

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 PC 782QK Paul Whitcomb ..... URN: [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

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: P. Whitcomb PC 782QK ..... Date: 17/02/2016.....

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

I am the above named person and a licensing constable for Brent borough police. On MONDAY 15th FEBRUARY 2016, I was on duty in plain clothes, working with fellow licensing constable, PC 368QK SULLIVAN. At around 1.10pm we attended the Betsy Smith public house, 77 KILBURN HIGH ROAD, KILBURN, LONDON NW6 6HY. We were carrying out a follow up visit after a customer had been bottled in the pub during the early hours of SATURDAY morning. Upon arrival, I made my way to the bar and began speaking with duty manager, Mr. Matteo TULLIO who was stood behind the bar. As I was speaking to him, I noticed a white female, slim build, with shoulder length brown hair stood to my right. She was standing in front of the bar with a half pint glass, which appeared to have been freshly served. This female was staggering on her feet and when she spoke to the barman she was slurring her words. She was clearly drunk. PC SULLIVAN asked Mr. TULLIO what the woman had been served. He replied, 'its vodka and lemonade'. PC SULLIVAN pointed out the offence of serving a person who is clearly very drunk already. Mr. TULLIO claimed not to notice this woman's drunken demeanour. She then approached PC SULLIVAN, Mr. TULLIO and I. She slurred under her breath, for no apparent reason at all, 'I have toilet paper stuck up my bum' and started laughing at herself. I looked at Mr. TULLIO and upon hearing her very bizarre comment, removed her drink immediately and told her that she was not going to be served any more alcohol. She was initially protesting, throwing her arms up, but eventually left the pub. I asked how many drinks previous she had been served. Mr. TULLIO said that was her first and only drink and that she had just walked into the pub before we arrived. I requested CCTV footage showing this incident and to footage prior to our visit which shows her being served. On viewing the CCTV it shows staff serving her a double shot of vodka and then filling the glass with lemonade. I then carried out a full licensing visit, checking conditions of the premises licence. There following breaches were discovered:

- 1. No premises licence holder was present.
2. No premises licence summary displayed at all exits
3. No notices requesting customers leave quietly at all exits.

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- 4. Food is only served until 2200 hours daily. Substantial food is required to be served throughout the whole of the licensable hours.
- 5. Staff were unaware of event day conditions.
- 6. Staff unaware of the required risk assessment (Form 696) which should be completed for all significant events and sent to Brent council and the police where required.
- 7. There was no written drugs policy in place.

*P. Whitcomb PC 782QK*

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