

WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27. 2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B

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Statement of: James Robert CARPENTER

Age if under 18: Over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18')

Occupation: Warranty Manager

This statement (consisting of 6 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: (witness) Date: 17/08/2012

I am Jamie CARPENTER from the address overleaf and this is a statement about a trailer that has been stolen from my place of work which is MARTINS OF WINCHESTER on EASTON LANE.

This incident took place between 0150 hours and 0750 hours on Monday 13th August 2012.

In this statement I will refer to the following people: My boss who owns the trailer that has been stolen, he is Mike BRIMSON. I will refer to him as MIKE. I will also refer to a colleague James NUTBEAM, I will refer to him as JAMES. I will also refer to a male who steals the trailer, I will refer to him as THE MALE. I will also refer to some men that work for the AA.

On Friday 10th August 2012, I was aware that the trailer in question was parked in the rear car park at work next to our recovery truck. The trailer would have been there when I left work at 1730 hours on Friday.

On Monday 13th August 2012 I arrived for work at 0700 0750 hours. I had parked in the car park at HOMEBASE in their car park which is opposite MARTINS. I walked over to work and as I approached I could see a white transit van being loaded onto an AA recovery truck along with the trailer I have mentioned. This trailer belongs to my boss MIKE but he keeps it at work and it is available for our use. I recognised this trailer easily as someone made it for MIKE – it has blue paint on it and it is very distinctive.

As I saw it being loaded onto the recovery truck, I presumed that MIKE was lending the trailer to someone. I had a brief conversation with JAMES about this.

At 1000 hours, MIKE came into my office and said that his trailer had been stolen. At this point I realised that it must have been stolen when I saw it being put on the recovery truck. At around 1015 hours, I saw an AA truck filling up at the SHELL GARAGE next to MARTINS in the hope that it might be the same driver, or that this driver might know the driver that had taken the trailer, MIKE and I went over to speak to him.

This driver rang another AA driver who was called "STEVE". I do not know his surname. STEVE spoke MIKE on the phone and gave him details of how he'd been called to recover the transit and trailer to London and that on arriving in London the police appeared to be waiting for the driver of the transit van.