

## 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** Pcs0 7194QK George Popa ..... URN: 

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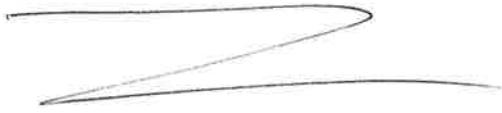
Age if under 18 .....Over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: pcs0 .....

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: 7194QK G POPA ..... Date: 12/05/2016 .....

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

This statement is in regards to ASB behavior and street drinking and other alcohol related incidents in PRESTON ROAD area near to junction with UXENDON CRESCENT in WEMBLEY.  
I am PCSO 7194QK George POPA and I am part of PRESTON SNT team from Brent Borough, and I am based at WEMBLEY POLICE STATION. Part of my duties is to patrol and deal with issues and incidents in my ward and a big part of my routine is taken by dealing with alcohol related incidents and Anti Social behavior in PRESTON ROAD by the parade of shops near PRESTON ROAD station, near to the junction with UXENDON CRESCENT. This particular area is part of BARNHILL WARD but borders my ward, and is very often frequented by homeless people who squat in garages and back of the shops and also consume large amounts of alcohol and loiter at this location in front of betting shops and off license shops. During the last year as well as moving these people on numerous times I have also dealt personally with several more serious incidents, such as alcohol related ABH where one of the drunk homeless male was punched in the nose, also with a eviction of several alcoholics homeless males who broke in, and started to live in a garage behind PRESTON ROAD accessed from UXENDON CRESCENT and also with theft offences where again people under the influence of alcohol at location have been involved. I personally saw the people that are creating this trouble going into the nearby shops and off license shops buying alcohol in huge quantities. The shops make it all too easy for this alcohol addicted individuals to get their fix and then become drunk which leads then to commit ASB and other crimes. I have also noticed that the ASB is more aggressive and more violent late in the evening when these individuals have easy and unrestricted access to cheap strong alcohol from the off license premises nearby.  
It is really difficult especially for the local residents that live nearby and use the local shops as they are the most that suffer. Also other business are complaining about the above situation and received many verbal complaints where locals want the police to deal more robustly with people consuming alcohol in this area and irresponsible business who supply this alcohol as they are really the fuel that keep the issue ongoing.  
I attached below some CRIMINTS from the past to give you a bit of more insight in the issue.



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On 24/01/2015 police were called to outside PADDY POWER, PRESTON ROAD, and WEMBLEY in regards to a MALE stating he had been punched by his friend.

Preston SNT officers attended and found the victim, [redacted] with a bleeding nose.

Approximatley 15 minutes prior to the assault [redacted] had been seen by officers staning outside the newsagents two shops north of PADDY POWER with several other ROMANIAN males. There were no issues, and although they were quiet the group had clearly been drinking alcohol.

[redacted] said that one of his friends had punched him on the nose. It was bleeding however it stopped after applying a compression to it. Due to being intoxicated he was not making much sense. He said it was his friend Sorin however he could not provide any further information or any description other than a Romanian MALE.

Signature: 7194 QK G POPA ..... Signature witnessed by: .....