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WITNESS STATEMENT

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

Statement of **Jim LYNCH**..... URN:

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Age if under 18 **Over 18**..... (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation:

This statement (consisting of: ... **1**..... 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 anything in it which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature: Date: **18/12/2015**.....

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

I am the above named person and I am the Hotel Manager for the AMHURST HOTEL, 45-47 AMHURST PARK, N16 5DL. The Hotel is a Budget Hotel and there are 43 rooms within the hotel.

On 8th November 2015 one of my cleaners named 'Elena' approached me and informed me that she had been cleaning one of the rooms within the hotel when she found something under the cupboard within the room. Elena then handed me the item which was a Black Stab Proof vest. I then put the stab proof vest in my office within the Hotel. I was aware that a mixed race male called Jermaine Baker who had been staying within the room concerned which was room 28. I left the vest in my office assuming that when he returned he would notice that it was missing and come and see me. However Jermaine never returned to the room or the hotel.

On 12th November 2015 I sent a text message from my mobile phone to the mobile phone number he had provided me. The mobile number he gave me was Personal data023. I sent the text at 1638 hours. In the text message I asked him "I need to know if you left something under the wardrobe. I hope you are fine". I never received any message or phone call back from Jermaine so I also tried calling him on his mobile phone a few times with no success. I did leave him a few voicemail messages asking him to contact me. On Friday 11th December 2015 I heard the news that a male had been shot dead by police in Wood Green. I later heard that the male who had been shot was called Jermaine Baker. I remember wondering at the time when I heard the name whether it may be the same Jermaine Baker who had stayed in Room 28. A few days later on the Monday or Tuesday which would be 14th and 15th December I remember seeing an article in the Evening Standard newspaper regarding the shooting and the male concerned. I immediately recognised that the male named Jermaine Baker who was shot was the same male that had been staying in Room 28 of my hotel. On Thursday 17th December around 6pm two Police Officers attended my hotel in connection with an incident that took place within one of my rooms around 16th October 2015 involving a male and female. Whilst they were speaking to me regarding that incident I informed them that Jermaine Baker had recently been staying at my hotel. I informed them about the stab proof vest that had been left in his room when he left. One of the officers then contacted some uniformed officers who were going to come down later in the evening

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to collect the vest. I then left work and was later informed by my colleague Jeff DAVIS that the uniformed officers had arrived and had taken the stab proof vest. Jeff also informed me that the officers had searched Room 28 for any other items which may have been left and did not find anything. I have been asked by the police to check my records with regards to when Jermaine stayed at my hotel. I can confirm that Jermaine stayed at my hotel for three (3) nights from 16th October 2015. On this occasion Jermaine stayed in Room 29. Jermaine then stayed within my hotel for two (2) nights from 19th October 2015. On this occasion he stayed in Room 3. The last occasion Jermaine stayed at my hotel was for five (5) nights from 2nd November to 7th November in Room 28. Jermaine paid me in cash for the rooms on the majority of occasions although he may have paid me by card on one occasion. I do not have any records of the card payment. Having checked my records it appears that numerous people have stayed in Room 28 since 8th November 2015. I also remember that Jermaine used to leave a BMX type bike in the rear garden of the hotel. This bike was no longer in the garden area as from 7th November 2015. I also remember Jermaine telling me that he worked in a pub although he never told me where the pub was located. Jermaine told me that he was a painter by trade and was actually painting the pub. There is CCTV at my hotel however this is not working and I am awaiting it being repaired by engineers. I have provided the police with copies of my records including the dates and rooms that Jermaine stayed in. I produce these as my exhibit JKL/1.

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