Ref: TP/IP/14733/2023 dated 31 May 3023 (dated stamped 05 Jun 2023 by Post Office)

# RE: ALLEGED HIT AND RUN ACCIDENT ON 26 MAY 2023 AROUND 1730HRS AT DOWNTOWN EAST CARPARK

I, xx383D, Jeffrey Tan Kok Wee, registered owner of SMK7443Y, received the above letter from Singapore Police Force on 07 Jun 2023 stating that my vehicle was allegedly involved in a hit and run accident. I immediately proceed to the nearest police station at Choa Chu Kang NPC to lodge a report (Ref: T/20230607/2108) at 2353hrs.

On 08 Jun 2023 at 1403hrs, I received a call from a mobile number 8922 0186 whom the caller identified himself as IO Daniel Kwok from Traffic Police. From my recollection of the conversation, he said that he is investigating a hit and run accident involving my car and said that he has the video from the other vehicle and it was clear that there was an impact and I left the scene without stopping. He said that a hit and run is when there was an accident and the involved driver failed to stop and exchange particulars. I explained to him that I did not hit and run as there was no contact involved and as such both drivers did not get out of their respective vehicles nor to exchange particulars. He also mentioned he tried contacting me on mobile number starting with 92710 and no one picked up. I explained that it was a previous number that I no longer use since 2010. I asked him who provided the number and he replied that it was from screening. He requested that I sent him my in-car video to his mobile, along with photos of the damage on my car, which I did after the call ended.

I would like to provide a more detailed account of the events:

## Background:

I was driving my family (+6 pax with parents, spouse, 2 daughters and nephew) to Downtown East with intent to buy food from Don Donki (beside Wild Wild Wet) and proceed to Pasir Ris beach for picnic and birthday celebration.

## Sequence of Key Events (timestamp from video is not synchronised to local time):

Front Video\_1 Timestamp 18:29:20 – passed the gantry ahead of SHF233T

Front Video\_1 Timestamp 18:29:27 – SHF233T swerved in from the left and cut my way to turn right into the carpark entrance. I braked in time and there was no contact.

Front Video\_1 Timestamp 18:29:27 to 18:29:49 – there was some gesturing and I reversed to give way to him but he did not move off. He gestured for me to go so I proceed to drive into the carpark

Rear Video\_1 Timestamp 18:29:49 – SHF233T proceeded to drive into carpark

Rear Video\_2 Timestamp 18:30:01 - SHF233T stopped to either alight or pick up passenger

Rear Video\_2 Timestamp 18:30:01 to 18:30:55 – I continued driving around the carpark trying to find a place to let my parents alight first, but could not find a suitable place so I had to reenter the carpark

Rear Video\_3 Timestamp 18:31:03 – I exited carpark

Rear Video\_3 Timestamp 18:31:40 – I re-entered the same gantry

Front Video 3 Timestamp 18:31:50 – I re-entered the carpark but did not see SHF 233T

Thereafter, I parked my car and went with my family to buy food from Don Donki (see attachment 1). I left the carpark around 1800hrs (see attachment 2).

I discovered that there were minor scratches on my car and I proceeded to lodge an accident report (S000235R0002) with my insurance company (AIG) authorised workshop (MOVA Automotive Pte Ltd at 1008 Bukit Merah Lan 3 #01-04 S159722) on 27 May 2023 at 1055hrs.

I would like to dispute the allegation that there was a "hit and run" based on the following:

## 1. There was No Impact:

- a. There was no impact nor contact felt by me nor anyone in my car, hence at that point of time, there was no accident from my point of view. The driver of SHF233T did not get out to inspect his vehicle from the point of the incident at the entrance of the carpark until the vehicle was out of sight (see evidence of rear video camera)
- b. Based on the condition of my car (photos taken on 27 May 2023 by myself and also independently by MOVA Automotive), there are light scratches but NO DENT to indicate an impact (see attachment 3 and 4).
- c. Based on Rear Video\_1 Timestamp 18:29:49 to 18:29:56, the vehicle SHF233T did not seem to incur visible damage (see attachment 5).

## 2. <u>I Did Not "Run":</u>

- a. As there was no indication of an accident, I continued with my original intent to go Don Don Donki. The location is in a carpark, I travelled at a low speed and from the video timestamp, I took about 54 seconds until exit the carpark. The driver of SHF233T did not provide any indication such as horning or catching up with my low speed car during this time, which is an unlikely response and behaviour if there was an accident.
- b. I re-entered the carpark within 1 minute, and with no indication of anything amiss, I continued to do my errands until I left about 1800hrs (evidence provided from my cashcard record). This is not the behaviour of a driver on the run.
- c. I also did my part to lodge an accident report with my insurance company the moment I discovered there was minor scratch on my vehicle, in accordance with the process. I did not lodge a police report as there was no one injured.

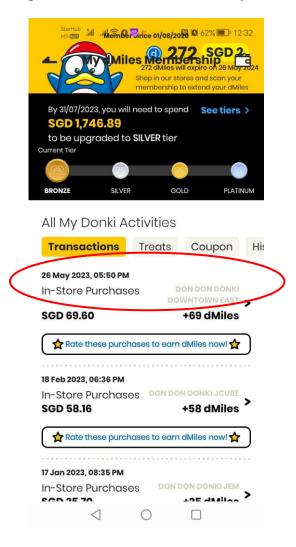
## 3. There was No Indication of Accident:

- a. The driver of SHF233T did not get out to inspect his vehicle from the point of the incident at the entrance of the carpark until the vehicle was out of sight of my rear video camera.
- b. If there had been an impact felt, it would be in my interest to stop and check/pursue damage claims as he had swerved into my path and triggered a side swipe situation.

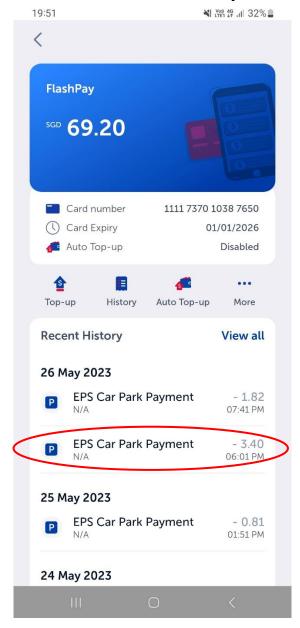
Submitted are my detailed account of the events and supporting evidences, that showed that from my perspective, there was no indication of an accident at the carpark. This explained why I continue to do my errand and not stopped to exchange particulars with the other driver. I would have done so to pursue damages IF I knew there was an impact at that point in time since it was a side swipe situation where the other driver swerved into my path from the left. The events that happened after showed that I continued to do my errands as normal instead of trying to "run" away from the scene.

I am not certain why there is this allegation of hit and run and I hope the above detailed events and evidences provided will be used in the investigation.

Attachment 1: Screenshot from Don Don Donki App from my spouse mobile for in-store purchase (Date and Time: 26 May 2023 at 05:50PM at Don Donki Downtown East)



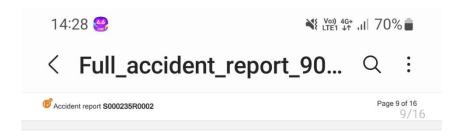
## Attachment 2: Screenshot from my cashcard history

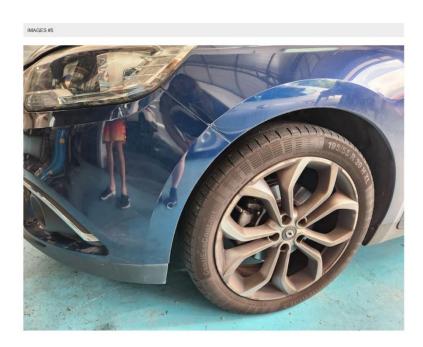


Attachment 3: Car Photo taken by myself on 27 May 2023



Attachment 4: Car Photo taken by MOVA Automotive on 27 May 2023





Attachment 5: Screenshots from Rear Video of SHF233T

