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Statement of Mr. Nirav Mukesh Pithawa S/o Mukesh Nanubhai Pithawa, aged 22 years (DOB:26.12.1997), holding Indian Passport Number No. N4539568, (mobile no.)email-niravpithva3@gmail.com Passport Address - Plot No:43,Shreeji Park,Khapat,Porbandar, Gujarat, PIN 360575 recorded under Section 108 of the Customs Act, 1962 before the Superintendent (AIU), Customs, SVPI Airport, Ahmedabad on 28.01.2020

I, Nirav Mukesh Pithawa, aged 22 years holding Indian Passport Number No. N4539568, present myself before you today on 28.01.2020 in response to the summons issued to me under Section 108 of the Customs Act, 1962. Before giving my statement, I have been explained the provisions of Section 108 of the Customs Act, 1962, wherein I have been made to understand that I have to give my true and correct statement. I have been explained that if my statement is found to be false or incorrect, action can be taken against me under the provisions of Indian Penal Code. I have also been explained that my statement can be used against me or any other person in the Court of law or departmental proceedings. I give my true and voluntary statement as under:

My name is Nirav Mukesh Pithawa. I am residing at Plot No:43,Shreeji Park,Khapat,Porbandar Gujarat, PIN 360575 with my parents. My father's name is Mukesh Nanubhai Pithawa and my mother's name is Kiran Mukesh Pithawa and my father stays in Porbandar. I have got to two elder sisters named Shital Ritesh Parmar and Mamta Malhar Trivedi,both are married. I have studied till 10th In Swaminarayan gurukul school from Porbandar in 2012.then I got job in Jewel Trading at Dubai in 2017 which deals in jewellery.At present i am working in same company in Dubai.I further state that I can read, write and understand Hindi, English and Gujarati and I can speak Hindi, English and Gujarati languages. My monthly income is Rs. 36,000/- (1800 AED).

I state that on my arrival, I was intercepted by the Customs officials, when I was passing through the green channel alongwith my baggages. I state that in presence of independent panchas, the Customs officials asked me regarding the possession of any declarable / restricted / prohibited / dutiable items, to which I denied. Then the Customs Officers asked me to pass through DFMD machine installed in Customs Arrival Hall. But before passing through the DFMD machine I was asked to remove all the metallic objects I was wearing on my body. I removed my belt, wallet, mobile rings, and I also removed gold Kadda concealed in my fore arm hidden under my jacket and 24k gold chain which hidden under my jacket . Thereafter I was asked to pass through the DFMD Machine installed at the arrival hall and no beep was heard.

On being explained by the Customs officer, they have called the Government Approved Valuer Mr.Karthikey Vasantrai Soni for valuation purpose. I agree and am fully satisfied with the method of testing and valuation done by the Valuer as mentioned in panchnama dated 28.01.2020. I agree that total gold weighing **186.070 Grams , Tariff valued at Rs. 6,62,595/- [Tariff Value] (Rupees Six Lakh sixty two thousand thousand five hundred and ninety five Only) and Market Valued at Rs. 7,80,192/- [(Market Value)] (Rupees Seven Lakh eighty thousand one hundred and ninety two only)** which was seized by Customs officer under the panchnama as I had smuggled the same .

I state that I had intentionally not declared the said substance before the Customs Authorities on my arrival at SVP International Airport Ahmedabad, as I wanted to clear it illicitly and evade payment of duty. I am fully aware that clearing gold jewelleryes without declaring before customs, with an intent to evade payment of customs duty, is an offence, under the provisions of Customs Act, 1962 and Regulations framed thereunder. I agree that I have done evasion Customs duty on 24 kt. gold kada and a gold chain weighing **186.070 Grams , Tariff valued at Rs.**

6,62,595/- [Tariff Value] (Rupees Six Lakh sixty two thousand thousand five hundred and ninety five Only) and Market Valued at Rs. 7,80,192/- [(Market Value)] (Rupees Seven Lakh eighty thousand one hundred and ninety two only) recovered from me.

I further state that i had gone on 18.11.2019 to Bahrain from Dubai other than Dubai , however I had not carried any prohibited / restricted / contraband items on the previous trips to India .I have nothing further to state at the moment.

Q.1 Please state details of your bank account

Ans. My Bank Account is in Bank of Baroda International in Dubai and Account No is 90010100073232

Q.2 how did you get money to buy the seized gold kada and gold chain recovered from you.

Ans. I got the money from my friend's friend and I am supposed to return the money after selling the gold chain and gold kada.

Q.3 Where did you purchased the seized gold kada and gold chain recovered from you and do you have invoice

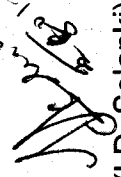
Ans. I purchased the seized gold kada and gold chain for 35000 AED from Omni Jewellery and Gold smith , Address – Deira gold souq , Deira Dubai and i do not have invoice at present.

Q.4 Where will you sell the seized gold kada and gold chain recovered from you

Ans . I would have sold the gold kada and gold chain at some jeweller in Rajkot.

I have read this statement and was explained this statement in the vernacular language. I have given my above statement voluntarily and willingly without any threat, coercion or duress and in token of the above statement being true and correct, I put my dated signature below. I further state that I will present myself before you whenever I will be called upon. I have requested the officer to type the statement on the computer and the same has been as per my say and I further state that I have shown and explained the statement and understand English and have read my above statement and the same is true and correct.

Before me,



(I.D. Solanki)

Superintendent (AIU)

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28/01/2020
(Nirav Mukesh Pithawa)