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## LEICESTERSHIRE POLICE

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## Witness Statement

Criminal Procedure Rules, r. 16.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9

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Reference

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## Statement of:

Age (if under 18): Over 18

Occupation: Police officer

This statement (consisting of one 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.

Dated: Thursday, 14 November 2019

Signature:

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded ☐ (supply witness details on rear)

I am Police Sergeant 1603 Thorley of the Leicestershire constabulary currently stationed at Market Harborough

At approx 17.30 hrs on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2019 I attended the Golden Choice Chinese Take Away which is situated on Windsor Street in Melton Mowbray, this was too assist the East Midlands Immigration Enforcement Team in executing a warrant at that location.

At that time I was at the rear of the premises and as officers entered the shop front of the building a Chinese male ran out of the rear, this male as stopped and escorted back into the property.

On walking back into the rear it was apparent that this was the storage area and the kitchens for the take away, the kitchen area is to the rear of the till and ordering area and open to the public to see, I could see that officers had detained 5 persons of Chinese ethnicity including the male stopped running out of the building, I was advised by the immigration team that all persons detained were within the working area of the premises.

On entering the upstairs, the first floor there were three small rooms that were being utilised as bedrooms, they contained a single bed in each along with an amount of personal goods and clothing, on the same floor was a small bathroom and a utility area for a washing machine, in the large landing area was a very large freezer and other stored foods

During the detention of three of the males they were escorted individually upstairs and each recovered their personal belongings from their respective bedrooms indicating that they had been living in these bedrooms on a regular basis

Four of the males detained were subsequently arrested for immigration offences and taken from the premises



Signature

