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WITNESS STATEMENT OF
HELEN COOPER
1ST STATEMENT
ON BEHALF OF THE APPLICANT

BEFORE THE LICENSING COMMITTEE
OF ROTHERHAM METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

IN THE MATTER OF A REVIEW OF
PREMISES LICENCE UNDER
SECTION 53A OF THE LICENSING
ACT 2003

CHIEF CONSTABLE OF SOUTH YORKSHIRE POLICE

Applicant

AND

MR PAUL GILL.
(RED LION, BRIDGATE, ROTHERHAM, S60 1PN)

Premises Licence Holder

WITNESS STATEMENT OF HELEN COOPER

1. I am Helen Cooper, I am employed by South Yorkshire Police as a Licensing Enforcement Officer.
2. I make this statement in support of an Applicant for Review of Premises Licence relating to the above premises on the grounds of the premise licence holder and Designated Premises Supervisor failing to uphold the four licensing objectives namely , the prevention of crime and disorder, the protection of children from harm, public safety and public nuisance.

Initial Reports to Police - the following information is from Police Smart Contact System.

Incident 1105 - 18th June 2021 – Public Order

3. I understand that, on the 18th June 2021 @ 23:21, Police received the following report:

On 18th June 2021 at 23.21hrs South Yorkshire Police received a report of a disturbance at the Red Lion public house, the caller reported a large number of persons fighting using weapons, glassware as weapons and a broken snooker cue. It was further reported that persons involved had blood visible. Upon Police Officers attending the incident several people were knocked to the floor with injuries – a fight was not currently taking place upon arrival however a broken pool cue was seen by Police Officers which was subsequently seized. Whilst Police Officers were at the premises one male threw a glass .

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Further Call to Police – Incident 1109, on the 18th June 2021- Disturbance / Fighting -

4. I understand that , on the 18th June 2021 @ 23:24, Police received the following report:-

Anonymous caller reported fighting at The Red Lion, Town Centre. Large group outside the Red Lion pub, she says they are weapons – bars, people have got blood on them.

Further Call to Police – Incident 0057 – 19th June 2021 – Fighting

5. I understand that, on the 19th June 2021@ 00:48, Police received the following report:

Bridgeway, Rotherham Town Centre, report of fighting on the shopping precinct. A gang of 12 males and another gang which have been fighting outside. Repot of 24 in total. Thought to be from Red Lion. The group then started chasing another group through town. Police attended and detained x1 another one was suspected to have a knife on him.

CCTV showed officer on the ground being assaulted. Further call from Landlady Plough that Officer is being assaulted by 6 males he is on the ground.

4 x detained in total.

Outcome on officer from incident no injuries kick did not connect he has been punched in the vest but no injuries.

14/93705/21 – Damage to Police Radio

14/93700/21 – Affray

14/93707/21 – Assault PC

Further Call to Police – Incident 0027 20/06/2021 – Fighting

6. I understand that, on 20th June 2021 @ 00:29, Police received the following report:

Red Lion Pub, Rotherham Town Centre, S60 1PN, reporting a male shouting abuse and threats at a female. He was reported as doing this all night. Caller says she has been in the area all evening and there has been trouble at this pub all night.

Police attend and say the whole pub has gone crazy and everyone is being attacked. Group have run off down Wellgate. Report of one male laid out, unconscious . Ambulance called for injured male. Report that men who have run off have attacked this man.

Further reports that the landlord attacked someone.

Further Call to Police – Incident 0027 20/06/2021 – Fighting

7. I understand that , on 20th June 2021 @ 00:37, Police received the following report:

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Further report - Police say that the Red Lion Pub, Town Centre – the whole pub has gone crazy and everyone is being attacked. Reported that males have run off towards Specsavers.

Further Call to Police – Incident 0361 23/06/2021 – Threats Received

8. I understand that, on 23rd July 2021 @ 12:25, Police received the following report:-

Caller reporting some people come down to the pub and threatening staff. Caller stated it was over a family dispute and it is related her partners uncles death.

Police attempted to make contact with the caller no answer of contact back made from initial call.

9. **Email to South Yorkshire Police reporting Underage Missing Person – 08/06/21 @ 20:00**

Concern was raised from a Police Officer, they reported that they found a missing female who was underage. The underage female was found in the Red Lion with 2 other females . the underage female was sat at a table with alcohol jugs on despite denying she had any.

Initial conversation with the DPS – 21st June 2021 @ 12:50 – Multi Agency Meeting at The Red Lion. – The following information from Police Inn Keeper System

10. I can confirm that I attending a meeting at The Red Lion with, Keeley Ladlow, RMBC Principle Licensing Officer, SGT Neil Windle , Jeremy Squires, RMBC CPU Officer , Rachel Williams RMBC CPU Officer.

Present at the premise was Natalie Butler – Designated Premise Supervisor, also present was her partner Gary Gill (brother to Premises Licence Holder). I explained to Natalie who I was and that we were here to discuss the incidents and concerns raised from the weekend. I explained to her that there had been a number of incidents reported to South Yorkshire Police which were concerning.

Rotherham Licence Watch Meeting, Thursday 17th June 2021 – Red Lion, Town Centre Members raised covid breaches at the premise , non compliance of track and trace and wearing of masks, serving from the bar, and details of disorder and fighting raised . I raised with Natalie What the Licence Watch meeting had reported to me, detailing an incident had taken place on 7th June which has not been reported to the Police, during which customers had been throwing glasses and a male had received a slash wound to his leg. Natalie stated “ *I am not aware if this incident* ”

I also raised with Natalie that on both Friday 18th June and Saturday 19th June disorder was reported from the premise.

Natalie informed us that she called the incident in on 18th June where 25/30 were fighting outside, she told us that they were using glasses as a weapon. Natalie said that her and 2 x

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staff were on duty with 1 x door staff and they all went inside and locked the doors so customers were kept safe. I asked if any other weapons had been used as the Police incident stated a snooker cue was broken and used.

I advised her that there was a report of a disturbance stated they were all fighting at the premise involving a large group, using weapons, glasses and a broken snooker cue. It was reported that people seen with blood on them reported the incident that occurred on Friday evening. Natalie told us that she did not see anyone using a snooker cue as a weapon.

Natalie explained that she was not on duty on Saturday 19th June when Officers visited. When she was asked how often the Premise Licence holder was at the premise Natalie confirmed never he is not involved in the running of the premise anymore.

I asked Natalie who was left in charge on Saturday 19th June and she could not give me a definitive answer. She told me that she had to go home due to becoming unwell on Saturday 19th June. I advised Natalie I have been informed by ASGT Smith that the staff on duty were obstructive towards Officers, staff names on the night that were given to Police Officers were suspected of being false names or refusal to provide. I put a number of names to Natalie and Natalie did not recognise the names I put to her. I explained that the attitude of the staff towards Police Officers was very poor. I informed Natalie while Police Officers were at the premise on Saturday sta

Natalie told us that they have put some changes in place regarding the weekend to prevent further incidents. They are going to serve in plastics now from 20:00.

I raised with Natalie that on Saturday 19th June 2021, the evening Police Officers attended and confiscated a glass of larger and a short glass of spirit from a 13 years old male who was out drinking with another male who was under 18 years also. Natalie said she was not aware of this. I asked her what challenge scheme they operate was at the premise and Natalie replied "What is was this?". No Challenge Posters were displayed at the premise which could be seen.

I asked Natalie if she was aware of an incident where an underage missing person was found in this premise in possession of jugs of cocktail, Natalie told me that she had not been made aware of this and was not on duty at the time she must have been found.

Natalie was asked if Door Security were involved in an assault of a customer and she told us that he had just pushed them away that was all.

Natalie was asked about the company they use for door staff and she advised us "I do not know who we use Gary does this he has a number on his phone". She was asked if door staff sign in and she told us "no".

As we were sat outside talking with Natalie the same customer was coming and going to the premise with no question re track and trace or where they were going. This happened 3 times and came across as suspicious behaviour. I asked Natalie where they were going and Natalie replied "I don't know".

Natalie was asked to show her incident log – Natalie replied "*is this where I write down someone who is underage and ID is asked for*" I was concerned about the lack of licensing knowledge Natalie seemed to have.

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Refusal log and she told us they do not have these in place. Premise Licence was also not in place and I asked if she had seen it and she said she never has. I asked her what time she was trading until and she told me 2am. On checking the times on the premise licence the premise is licenced to serve alcohol for consumption until 01:00 and opening hours until 01:30, she was informed that they have been going over time both serving for consumption and closing time.

Keeley then went through the premise licence with Natalie and there were a number of premise licence condition breaches raised. I understand that 17 conditions were non-complainant out of 28.

Natalie confirmed to Keeley that no staff training was in place.

Jeremy check the Covid Compliance with Natalie, No Covid Risk Assessment was in place, hand sanitiser in place, tables socially distanced, track and trace records were checked and deemed not acceptable as they were passing around for customers to fill in.

CCTV was requested to be checked Natalie informed us that the mouse had chewed the wires. 4 was working out of 8 cameras on the monitor. Natalie told us that she has CCTV engineer out Sunday to check the problem out and was told about the mouse chewing threw the wires.

A decision was made to seize by the CCTV system to check for footage of the incidents. SGT Windle seized this.

I can confirm that I have significant concerns about the level of problems raised today and the manner in which this premise is currently been ran.

Email Received from RMBC Community Protection Unit on 22nd June 2021

11. I understand that, on 19th June 2021 – CPU received the email below which was forwarded onto me – Helen E Cooper a@ South Yorkshire Police

Email read - Visited Red Lion , no social distancing , no masks. Also had a girl in toilets with a knife spoke to bouncer and he wasn't bothered. As a licence holder is this ok ????

12. Email sent to Anonymous Complainant on 22nd June 2021

Due to this not giving me any detail of which premise I contacted the sender with the following **email on 22/06/21 @ 11:04 :-**

Anonymous

I am the licensing enforcement officer for South Yorkshire police and have been forwarded your email from Rotherham council.

Can I just ask for a few further details:-

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- Which Red Lion was this – Town, Wath or Anston
- What date and time did you see this in the toilets.
- Any description of the female.

If you can advise me so I can look into this further.

Regards

Helen E Cooper
Rotherham Licensing Enforcement Officer

13. Email Received back from anonymous reporter on 22/06/21 @ 11:10

Town centre on 19th June

It was after 12pm as they are open until 2am unsure on the exact time

She was brown hair with plaits. Had a piercing on her face. Around 5ft 5. I asked her why she would be daft enough to carry a knife and she said it's because she is a scouser.

It was first time I visited there and honestly I was shocked how bad it was being run, no covid regulations etc. Was a free for all didn't feel safe.

Will this be done anonymously as I want my own well-being to be ok .

Statement of Truth

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true. I understand that proceedings for contempt of court may be brought against anyone who makes, or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth without an honest belief in its truth.

Signed: H Cooper

Name: Helen Cooper

Date: 05/07/2021

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Statement of Matthew Smith

Age if under 18 Over 18.... (If over 18 insert "over 18") Occupation: Police Constable

This statement (consisting of ... page(s) 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 in it, anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature (witness) Date: 23/6/21

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

I am a Police Officer for South Yorkshire Police, currently based at Riverside House as part of the Central Neighbourhood Team.

On Friday the 18th June 2021 I was on duty in full police uniform as Acting Sergeant for the Central Team. I was working 4 other officer as a public order resource when we was request to attend a violent incident which had occurred at the Red Lion Pub, in the Red Lion Yard, Rotherham Town Centre. Enroute the incident there was information passed that a large fight was occurring and a snooker cue had been broken and used as a weapon.

On arrival at at 2230hrs I entered Red Lion Yard from Bridgegate, Rotherham, I could see a large group of people across the road way over spilling the small outside seated area marked by pillars.

A response resource was already on scene and at this point PC 3917 WATSON whom had recovered a broken cue joined me. At this point, I also noticed evidence of a significant injury; with blood on the floor, which came from the entrance door and to a stop on the road, where a large area of blood splatter could be seen.

I spoke to a female whom was collecting the glass and informed me she was the lady whom had called the incident in, I also clarified if she was managing the bar as a DPS and she stated she was. I requested her

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to clear the significant amount of empty bottles and glass' away in case any further disorder occurred. I asked her if she knew where the victim or suspect had gone to the injury to which she informed me she could not and then left entering the pub.

I would describe this female as a white female, aged around 30years, pale skin, blonde hair just short of the shoulders, wearing a cream cardigan type outer top and light-coloured jeans.

Myself and the rest of the Public order van resource then left to make an area search for victim and suspect to no gain. We was then diverted to another incident

On Saturday 19th June. I was in company with PC219 MORRIS and PC303 TYSON. Due where the disorder had occurred the previous night, myself being an active participating a Pub Watch with the other Licences premises in town. Along with my close work with SYP Licencing officer I decided to attend the Pub to speak with the DPS and make sure everything was in order due to not being able to re-attend the previous night.

We drove through town and as we drove along Effingham Street to enter Bridgegate, I saw two young males, one male looked considerably younger than the over and was holding a Carling Pint Glass, which looked to contain larger, the other male was taller and looked around 16years old and was holding a small short spirit glass. The males saw the police car and turned around, the males then came back around and the older of the two males was now holding both glasses

We alighted out vehicle and engaged with the two juvenile males. On speaking with these, I now know them to be

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stated he was 13 years old, I informed them of what I had just seen in regards to the glass and took the glass' from them. I then asked them where they had gotten the glass' from and where there parents where.

informed me his father was the owner of the Red Lion Pub however had gone home ill. I then asked who was supervising him and he stated his Fathers Friend. stated he was a cousin of

When asked where the alcohol had come from, they stated the Red Lion. Due to the PC TYSON took the males full details and we escorted them back to the Red Lion Pub.

The pub was busy, there was loud music playing which was turned down when we had been sighted approaching and visible inside were people walking around, dancing etc. without face masks, it also appeared the pub was over capacity and there where people stood drinking on the street in front of closed business premises.

As I approached, I activated the Body Camera that I was wearing – Body Camera P48612

As I approached the steps the door a large build male stood in my path and stated 'You're not coming in unless you've got a warrant'. At this point, another male joined him and I shortly after entered the pub.

The second male escorted us through the pub and informed me his name was

I then proceeded to talk with a male who I asked if he was running the bar, this male I would describe as a Chinese male, wearing a grey bucket hat, white t-shirt and black facemask.

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This male provide his name as ! , and would not disclose any further details. This male stated he was managing the bar and when I informed him I want to discuss underage sales he became obstruct and interrupting, stating 'can you prove it was from here though'. I then asked if they had a refusals book and CHEN then stated he only just started work, he then was undecided if he was in charge or not.

CHEN then disappeared and commenced washing glasses behind the bar; I had to alert CHEN I had not finished the conversation.

CHEN stated they did not have a refusals book as they had only just opened. I then asked to see the licence on display at the other side of the bar.

CHEN asked me to walk round to the other side which I did at this point SMITH followed and was asking us to hurry up as we were 'intimidating' the customers. I noted the licence named a Paul GILL and a female, which was either Kerry or KELLY as the only DPS. I now know that this was not the current licence as the current only DPS is Natalie BUTLER.

There was a second male, whom was working behind the bar, around 20years, dark black hair in a quiff, wearing a white t-shirt. This male refused to provide any details and then commenced to serve SMITH who had sat at the bar and request two drinks.

Throughout the visit the customers where stating they are friends of the owner and tried their best to frustrate Police attention to the bars activity and intimidate officers.

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On Tuesday the 22nd June 2021 a copy of my BWV and that of PC TYSON and PC MORRIS' was burnt to disc this I can now recognise as exhibit MWS/1 – Body Worn Video.

Signature:



PC3248

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WITNESS STATEMENT

(Criminal Procedure Rules, r 16. 2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9)

Statement of: Sian Tyson

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Age (if under 18): N/A

Occupation: Police Officer

I am a police officer for South Yorkshire Police currently working on the Rotherham Central neighbourhood policing team based at Riverside House, Rotherham. Between the hours of 1400 and 0000hrs on Friday 18th June 2021, I was on duty in full police uniform under the call sign CC14.

At approximately 2335hrs on this date, I was called to attend an assault that had taken place at the Red Lion pub, Bridgegate, Rotherham. Upon attending this incident, I witnessed several members of the public walking around with alcoholic drinks outside of the pub's premises, therefore in a PSPO area. These people were also not wearing face coverings as per COVID legislation. On this occasion, a female did make herself known as the manager, however she spoke to one of my colleagues so I did not record her name. Whilst we were at this incident, nobody made themselves known as a suspect, victim or witness, however the assault seemed to have caused significant injury due to there being large amounts of blood on the floor outside. The blood trailed from the entrance of the pub, approximately 5 meters, ending in a pool of blood near some broken glass fragments.

Between the hours of 1400 and 0000hrs on Saturday 19th June 2021 I was on duty in full police uniform under the call sign CC14. At approximately 2215hrs, myself and A/PS 3248 SMITH and PC 219 MORRIS attended the above premises to check that everything was in order after the incident the night before.

As pub staff saw our marked police vehicle, they turned down the music in the pub, which sounded as though it was excessively loud. I went around the corner, out of sight of the pub, and heard the music being turned back up. I then saw two males walking near the entrance to Red Lion Yard, who appeared to be underage and were carrying a pint glass of lager and a glass of whiskey. I stopped these males and got details from them. One gave the name of [REDACTED] and was 13 years old. He admitted that he had had a drink and that he was the son of the pub owner. The other male gave the name of [REDACTED] and lied about his date of birth, however the false date still gave him the age of 17. [REDACTED] was clearly in drink, as he was slurring his words and conversation was slow. [REDACTED] stated that he was [REDACTED] cousin.

I walked through Red Lion Yard with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to speak to members of staff in the pub. Upon my approach to the pub, the music was turned down again, after being turned up when I left earlier. Once at the door to the premises, a male was stood in the way of myself and my colleagues, refusing to let us in, stating that we would need to come back with a warrant. He was white, had a large build, short dark hair and a trimmed beard. He was wearing a green t-shirt. He seemed to be trying to intimidate officers and was clearly in drink. Another male then approached us and stated that the owner had had an allergic reaction to some tuna and was away with paramedics. We then entered the property and I turned on my body worn video.

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When in the premises, I witnessed people being served at the bar and through a window leading to the beer garden. Many customers were walking around without wearing any face coverings, with no visible lanyard to state that they were exempt. In addition to this, there appeared to be a party where young children, approximately 4 up to 10 years of age, were in the pub.

A male approached me and stated that he works and lives in the pub. He stated that he had lost [redacted] but that he didn't know him and that he was not related to anybody who works in the pub. This male was white, had short blonde hair, and was wearing a blue hooded sweatshirt. I later asked this male if there was a record of when staff ask a customer for ID, to which he replied, 'we ID everyone'. I questioned this and he said that they take everyone's details for track and trace. I then had to explain to the male that the pub staff were required to make a record of asking customers for ID. I believe that this male may have also been in drink.

While my colleagues were talking to the bar staff, a male approached us and stated that he has in charge. I do not know his name, but he was wearing a black t-shirt, black jeans and a black facemask. He was white and had short black hair. He stated that it is his uncle who runs the pub. Whilst I was stood at the bar, this male was next to me, ordered and was served two drinks.

I then left the pub, and later saw two of my other colleagues, PC 3887 SAWKA and PC 1685 LENTON attending to a young female, who was seventeen years of age, who had been drinking alcohol at the Red Lion pub that evening. I saw that the female was excessively in drink, as she was sat in the back of the police vehicle with her head in her arms.

I then had no further part in this matter.

This statement 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 in it anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature of Witness: [redacted]

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Date: 24-06-2021

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Statement of MORRIS 219

Age if under 18 Over 18.... (If over 18 insert "over 18")

Occupation: POLICE OFFICER

This statement (consisting of ... page(s) 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 in it, anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature ... (witness) Date: 24/06/2021

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded

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(supply witness details on rear)

I am a Police Constable in South Yorkshire Police, currently stationed at Rotherham Riverside. I was on duty on Friday 18th June 2021 under the call sign CC15

At approximately 2335hrs I responded to an allegation of assault at the Red Lion pub, Bridgegate, Rotherham. Upon arriving at the location, I witnessed a number of individuals walking around with glasses of alcoholic drinks, outside of the pubs premises, which is a PSPO area. These individuals were stood up, not wearing facemasks and no social distancing was being adhered to. A female identified herself to us as the manager and explained that she was now going to stop serving and the pub would be shutting shortly. There was a trail of blood on the floor on the floor outside of the pub, stretching approximately 5 metres. A broken broom handle was recovered from the scene by PC WATSON 3917. No victim identified themselves to us and no suspect was located.

At approximately 2215 the following night, Saturday 19th June, 2021, I was on duty alongside A/PS SMITH 3248 and PC TYSON 303. We attended the Red Lion pub to check all was in order following the previous evenings incident. As we approached the pub, the music was turned down. We drove around the corner and headed toward the opposite entrance on EFFINGHAM Street, Rotherham when I saw two males heading towards us carrying up what appeared to be alcoholic drinks. My colleague, PC TYSON took the

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details of these males, who both turned out to be under age. One of the males, , said he was 13 years old and was at the Red Lion Hotel with members of his family. He claimed to live in one of the flats above the pub and that his dad was the owner. The other male gave the name but struggled with giving us a date of birth. The false date of birth he gave, still came back as him being 17. then confirmed he was underage and that he was the cousin of and had also been drinking in the Red Lion Hotel. was slurring his words and had a glazed look on his face. He was clearly in drink.

I walked both the males back to the Red Lion where they joined a party of people sat outside. At this point we were confronted by a number of males, not wearing masks or socially distancing. One of the males demanded we show a warrant and was attempting to block our entrance into the venue. He was a large individual wearing a green top with short dark cropped hair. We explained that we did not need a warrant and we would be entering the premises. We were then approached by another male who said that the owner wasn't present as he had had an allergic reaction to tuna and was with the paramedics. This male took us into the premise where we were taken to the individuals serving behind the bar. A/PS SMITH spoke to these two males. Whilst A/PS was speaking to the males, I observed an individual walk up to the bar and order a round of drinks, which goes against the current COVID regulations.

I was wearing BWV throughout the incident. A/PS SMITH has been made aware of this and has burnt a copy to disk.

Signature: Liam Morris

Signature Witnessed by:

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(Criminal Procedure Rules, r 16. 2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9)

Statement of: Kelly Grimes PC 1348

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Age (if under 18): N/A

Occupation: Police Officer

I am a Police Constable in South Yorkshire Police currently stationed at Rotherham Main Street Police Station.

On Tuesday 8th June 2021, I have attended incident 0083 of the 06/06/2021 under call sign CC79. I was in full Police uniform in a marked Police Vehicle. This related to missing child 02/07/2004. Information was received that she was at RED LION INN, RED LION YARD, ROTHERHAM, S60 1PN in Rotherham town centre. I was instructed to attend and conduct an area search for her. On driving through, I saw some females sat at a table outside with a male stood up and another female behind him. I could only see the back of her at first. I did a loop back around and pulled up alongside them at the table they were sat at. The female who was stood behind the male was now sat at the table. From looking at a picture, I could now identify this female as

From questioning her, she told me she was fifteen and called . On the table were about two or three jugs of what looked to be cocktails and some beer bottles. I asked her if she had any ID to prove who she was and she stated she did not. I asked why she is being served in a pub if she is only fifteen. She said she hadn't drunk any alcohol however she had alcohol in front of her. I could not see any members of bar staff around nor did any come outside.

At the table was two females and a male who appeared to be with . Further on was two males who were towards the back wall having a cigarette. I could not see anyone else inside other than one male next to the music speaker.

After clarifying, she was missing child . she was removed from the premises and transported back to the care home.

This statement 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 in it anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature of Witness:

Date:06/07/2021

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Statement of Steven ROBSON.....

Age if under 18 Over 18.... (If over 18 insert "over 18") Occupation: Police Constable 2567

This statement (consisting of 3 page(s) 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 in it, anything which I know to be false or believe to be true.

Signature..... (witness)..... Date: 06.07.2021 ..

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

At approximately 12.00hrs on Wednesday 23rd June 2021, I was on duty in full police uniform in company with PC 1738 RAMSHAW when we were requested to attend The Red Lion Yard public house, Rotherham in company with licencing officers from Rotherham Borough Metropolitan Council (RMBC).

I was advised by the principal licencing officer, Keeley LADLOW, that they were going to be issuing a licence review notice to the licensee of the pub due to violence and disorder that had occurred at the premises on the weekend of the 19th / 20th June 2021.

Upon attendance, there was a female who I heard provide her name as Natalie, that was serving customers and appeared to be working for the pub. LADLOW was speaking to Natalie who was compliant but appeared as though she was not fully confident or knowledgeable on some of the questions that LADLOW was asking her.

Whilst speaking to Natalie a male by the name of Gary approached and he was quite aggressive and abrupt towards LADLOW and the other officers from RMBC that were present. He kept interrupting LADLOW and was not listening to what she was saying. I am not fully aware of what his role was at the pub but he appeared to have an interest and a strong opinion of what was occurring there.

Signature: PC 2567 Robson..... Signature Witnessed by:

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There was another female, who was sweeping up, she a white female, tanned skin, long dark hair, approximately 5' 5" tall, slim build. She was also not happy with what was occurring at the pub.

In what appeared to be a back event room of the pub, there was a number of small tables set up, and there were 4 customers that were sat with drinks in glasses. The 4 customers appeared slightly intoxicated. Located directly next to them, was a table with approximately 8 plates of sandwiches that had been cut in half and a number of packet of crisps. The elderly female, who I will refer to as female 1 throughout this statement, said to me that she had paid for a party for her grandson's 21st birthday party. It looked as though the table was set up for a buffet for the party. The elderly female was extremely vocal about her disgust and I tried to pacify her. The other female customer who was sat next to female 1, was also not happy and was making offensive comments of which she had to be spoken to about. I will refer to this female as female 2 throughout this statement.

There was a male employee, who by the clothes he was wearing, I believe him to be the chef. I do not know what this male was called. Again, he was making comments and was being quite vocal also about the fact that RMBC were putting this notice in place and restricting the pub from trading.

I remained with the 4 customers for the majority of the visit due to their demeanour and their dissatisfaction and did not want any confrontation to occur between them and the RMBC employees.

After approximately 30 mins, all the customers had eventually exited the pub and there was only who I believe to be pub employees. Whilst I was outside talking to LADLOW and the other RMBC officers, female 1 walked past us and she shouted "YOU'RE HITLER'S BITCH" towards LADWLOW, of which the female was advised about her conduct.

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I recorded the visit on my Body Warn Video camera number P18527.

I uploaded this onto DEMS and can identify this footage as:

SCR/1 - BWV Red Lion Yard Joint Visit with RMBC

I shared a link of this with LADLOW via email for her to view it.

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APPENDIX 5**WITNESS STATEMENT****Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B**

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Statement of Neil Windle

Age if under 18 Over 18 (If over 18 insert "over 18") Occupation: PS 1788

This statement (consisting of 2 page(s) 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 in it, anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature (witness) Date:

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

I am a police sergeant with South Yorkshire Police currently based at Rotherham Riverside House (RMBC).

As part of my duties I have liquor licencing under my portfolio. Within my team is Helen Cooper who is the licencing officer for South Yorkshire Police.

On Monday 21st June 2021 at 1230hrs I was on duty when I attended at the RED LION PH BRIDGE GATE ROTHERHAM after concerns were raised over the weekend about violent disorder at the location amongst other issues concerning underage drinking. Also present was Helen Cooper, Keeley Ladlow from RMBC Licencing, Jeremy Squires RMBC community Protection Unit. The joint visit was to speak with the designated premise supervisor, Natalie BUTLER.

On arrival I met with Natalie. The CCTV at the premises was reported to have malfunctioned and only certain cameras were working. Natalie informed me that the electrician had attended the day previous and the content from the hard drive had wiped the previous 7 days recording.

At 1355hrs, Due to the concerns raised over the weekend, crimes which had been recorded by attending officers I made the decision to seize the hard drive under PACE as I believed that this contained evidence to confirm or deny the version of events over the weekend. The hard drive is identified as NW/1

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Following on from this the hard drive was given to Principle Licencing Officer, Keeley Ladlow for interrogation and presentation of the data to the licencing board as proceedings for an emergency review were initiated.

My PNB book 0009873 (page 20) was endorsed and signed by Keeley Ladlow as taking ownership of this item.

Signature: Signature Witnessed by: