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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	Paul Whitcomb PC	782QK	URN:				
Age if under 18	Over 18	(if over 18 insert 'over	18') Occupat	tion; P	olice Office	er	
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 than, 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: 30/12/2016							
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Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded (supply witness details on rear)							
On THURSDAY 30 TH DECEMBER 2016 I was on duty in uniform as driver of a marked police vehicle, call sign							
QK80L. I was in company with PC 538QK Karen CUNNINGHAM. On this particular day I was staffing up the							
emergency response and patrol team E, but my primary role is licensing Constable and I am currently attached to							
the licensing unit. At around 1430 hours I was handed a closure notice from my colleague, PC 368QK Mike							
SULLIVAN. The closure notice was in relation to MANGO'S, CRYSTAL'S SHISHA/SPORTS BAR/AQUA							
GROUND FLOOR, 1 POPPIN BUSINESS CENTRE, SOUTH WAY, WEMBLEY MIDDLESEX, HA9 OHB.							
The notice was given under Chapter 3, Part 4 Anti-Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 and had been signed							
and authorised by A/Superintendent McNAUGHTON. The times that it will become effective is at 1900 hours on							
FRIDAY 30 TH DECEMBER 2016 until 1900 HOURS ON SATURDAY 1 st JANUARY 2017. PC							
CUNNINGHAM and I attended the venue and I met with the licence holder of the ground floor clubs/bars, Mr.							
Kuppsamy KIRUPAKARAN dob Market Marke							
now know to be Mr. Dartharshan VARATNARASA dob Management I fully explained the closure notice to Mr. KIRUPAKARAN and handed him a signed copy. Mr. VARATNARASA explained, in relation to the ground							
floor, the front Shisha/Sports bar area and half of the rear ground floor area named 'Aqua 1' is under the							
responsibility of Mr. Paul KELLY. He stated that Mr. Kelly is the designated premises supervisor for these area,							
although Mr. KIRUPAKARAN is the licence holder. Mr. VARATNARASA stated the Aqua is divided in half							
using internal bi-folding doors. Once split, one side of 'Aqua' is named Aqua 1 and the other half is Aqua 2. Mr.							
VARATNARASA claimed that there had been no issues in terms of incidents in Aqua 2. He stated that this area							
is under the full control of Mr. KIRUPAKARAN. He claimed that Mr. KIRUPAKARAN is the licence holder							
and DPS for Aqua 2. Mr. KIRUPAKARAN was concerned that the closure would affect Aqua 2 as he had a							
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private party booked for 100 people on 31/12/2016. He was keen for it to go ahead and stated that none of his events were to do with the disorder. I asked to see the premises licence to confirm this, however, they were only able to show me ONE premises licence, which was confusing because it was addressed, 'Aqua 1 AND Aqua 2', dated 2005. I telephoned my colleague, PC SULLIVAN who confirmed that the side door of Aqua (or Aqua 1 as Mr. KIRUPAKARAN was claiming it was called) was being used during the latest disorder, which was observed via CCTV. I contacted my other licensing colleague, PC 157QK Nicola McDONALD and explained the situation to her. She confirmed that to her knowledge 'Aqua' was under ONE licence and that there were no separate licences for Aqua 1 and Aqua 2 as Mr. KIRUPAKARAN claimed. She stated that Mr. Paul Kelly is only the DPS for the shisha bar and the first floor front bar. Finally, I telephoned my supervisor, who was off duty, A/Inspector Paul RILEY. I explained the circumstances to him and requested some advice. A/Insp Riley stated that his concerns were around a large Bhangarh music event being held at the venue. I asked Mr. VARATNARASA about this event and he indicated that this event was going to be held in Aqua 1. In fact, it was going to be held in both rooms, but apparently ticket sales were poor, so they hired Aqua 1 to Mr. Kelly in order to hold the event in Aqua 1 only. The other half, Aqua 2, is for Mr. KIRUPAKARAN private family/friends party, unrelated to the Bhangrah music event. I relayed this information to A/Insp Riley and he stated that it would be unreasonable to close the rear 'Aqua 2' ground floor area. However, given the circumstances, the front shisha and Aqua 1 should still be subject to the closure notice. So, to confirm, the very front shisha/bar area named Mango's was closed and also HALF of the ground floor hall named by Mr. KIRUPAKARAN as 'Aqua 1'. PC CUNNINGHAM and I, assisted by Mr. KIRUPAKARAN, who was very co-operative, erected copies of the closure notices to the entrances to both Mangos shisha/Bar and Aqua 1. Both of which are situated on the ground floor of the venue. The second half of the ground floor, named by Mr. KIRUPAKARAN as 'Aqua 2' remains unaffected by the closure notice and this was made clear to both Mr. VARATNARASA and Mr. KIRUPAKARAN prior to leaving the venue. As I left, I updated the duty officer, Inspector REEVES via my personal radio of the circumstances.

Signature:

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