnews. I can't walk out of a paying job and rely on benefits when I am able and willing to work. I haven't done anything wrong. I didn't fail a trading standard test purchase and I was not there when it happened.

My job was only to check and order and manage the stock. I know there was a discussion about the shop which is currently on rent being surrendered back to the landlord. I was approached by Mr Adil Siddique who is the landlord of the property to take up within the new company as I have my pass certificate in personal licensing. Again I have never been ever involved in the irresponsible act of failure.

I only agreed to join Mr. Adil Siddique if I was on equal footing. At the present I am a stock manager and I have no say in how the company is run or what staff training is given while in my opinion I have got nothing to do with this role because this is between the director and the DPS of the company.

I feel that all the blame is put on my feet and I was on a 24 hour contract.

I attended the premises when the two police officers made the visit. I was told on the first call I had from Miss Habib that there was people who wanted to speak to someone, possibly regarding purchasing stuff so I have made my way to the store. Not long after that call I received the second phone call to tell me there were not company reps but in fact west midlands police and they wanted to speak with someone regarding my license application. So I continued to make my way to store as I am the appointed director for A1 Broadnews and I could discuss any issues they had.

When I had approach the store, I had seen two males waiting outside, because of Covid-19 I think one of the officer approached my from a distance of 5 to 6 feet. The first question that was put to me was , do you know who is your DPS? I replied Yes - Mr Adil Siddique, because that is who is put down on the new application. The officer replied No.

I thought a mistake may have been made while submitting the application then the officer mentioned " It is Mr Srisanth". Then I had realise after a brief conversation that they are not talking about new application, but they talking about current license. When I realised there was a misscommunication I had told the officer that I am the stock manager and I then called Mr Abdullah Khan.

At the time I didn't have the authorisation to deal with these things. I am not the DPS nor the tenant of this shop. I came under the belief that they wanted to speak about the new application but not the current license. During the discussion the same office had asked me what is my relation to Mr Abdullah Khan. The way in which it was said I was a bit taken back by the officer assumption that every one with the name Khan is related to each other and I have said no relation. The officer said so he is like a friend that's what I heard. My reply was something like that its employer employee.

At some point during the discussion the officer mention that Mr Srinath is the DPS currently. I had told him how many times I have seen him, the fact I am only 24 hour contract and I wasnt there whole time and I am part time. I could only tell him how many times I have seen the DPS.

As the shop opening hours 7am to 11pm, 7 days a week which comes to 112 hours a week. If you take my 24 hours from that, the shop is nearly open 88 hours more in the week. I do not think past failure at the shop is down to me.