

WITNESS STATEMENT

Crime Number: 12345

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates’ Courts Act 1980, s.5B

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Statement of: **CFO**.....

Age if under 18: Over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: **Counter Fraud Surveillance 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.

Signature: **Counter Fraud Officer**

Date: dd/mm/yyyy

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded

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I am a Counter Fraud Investigator based at LEICESTER. I have been employed in this role for ten years. Part of my duties is the surveillance of those suspected of fraudulently claiming benefits. Four weeks ago, I received a request to carry out surveillance on a man called Alex GRANT who claims benefits from 33 Charles Street LEICESTER but is suspected of living at 9 Grange Street LEICESTER. He claims Personnel Independence Payment (PIP) on the basis that he is unable to walk unaided for more than ten yards. The allegation stated that he takes the LEICESTER Bees children’s rugby training at the LEICESTER Leisure Centre every Thursday night and occasionally referees the match at the weekend. Surveillance on --/--/-- commenced at 6 p.m. at 33 Charles Street. There was no vehicle outside and no lights on in the property. I then drove to 9 Grange Street where a light blue Honda Civic registration AB123 ABC with the slogan ‘In the Nick of time’ pasted on the doors was parked in the drive. The lights were on in the property and at 6,50 p.m. a man and woman came out. The man is white approximately five feet ten inches, medium build, short dark hair who was later heard speaking with a local accent. He was wearing denim jeans and a large blue overcoat. The woman is white, approximately 5 feet 6-inch, slim build, long dark hair and wore white framed glasses. They both got into the Honda Civic with the female driving and were followed to LEICESTER Leisure Centre where the male got out at 6.45p.m. and went inside the Leisure Centre. The female drove away. At 6.55p.m. the male I had seen entering the Leisure Centre at 6.45p.m. came out having changed into a black tracksuit with LEICESTER Bees and logo on the back. He walked to the Astro turf pitch where there were approximately 40 young children, both boys and girls. He had a short discussion with another man before taking half the children to one side of the pitch. He then began laying out cones before splitting the group onto teams. He demonstrated what he wanted the children to

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do by running with a ball in and out of the cones over approximately 30 yards. After that exercise he demonstrated how he wanted the children to run and pass the ball by running approximately 50 yards throwing and receiving the ball with a child he had selected from the group. They then did several exercises including star jumps which he again demonstrated. The floor exercises he did not demonstrate. All this took fifty minutes. He then split the group into two teams, and he refereed a match, running up and down the pitch for one hour. The training session finished at 8.50p.m. and he went back into the Leisure Centre. At 9.05p.m the same woman driving the same car picked him up and they were followed to 9 Grange Street LEICESTER. They entered the house at 9.40p.m. Surveillance ceased at that point. I produce video footage of the training session as exhibit CFO1. My observations were from 40 yards with no obstructions other than a wire fence. It was dark but the Astro pitch had floodlights which covered the whole area.

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