

WITNESS STATEMENT

CJ Act 1967, s.9; MC Act 1980, ss.5A(3) (a) and 5B; Criminal Procedure Rules 2005, Rule 27.1

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Statement of PC 4645 Patrick QUINTON

Age if under 18 Over 18 (if over insert 'over 18') Occupation : Police Constable

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 P.Quinton Date Tuesday, 16 May 2023

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

I am Police Constable 4645 Patrick QUINTON of the Avon and Somerset Constabulary, currently based at The Bridewell police station, Bristol.

I am the police Taxi Compliance Officer in a role fully funded by Bristol City Council and South Gloucestershire Council. My role is to ensure public safety by enforcing and checking compliance with the relevant legislation, particularly the Town Police Clauses Act 1847 and the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 and with the byelaws and licence conditions imposed by the Councils as the Local Licensing Authority. I also enforce the provisions of road traffic law.

Following an occurrence at Bristol Airport on 21st October 2022 and my subsequent investigation, Fairview Minibuses Ltd were charged with the following offences :

- 1 Proprietor of PHV employing unlicensed driver

Contrary to sections 46(1)(c) and (2) and 76 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

- 2 Operate a vehicle as a PHV using an unlicensed driver

Signature: P.Quinton

Signature witnessed by:

Continuation of Statement of: Patrick QUINTON

Contrary to section 46(1)(e)(ii) and (2) and 76 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976

3 Permit the use of a PHV without displaying plate

Contrary to sections 48(6) and 76 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976

The matter was heard at Bath Magistrates Court on the 24th April 2023, and following a Guilty By Post Plea, the Magistrates sentenced Fairview Minibuses Ltd to a fine for all three offences of £512 and costs of £294.

Statement ends : P.Quinton.

Signature: P.Quinton

Signature witnessed by: