

WITNESS STATEMENT

CJ Act 1967, s.9; MC Act 1980, ss.5A(3)(a) and 5B; Criminal Procedure Rules 2005, Rule 27.1

Statement of **Emly Mitchell**..... URN:

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Age if under 18 **Over 18**..... (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: **Police Officer**

This statement (consisting of:**2**.... pages each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated anything in it which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature: Date: **12th October 2015**.....

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded (*supply witness details on rear*)

I am the above officer and have worked in the Licensing department since April 2015 at Hillingdon. I have been a serving police Officer for 12 years. This statement is in support of an application being made to Hillingdon Licensing Authority for an expedited review of the premises licence for the RE Bar, 163 Field End Road, Eastcote, HA5 1QL. (Premises Licence No: LBHIL 476/05).

The RE Bar is a small licensed premises which is situated in a busy shopping area and it has residential dwellings above the premises. On Sunday 11th October 2015 at about 1.08am there was an incident of serious crime at this venue where a young male customer was attacked with what was believed to be a knife whilst inside the premises, due to the extent of this male's injuries the emergency services were unable to save his life and the male died at the premises.

Premises Recent History (last 12 months)

In August 2015 the venue applied to vary its premises licence to increase the times of the authorised licensable activities on Friday and Saturdays until 02.00hours the following day and to extend the hours the premises is open to the public until 02.30 hours the following day on Friday and Saturday. A decision from The Licensing Sub-committee on the 16th of September 2015 was made at a public hearing which stated 'The decision of the sub committee is to refuse the variation application' and provided noise and complaints from residents regarding the noise as the primary factors in this decision.

19/09/2015 00.30 hours: Crime report 0918983/15 Racially Aggravated Harassment & Crime report 0918950/15 Common Assault - the male had been ejected from the RE bar and then started trouble outside the premises. Two crime reports relating to the same incident.

Signature: Signature witnessed by:

Continuation of Statement of **To Be added**.....

08/03/2015 0100 hours: Crime report 0904957/15 Affray - 08/03/2015 - Three females shouting & fighting in the street having left the venue.

It can be seen from the above that the venue has not come to Police notice particularly often, nor regularly. However a very serious incident has occurred inside the venue and so it is the Police's opinion that an expedited review is a correct and proportionate response to that.

The incident is part of an active investigation, so the information the Police can give is limited. However, AT THIS STAGE, it appears that the incident is a one off, and there is no suggestion that the premises Management had lost control, nor acted improperly. The premises Management have engaged with the Investigation, CCTV was working, Door Staff were present at the time, and gave first aid to the victim.

Putting this aside, a more stringent search regime may have resulted in the discovery of the knife, or may have discouraged the knife carrier from entering the venue. The Police ask for the Sub-Committee to consider the following changes to the venue Licensing Conditions, for the following reasons:

1. To have at least one male and one female SIA Door Supervisors - this is to allow the searching of all patrons of the venue.
2. To make a search a condition of entry - to ensure patrons are searched prior to entry.
3. To have search wands available to Door Staff to use - to assist in the searching of patrons.
4. To have the Search Area covered by CCTV - to protect the integrity of Door Staff, to allow the carrying out of the search regime to be monitored & to provide evidence if items are found.
5. To have a CCTV monitor on display, so it can be seen by patrons on entry - to reinforce to patrons that they are on CCTV.

The Police believe that these conditions will assist in preventing a similar incident in the future.

Signature: Signature witnessed by:

Witness contact details

Home address:

..... Postcode:

Home telephone number Work telephone number

Mobile/pager number Email address:

Preferred means of contact:

Male / ~~Female~~ (delete as applicable) Date and place of birth:

Former name: Ethnicity Code (16+1): Religion/belief:

Dates of witness non-availability

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Witness care

- a) Is the witness willing and likely to attend court? **No.** If 'No', include reason(s) on **MG6**.
- b) What can be done to ensure attendance?
- c) Does the witness require a Special Measures Assessment as a vulnerable or intimidated witness?
No. If 'Yes' submit **MG2** with file.
- d) Does the witness have any specific care needs? **No.** If 'Yes' what are they? (Disability, healthcare, childcare, transport, , language difficulties, visually impaired, restricted mobility or other concerns?)

Witness Consent (for witness completion)

- a) The criminal justice process and Victim Personal Statement scheme (victims only) has been explained to me Yes No
- b) I have been given the Victim Personal Statement leaflet Yes No
- c) I have been given the leaflet 'Giving a witness statement to police — what happens next?' Yes No
- d) I consent to police having access to my medical record(s) in relation to this matter: (obtained in accordance with local practice) Yes No N/A
- e) I consent to my medical record in relation to this matter being disclosed to the defence: Yes No N/A
- f) I consent to the statement being disclosed for the purposes of civil proceedings e.g. child care proceedings, CICA Yes No
- g) The information recorded above will be disclosed to the Witness Service so they can offer help and support, unless you ask them not to. Tick this box to decline their services:

Signature of witness: Print name:

Signature of parent/guardian/appropriate adult: Print name:

Address and telephone number if different from above:

Statement taken by (print name): Station:

Time and place statement taken: