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In the case of The Leather Bottle - Shrub End Road, Colchester, CO3 2WG

Home Office Immigration Enforcement (HOIE) have worked closely with Essex Police to instigate Licensing Act 2003 proceedings. Essex Police are leading on this case and HOIE have provided evidence support of these proceedings. The fact that Essex Police lead on such cases reflects that those Responsible Authorities are often best placed to make applications in regards the prevention of crime and disorder (including the prevention of illegal working) within their local area. In this case, Essex Police are the appropriate Responsible Authority to take enforcement action.

HOIE's work with Essex Police includes sharing data under the Licensing Act 2003. Section 185 of the Act provides that Responsible Authorities may share data with each other for these purposes.

The absence of specific HOIE representations on such a case does not mean that HOIE is not supporting Essex Police. It reflects the fact that we work closely with Essex Police to identify people who are working illegally.

Yours sincerely

Alcohol & Late-night Refreshment Team Home Office