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

Statement of: Christopher Jobe	URN		
Age (if under 18): N/A	Occupation: PC		

On Friday 25 August 2017 at 1808 hours I was on duty in full uniform working with PC 8858 Smith in a marked Police Van with call sign ED44L when we assigned ourselves to log LC-20170825-1200 which relates to a call from a Mrs Heaton from Haslingden Off License, 87 Haslingden Road, Blackburn stating that four youths aged 14-15 were trying to purchase alcohol and that she had asked them to leave but they had started arguing with an elderly member of staff, threatened violence towards the staff and had stolen the alcohol. She also stated that they had been in earlier and refused service.

We made our way to the Off License and ED56 also made their way to the Off License. They arrived first and started speaking with the staff.

We arrived at 1821 hours and decided to conduct an area search for the group of youths. We were informed by ED56 that it was two boys and two girls.

The Off License is on the corner of Bennington Road junction with Haslingden Road. We came down Bennington Road past the Off License and turned left onto Haslingden Road. As we drive past Blackburn Central High School with Crosshill I saw a group of 2 boys and 2 girls aged 14-15 running along the school pathway towards Queens Park.

I informed PC 8858 Smith who was driving and he turned around and drive into the school.

We got out the van and started walking into the park. As I had approached the park I had seen one of the girls turn right and head a different direction into the wooded area.

I could see the two boys and the other girl further down the path and shouted to them.

The girl came back to us. This girl was called Rebeka VASILEVSKA, 12/04/2003 of 18 Glasson Close. Shortly after the other girl came to us from the other side. This girl was Courteney ROLLO, 23/01/2002 of 99 Litham Road.

Straight away Courteney said it was her but that she wasn't a thief because she had left the money for the bottle of Lambrini she had taken.

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Both girls explained that a staff member had served them two bottles of Lambrini earlier in the day and that they had gone back for another bottle but this time the same staff member said he couldn't serve them because the licensee was in the shop.

Courteney decided to just take the bottle anyway and and leave the money for it on te counter.

The girls stated that the two boys were not involved.

I asked the girls where the bottles were and they said the had smashed them outside, near to the off license.


I took he girls details and we let them leave.

I didn't believe them about smashing the bottles and thought that Courteney might have hidden them in the wooded area where she had gone prior to coming back to us.

PC 8858 Smith and I searched the wooded area extensively. It was clear that it was a drinking area possible for homeless people due to the amount of empty drinks cans and bottles but we did not locate the Lambrini bottles from the Off License.

We then left the area and I updated the log.

This statement 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 of witness:  Date: 12/09/2017 08:25