

Item 3 Appendix

Note of meeting with Mr Luchoo 20 December 2013

Upon interviewing Mr Luchoo he produced to me documentation from the court giving details of his recent disqualification.

On the 31 October 2013, Mr Luchoo had been to a party at a friend's house. He arrived there about 8pm. He acknowledges he had been drinking in the course of the evening. Shortly before midnight he and some friends left the property to have a cigarette. Mr Luchoo opened up his car. His friend sat in the driver's seat and turned on the ignition so that he could have the radio on. Mr Luchoo says that the engine was not turned on and was not running.

A police car stopped and the officers enquired as to who was the owner of the vehicle. Mr Luchoo said that the vehicle was his (this vehicle was his private vehicle and not a licensed private hire vehicle). Mr Luchoo was asked if he had been drinking and he confirmed that he had. He was asked to take a breath test at the roadside which proved positive. He was arrested and taken to a police station where he took an Intoximeter test. Mr Luchoo has not retained the print out but recalls that the reading was high and says it was over 50. He was prosecuted for the offence of being in charge of a motor vehicle whilst over the legal drink drive limit. Mr Luchoo says that he took legal advice and the advice was that he should plead guilty. He attended court on the 6 December 2013 unrepresented. He pleaded guilty in accordance with the advice previously given. He was fined £200, ordered to pay a victim surcharge of £20 and costs of £85. He was disqualified for driving for a period of 3 months. Mr Luchoo was not able to produce his driver's licence as it had not been returned by the DVLA.

I asked Mr Luchoo why he had not informed us of the conviction within 7 days as he should have done, the information coming to us from his operator and that was after 7 days after the conviction. Mr Luchoo had no explanation other than he overlooked the necessity to inform us.