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EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL
STATEMENT OF WITNESS

(C.J. Act 1967, s.9; M.C. Act 1980 ss5A(3)(a) and 5B, Criminal Procedure Rules 2012, Rule 27.2)

Name: Mark Jobling
Age of Witness (if over 18 enter "over 18"): Over 18
Occupation: Investigations Officer

This statement (consisting of pages 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.

Signed:  Signature witnessed By:

Dated the 19th day of May 2022

I am the above named person and I am the Investigations Officer for the Blue Badge Team at East Sussex County Council. I have held this role since December 2014. My role involves investigating misuse of disabled blue badges within the County of East Sussex.

On the 12th of May 2022 I was informed by Ann Longden that she had conducted a face to face mobility assessment for a client by the name of Riccardo Gresta in order to ascertain if he was eligible for his badge to be renewed as it was due to expire on 31/03/2022.

Ann is employed by East Sussex County Council and is a Health Professional for the Blue Badge Team. Her role involves assessing blue badge applications and also carrying out face to face mobility assessments to ascertain if the clients meet the criteria to be issued with a blue badge

The mobility assessment was held at St Mary's House, Eastbourne on 06/04/2022. After conducting the mobility assessment regarding Mr Gresta's application to renew his Blue Badge, he was found to not fit the criteria to be issued with a Blue Badge.


Mr Gresta was subsequently informed by letter that he did not satisfy the criteria – dated 14/04/2022. I can produce this letter as my Exhibit (MJ/01).

The reason for Ann contacting me was that Mr Gresta had appealed the decision not to issue him with a Blue Badge. Ann also informed me that he had provided a medical letter of supporting evidence in support of his appeal. Having viewed the letter Ann believed that the letter was in fact not genuine, and she believed that it had not been written by a Professional Neurology Consultant. ①

② I then printed both the letter of appeal from Mr Gresta and the supporting medical letter

Mr Gresta provided a letter dated 22/04/2022 stating that he wished to appeal the decision not to renew his blue badge. I can produce this letter as my Exhibit (MJ/02).

③ Along with his appeal letter, Mr Gresta provided a medical letter dated 19/04/2022 on headed paper addressed from Department of Neurology, Hurstwood Park Hospital, Lewes Road, Haywards Heath. It was also signed off in the name of Independent Neurology Consultant – Angus Anderson. This was the letter that Ann believed was

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not in fact genuine. Due to this, I printed the letter that was provided by Mr Gresta and can produce this as my Exhibit (MJ/03)

I then initiated a Criminal Investigation into the letter provided by Mr Gresta (MJ/03) believing that the letter was in fact not genuine.

On the 18th of May 2022 I attended Hurstwood Park Hospital in Haywards Heath where i spoke to Mandy Covey. Mandy is a Medical Secretary for Neuro Sciences based at Hurstwood Park Hospital. After speaking to Mandy in relation to the letter provided by Mr Gresta she found that no such letter appeared on Mr Gresta's medical records. She stated that the last Neurology Letter regarding Mr Gresta was dated 2019. Having viewed the 2019 letter and the letter Mr Gresta provided as medical evidence (MJ/03) she believed that the letter provided was in fact not genuine. She also stated that there was no Independent Neurology Consultant as far as she was aware in the name of Angus Anderson.

Due to this I obtained a statement from Mandy which determined that the letter was in fact not genuine and did not appear on Mr Gresta's medical records.

These form my original notes and I am willing to attend court to give evidence if required.

Signed: Mark Johnson Signature witnessed by: