

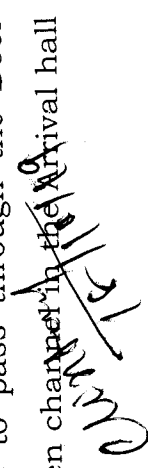
Statement of Mr. Chintan Bhupendra Kalal, S/o Bhupendrakumar Dadamchand Patel, age 24 years (D.O.B. 24.05.1995) holding Indian Passport Number N5338933 (Mobile-9687248300/+965-51145642) email address pchintan560@gmail.com and residing at 15, Vallabh Tenament Society, Opp-Railway Station, Modasa, Sabarkantha, under Section 108 of the Customs Act, 1962, before Superintendent of Customs (AIU) Sardar Vallabhai Patel International Airport, Ahmedabad on dated 18.10.2019.

I, Chintan Bhupendra Kalal, age 24 years, present myself before you today on 18.10.2019 in response to your summons dated 18.10.2019 issued to me. 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 and after understanding the same, I agree to give my voluntary statement. I give my statement as under:

On being asked about my personal details, I state that my name is Chintan Bhupendrakumar Kalal. I am residing at the above address with my family for last 17 years. My Passport No. is N5338933. My father's name is Bhupendrakumar Dadamchand Patel and my mother's name is Smt. Rekhaben Bhupendrakumar Patel. I have one younger brother named Dixit Bhupendrakumar Kalal. My educational qualification is Higher Secondary Course from GSEB in Modasa cleared in 2014 and further studied two years of Bachelor of Computer Application. I can read write and understand Hindi, Gujarati and English languages. After my above studies, I went to Kuwait in 2016 and started working as Delivery Boy at Carriage Logistics Company. I get around 350 to 450 Kuwaiti Dinar as wages per month.

On being further asked, that I purchased two pieces of gold bar of 125.00 grams approximately each from the jewellery shop of M/s Al-Najma Dualia on 24.07.19 vide bill no.2444 and 17.09.2019 vide bill no.2892 from my own savings. I had kept the 250.040 grams gold pieces in the waistband of my jeans pant when I came back today on 18.10.2019. I further state that on my arrival by Air India Flight No. AI 982 from Kuwait to Ahmedabad today i.e. 18.10.2019, I was intercepted by Customs Officials after Green channel in presence of two independent witnesses, and they asked if I had anything to declare, to which I replied in the negative. Customs officers asked me to pass through the Door

Frame Metal Detector Machine installed near the green channel in the Arrival hall



of Terminal 2 building, after removing all metallic objects from my body/clothes and after readily removing all the metallic objects such as belt, purse, mobile etc. I passed through it and a beep sound was heard and the lights indicated that some metallic item was concealed in the waist area. On being asked I was frisked by the Customs Officer and asked to remove the object from the waistband of my jeans pant. I removed two pieces of gold from the waistband of my jeans pant and placed it in a plastic tray. Thereafter, my hand baggage was scanned in the X-ray bag scanning machine located near the green channel counter at Terminal 2 of SVPI Ahmedabad. However no objectionable images appeared on the X-Ray Scanning Machine. Then Customs officer called the Government Approved Valuer Mr. Karthikey Vasantraj Soni for valuation purpose. I agree and I am fully satisfied with the method of testing and valuation done by the Valuer as mentioned in panchnama dated 18.10.2019. I agree that the two gold pieces recovered from me is 24 kt pure gold and having purity 999.0 totally weighing 250.040 Grams having Rs. 9,87,658/- (Rupees Nine lakhs Eighty Seven thousand Six Hundred and fifty Eight only) and Tariff Value Rs. 8,67,739/- (Rupees Eight lakhs Sixty Seven thousand Seven hundred and Thirty Nine only).

I state that I had intentionally not declared the seized items 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 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. I also did not fill any Declaration form for declaring dutiable goods to Customs. I agree that I have done evasion Customs duty on the gold bar of 24 kt gold and having purity 999.0 totally weighing 250.040 Grams having Rs. 9,87,658/- (Rupees Nine lakhs Eighty Seven thousand Six Hundred and fifty Eight only) (market value) and (Tariff Value) Rs. 8,67,739/- (Rupees Eight lakhs Sixty Seven thousand Seven hundred and Thirty Nine only) recovered from me.

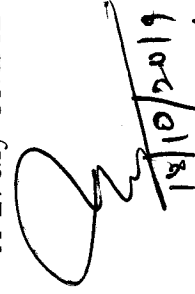
I further state that in my earlier trip from Kuwait, I had not carried any prohibited / restricted / contraband items on the previous occasions.

Q-1: How many bank accounts do you have in your name?

A-1: I have only one bank account in State Bank of India at Modasa branch but I do not remember the account number.

Q-2: What is your Civil ID number/Driving Licence No. issued by State of Kuwait?

A-2: My Civil ID No. and Driving Licence No. is 295052402037.


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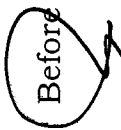
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I have nothing further to state at the moment. I have given my above statement voluntarily and willingly without any threat, coercion or duress and in token of the above statement being true and correct, I put my dated signature below. I further state 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 typed as per my say and I further state that I have shown and explained the panchnama and understand English and have read the aforesaid panchnama and my above statement and the same is true and correct.

Before me



18/10/2019

(Ketan Mandaliya)

Superintendent of Customs(AIU)



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(Chintan Bhupendrakumar Kalal)