

Witness Statement

[Criminal Justice Act 1967 s 9 (as amended), Criminal Procedure Rules 2005 r 27.1 & 27.2,
Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 s 5A & 5B, Magistrates' Court Rules 1981 r 70]

Statement of: [REDACTED]

Age if under 18 or insert 'over 18': **Over 18**

Occupation: **Personal Assistant**

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Dated the *16th November 2016*

Signed: [REDACTED]

I am a Personal Assistant for [REDACTED] based at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Shrewsbury, [REDACTED]. I have been working from this base for about one year.

For the last two months I have noticed on my arrival to St Marys Church Hall two homeless people asleep in the doorway which is like a porch and goes back about 4-5 feet. The first time I came across was at 9 am in the morning, they had blocked the doorway, I had to ask them to move. They were polite but took their time packing up so I could enter the premises. The female was asking to clean up which I told her was no problem and she cleaned up her cardboard, cups and other items. I eventually got in about 09:45 am. Since this first time of meeting the male and female, I have seen them in the doorway usually in the morning. I have found since that first meeting, that there is a strong smell of urine in the doorway and I have seen liquid stains on the tiled floor. On these occasions I have had no choice but to clean and disinfect the area as the smell is pungent and offensive to both myself, passers-by and clients.

About 3-4 weeks ago I arrived at work at my normal time of 9 am. There was no-one in the doorway, I could clearly see liquid all over the tiled floor including the doormat which was absolutely soaked. I believed this liquid to be urine due to the strong smell that came with it. The doormat is of a type that is permanently fixed to the ground therefore I cannot remove it to change it. I have cleaned down this area with disinfectant and this took me about one hour to an hour and a half that day. Then I carried on cleaning this another 3 or 4 times that same week to try and make sure the smell had gone. This

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cleaning has taken up a lot of my work time when I should be doing my job as a P.A. I also find cleaning this doorway a disgusting job when it's not my mess.

I can also say that I've had local residents tell me that they have seen the female that sleeps in our doorway urinating in the plant pot by the parade shopping centre. Also by the bins in the private area at the side of the Hall.

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Occupation: **Assistant Manager**

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Signed: [REDACTED]

I started work as an [REDACTED] on 8th August 2016. Part of my duties is to open up the store in the morning around 6.30 am. Since I began working at [REDACTED] Pride Hill, Shrewsbury, SY1 1DD, I have seen that there are homeless people sleeping in [REDACTED] verandah bit that is about 4 foot deep, prior to the entrance/exit doors. Although they are polite and will move when asked I have seen the issues with having them hang around. In the mornings I have noticed a mess left by them, such as cardboard, cups with some liquid in. The main thing I found offensive is in a morning I have seen liquid stain against the pillars and flowerpots.

Recently I am aware in the last month a colleague [REDACTED] when she came into was faced with human poo. She told me that she cleaned it up, she was shocked to see it, it was in the centre part of the verandah, which was in fact in front of the door that all staff use to enter and leave the store. She told me she was disgusted by it and couldn't believe someone would do this in a main area of town. Once she told me this, I also couldn't believe that someone would do this in public view when I regard this as a very private act. Especially in a shop front in a town with CCTV.

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Occupation: **Owner of shop**

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I am the owner of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Shrewsbury, SY1 1LP. I have been here for the past two and a half years. During that time there has been many different groups hang around the Churchyard [REDACTED]. The Churchyard is called Old St Chad's. Since Summer 2016, I have noticed an increase in homeless persons and around the same time I have seen both men and women urinate around the Old St Chad's Churchyard.

I have seen men urinate and they did it against the wall that I can see from my shop. This occurred in broad daylight, they are high up from the road but can be seen still clearly from it. There is a School nearby where the school children when they leave School go into the Churchyard to play. I think these children are vulnerable playing in the Churchyard when there are men around urinating.

I would say since the Summer of 2016 and now, I have seen about two a week, usually men urinate either against the Church wall, behind the tombs or generally in the Churchyard. I did see a girl also urinate, she did this behind the tomb. I find this offensive, its done very openly, where I can see them.

I don't wish to have to come to work and contend with having to see grown adults urinating only a few yards from me. I find it unpleasant and disgusting.

I am also aware of other shop owners seeing persons urinating in Old St Chad's Church and I know they are of the same feelings as me.

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