

RESTRICTED (WHEN COMPLETE)

WITNESS STATEMENT

(CJ Act 1967, s.9; MC Act 1980, ss.5A(3) (a) and 5B: Criminal Procedure Rules 2005)

Statement of: ...Elizabeth Senior, Hearth Homeless Charity, 47 Holland Street, Greater Questing

Age if under 18: (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Over 18 Occupation: Charity Manager

This statement (consisting of 1 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

My name is Elizabeth Senior. I work as the manager of the Hearth Homeless Charity. I am in charge of organising beds for the homeless in our building, hot meals for those on the streets and I am in overall charge of the shop we run to raise funds. The shop is at Jolley's Retail Park.

We have a regular gentleman by the name of Sterling Fort. He often stays with us and takes meals.

Sterling also uses the lockers we have in the office to keep his belongings when he can't take them with him.

Yesterday I was contacted by Greater Questing Police to ask if Sterling had left anything with us. I checked our locker records and could see he had signed in to use locker number 7. I have opened that locker and found Sterling's rucksack inside. Inside the rucksack I found some clothes, a newspaper clipping, some chocolate bar wrappers and a receipt for a mobile phone.

The newspaper clipping is of a group of schoolchildren at the De Walken School. I don't know anything about this school and have no idea where Sterling found the clipping.

I've not seen Sterling use a mobile phone and this receipt was dated 14th January 2022. It appears to have been paid for in cash but I don't think I have ever seen Sterling with that amount of cash.

I can confirm that Mrs Lyinn is a patron of our small charity and her son, Ben, is a volunteer. I don't know if either one of them has come into contact with Sterling in the past.

Signature *Elizabeth Senior*

Signature witnessed by: *Det Con P Lomax*

Date: Monday February 7th 2022