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MG11(W)

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WITNESS STATEMENT

(Criminal Procedure Rules R16.2, Criminal Justice Act 1967 S9)

		URN	05B40095124
Statement of	Joseph Wheeler		
Age if under 18	Over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18')	Occupation	Business Owner

This statement (consisting of 2 page(s)) 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	x— Signature —	Date	04/10/2024
Signature of parent / guardian / appropriate adult	x— _____	Relationship of parent / guardian / appropriate adult	

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded *(supply witness details on MG11 Back)*

I am the above-named person and I live at an address known to the Police.

I am making this statement in relation to information that I have given to Police following a request being made by email. I am the owner of knifewarehouse.co.uk and have been since I founded the business in 2010. We are a stockist of a variety of edged UK legal tools including pocket knives, lock knives, fixed blades / hunting knives, machetes and swords. We also sell blank firing guns, and archery and camping equipment. We used age verified delivery couriers to ensure delivery in compliance with UK laws and take comprehensive measures to age verify our customers: proof of age is compulsory with every order.

On 18th August 2024 I was contacted by DC 5814 Morgan-Richardson of the North West Regional Organised Crime Unit who requested information relating to the purchase of an item from Knife Warehouse on 3rd October 2023 that was made using a card with the last 4 digits of 2620. I freely provided the information, which is:

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">The item purchased was a Black Panther Kurki Machete. I exhibit a screenshot of the listing on my website as JW01 – Website Listing of Black Panther Machete. The listing itself can be found at: https://www.knifewarehouse.co.uk/product/black-panther-kurki-machete/The item was purchased in the name of DPA Olakunle. I exhibit the driving license used as proof of ID as JW02 – Driving License DPA Olakunle.The machete was sent by Royal Mail using their age-verified 'Royal Mail Tracked 48' service to DPA Olakunle at the address 10 Old School Close, Banks. PR9 8SB. I exhibit a screenshot of the Royal Mail tracking website showing the package as being delivered and signed for as JW03 – Screenshot of Royal Mail tracking website showing proof of delivery. The tracking information can be found at: https://www.royalmail.com/track-your-item#/tracking-results/PU003367519GBThe email address given for communication purposes was a.megalia7@yahoo.com. The IP address from which the purchase was made is 45.56.198.178	
Statement taken by (print name)	TDC 5814 Gareth Morgan-Richardson
Station	Operational Command Centre
Date, time statement taken	01/10/2024 0900hrs

