

Please provide as much information as possible to support the application

On Monday 30th November Police were made aware that a known male was regularly committing shop thefts in Grimsby town centre. The same male was also identified as regularly attending at CARTERGATE NEWS & WINE immediately after a shop theft had occurred. CARTERGATE NEWS AND WINE is a local convenience shop which also has a premises licence to sell alcohol.

Police discovered a number of dates and times the male had attended CARTERGATE NEWS & WINE with a full shopping bag, entering the shop and then leaving moments later with the same bag looking less full.

The male was known to Police as [REDACTED] fixed abode.

and was thought to be of no

CCTV images from POUNDLAND, Victoria Street, Grimsby on 27th November 2020 around 11:11 hours showed the named male attend and steal 6 x 4 packs of John West Tuna. These items were in separate Yellow or Blue packaging. He is seen to take the items from the shelf and place them in to a large shopping bag.

Other CCTV images then show the same male moments later attending at CARTERGATE NEWS & WINE with the same bag.

On Tuesday 8th December 2020 Police officers attended CARTERGATE NEWS & WINE to view CCTV footage inside the shop. Whilst at the shop Police spoke to the owner and premises licence holder who is known to be Thambiah RAMESHKUMAR.

Pc Mashford and Pc Chapman viewed footage in the shop with RAMESHKUMAR. On footage viewed from 27th November 2020 PC Mashford identified the known male up on him entering the store at 11:07 hours with a large shopping bag. I asked RAMESHKUMAR if he knew the male entering the shop. He replied hesitantly something similar to "YES, HE IS A THIEF, I SOMETIMES BY THINGS FROM HIM".

Suspecting the 'things' to be stolen, I immediately cautioned RAMESHKUMAR at 11:38 hours (8th December 2020) by saying " YOU DO NOT HAVE TO SAY ANYTHING, BUT IT MAY HARM YOUR DEFENCE IF YOU DO NOT MENTION WHEN QUESTIONED SOMETHING WHICH YOU LATER RELY ON AT COURT, ANYTHING YOU DO SAY MAY BE USED AS EVIDENCE" I then informed him that he was not under arrest but I just wanted him to know his rights at that time. I then attempted to clarify what he had just told me and said " DID YOU JUST SAY, YOU KNOW HE IS A THIEF AND YOU BUY THINGS FROM HIM" RAMESHKUMAR said "YES, SOMETIMES"

We then continued to watch the footage which showed the male go to the side of the sales counter and appear to hand items over to the man working behind the counter who I could see was RAMESHKUMAR. The known male then moves to the front of the counter and appears to be handed something which looked like cash by RAMESHKUMAR who is still behind the counter.

Knowing that male had stolen yellow and blue packs of TUNA from Poundland on the 27th November I asked RAMESHKUMAR if he was now selling stolen items within the shop. RAMESHKUMAR then came out from behind the counter where we had been viewing the CCTV and walked toward the rear of the shop. He then pointed at several multi packs of John West Tuna in blue and yellow packs. RAMESHKUMAR handed these to PC MASHFORD and identified these as being items purchased from the male.

Arrangements were then made for the shops CCTV images to be secured. Pc Chapman gave RAMESHKUMAR advice to not purchase any items to sell in his shop unless they were from a reputable wholesaler or genuine source, we then left the shop.

Around 12:17 hours on the same day (8th December 2020) RAMESHKUMAR telephoned PC Chapman and informed him that he had just had two further males come in to the shop and ask him to buy what he believed to be more stolen items. He said he had declined this and they had left the shop. Pc Chapman informed RAMESHKUMAR to keep doing this in the future and that the shop may have a reputation as a shop that buys stolen items and he needed to change that.

On Thursday 17th December 2020 around 10:00 hours RAMESHKUMAR attended at Cromwell Road Police station, Grimsby. This was for a voluntary Police interview to be carried out.

During the interview RAMESHKUMAR was shown CCTV footage from his shop.

Footage from 27th November between 11:07 and 11:10 hours was played. This shows the known male enter the shop wearing a rucksack and carrying a large shopping bag. He moves around to the side of the counter. He takes several items out of the bag and places them on the counter. RAMESHKUMAR is seen to look at these and a conversation takes place between the two. The known male then moves to the front of the counter and appears to be handed money, he then leaves the shop at 11:10 hours.

At 11:17 hours of the same day the same male returns with a full bag and again removes items (Tuna Multipacks) at the side of the counter. He then returns to the front of the counter. He is again appears to be handed money then helps himself to a drink and leaves the shop at 11:18 hours.

Footage from the 28th November between 10:00 and 10:03 hours is played. This shows the known male enter the store with a full bag of items. He makes his way to the rear of the store and unloads items from his bag on to the floor. RAMESHKUMAR appears, looks at the items which appear to be jars of coffee and multi packs of Tuna. Both the male and RAMESHKUMAR then move to the front of the store near to the till and again appears to be handed money over the counter and leaves.

During the Police interview RAMESHKUMAR stated that he had been at the shop for 15 years and that his wife owned the shop and he ran it. He stated that he did not know the name of the male but knew him to be a thief as he had been to the shop trying to sell similar stolen items in the past. He also believed him to be homeless. He accepted that when officers attended at his shop on the 8th December that he stated the comment about 'HE IS A THEIF, I SOMETIMES BUY THINGS FROM HIM'. He also confirmed he knew the items would 'BE STOLEN'.

RAMESHKUMAR accepts the items he buys from the male are stolen and that he buys them from the male knowing this.

When asked what he did with the items when he bought them he initially stated that he bought them to take home and send to family in Sri Lanka. When specifically asked about the items officers seized from the shelves that were up for sale he stated he put them on the shelf intending to take them home later. It was established that they remained on sale in the shop for more than 10 days before officers seized them. RAMESHKUMAR also accepted this.

RAMESHKUMAR was asked if he thought he was doing anything wrong - he then stated 'ITS WRONG, I'M SORRY, I DID WRONG'.

He then went on to say that he purchased the coffee for his children as they like to drink 5 cups each per day.

Humberside Police say by engaging in this type of criminality there is a clear disregard towards the licensing objectives. There is also a concern by engaging in this criminality they may well have no regard to the statutory obligations of the Licensing act 2003.

All times quoted in relation to CCTV are based on the time recorded on systems at each premises.

Please tick ✓ yes

Have you made an application for review relating to the premises before

If yes please state the date of that application

Day	Month	Year
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1	9	

If you have made representations before relating to the premises please state what they were and when you made them -

This will be the fourth time in 11 years that this premises has been subject to a licensing review hearing. The last hearing was in 2019 with brief details listed below and more information in the attached papers

2009 – (POLICE) Underage Sales – collections from the back of the shop having paid inside.

2011 (NELC) - Selling alcohol to drunk members of the public and causing a nuisance to the local residents, underage sales

2019 (POLICE) Assault by shop worker on customer using a hammer and weapons stored behind the counter (Metal Sword and Plastic cricket bat)

Please tick ✓

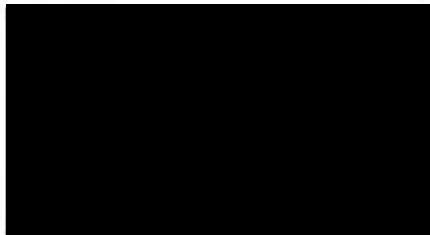
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- I have sent copies of this form and enclosures to the responsible authorities and the premises licence holder or club holding the club premises certificate, as appropriate
- I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my application will be rejected

IT IS AN OFFENCE, UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003, TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION. THOSE WHO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT MAY BE LIABLE ON SUMMARY CONVICTION TO A FINE OF ANY AMOUNT.

Part 3 – Sign

Signature of guidance note



authorised agent (please read late in what capacity.

Signature

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Date 05/02/2021

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Capacity **Licensing Officer**

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Notes for Guidance

1. A responsible authority includes the local police, fire and rescue authority and other statutory bodies which exercise specific functions in the local area.
2. The ground(s) for review must be based on one of the licensing objectives.
3. Please list any additional information or details for example dates of problems which are included in the grounds for review if available.
4. The application form must be signed.
5. An applicant's agent (for example solicitor) may sign the form on their behalf provided that they have actual authority to do so.
6. This is the address which we shall use to correspond with you about this application.