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RESTRICTED (when complete)

MG11

WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 16.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9

URN [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

Statement of: PS [ ]

Age if under 18: Over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18')

Occupation: Police Officer p217309

This statement (consisting of 1 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: Ps [ ] (witness) [ ]

Date: 19/02/2021

I am Sgt [ ] of the Metropolitan Police Service. I am attached to Dudden Hill Safer Neighbourhood Team. This statement refers to a believed licensing and covid breach at The Field Public House 249 Neasden Lane NW10. My BWV malfunctioned so there is no footage regarding this incident from myself.

On Friday 19th February I was on duty and in full uniform in company with Pc [ ], PCSO [ ] and PCSO [ ]. Also present was a Covid 19 council enforcement officer. Over the past month I was aware of some intel regarding The Field public house stating that they were still trading inside. Regulars were being given a number to call and they were entering via the rear door which is located down a access alleyway. This intel was recorded on the police Crimint system. At approx 1530 hours as part of our patrols in Neasden we were walking down the alleyway behind the field public house. The alleyway runs from Birse Crescent to a car park on Neasden Lane. We walked along this alleay and past the rear access area for the Field, this access area leads to a large black rear exit door of the Field public house. As I walked past I heard the door open and looked around and the large black door was open, I had an unobstructed view and it was about 10 metres away. A male I now know to be [ ] stumbled out of the open door. Behind him was a IC1 male approx F510 male who immediately shut the door behind him. Pc [ ] approached [ ] and began to engage him, [ ] appeared to be intoxicated. I walked to the large black door and knocked but I had no reply. A few minutes later we were joined by Pc [ ] and Pc [ ]. It appeared from what [ ] was telling us that they were serving alcohol in the Field Public house and he didn't want them to get in trouble. Pc [ ] issued [ ] with a Covid Fine. Pc [ ] and Pc [ ] went to the front of the venue to try and make contact with the owners. Under licensing powers it was decided that entry could be gained by reasonable force if necessary as no contact could be made with anyone inside and it was believed offences were occurring. Additional units were requested. Entry was forced at 1640 hours and the address searched with no occupants still inside. The lights were on inside and both Tvs were on as well. There were around 10 alcoholic pints in the venue. 3 at least were full and still cold to the touch. There was a walking stick left by the bar and also a coat, wallet, bank card which was in the name of Tim Sheahan. It would appear the occupants at the venue left in a hurry. The venue can be described as a small public house approx 8 metres wide by 50 metres long. Via Police Indices Tims Sheahans number was found and he was called to attend the venue and collect his belongings. Tim did actually attend the venue approx 15 minutes later and stated that he was at the venue at 1000 this morning. He also appeared intoxicated. he collected his belongings and left the venue after He was issued with a covid fine by Pc [ ]. It was clear that the pub had been trading. From various items seized its believed they have been trading for the past few weeks at least from the dates on the receipts. The pump nozzles were attached and the drip trays had liquid inside them. Till reciepts and over £500 in the till itself have been seized as evidence. The CCTV hard drive was also seized to try and identify suspects in breach of covid restrictions and also, believed breach of licence. The venue was secured using an approved boarding up service and the licensee a Mark Counihan was called on his mobile [ ] with no answer. A note was left to pick up the keys to the venue from Wembley Police station. The property was placed at Wembley police station Keys and Cash on 66/1070. The rest of the items seized were booked in at Kilburn. 66 numbers 10002-10014

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**Witness contact details**

URN

Name of witness:

Home Address:

E-mail address:

Home Telephone Number:

Postcode:

Mobile:

Work Telephone Number:

Preferred means of contact (specify details for vulnerable/intimidated victims and witnesses only):

Gender:

Date and place of birth:

Former name:

Ethnicity Code (16 + 1):

**DATES OF WITNESS NON-AVAILABILITY:** August 1-31<sup>st</sup> 2021 October 20<sup>th</sup>-Nov 20<sup>th</sup> 2021

**Witness care**

- a) Is the witness willing to attend court? If 'No', include reason(s) on form **MG6**.
- b) What can be done to ensure attendance?
- c) Does the witness require a Special Measures Assessment as a vulnerable or intimidated witness? (youth under 18; witness with mental disorder, learning or physical disability; or witness in fear of giving evidence or witness is the complainant in a sexual offence case) If 'Yes' submit **MG2** with file in anticipated not guilty, contested or indictable only cases.
- d) Does the witness have any particular needs? If 'Yes' what are they? (Disability, healthcare, childcare, transport, disability, language difficulties, visually impaired, restricted mobility or other concerns?).

**Witness Consent (for witness completion)**

- a) The 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 the police..." 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, or other proceedings if applicable, e.g. child care proceedings, CICA Yes  No  N/A
  - g) **Child witness cases only.** I have had the provision regarding reporting restrictions explained to me. Yes  No  N/A
- I would like CPS to apply for reporting restrictions on my behalf. Yes  No  N/A

*'I understand that the information recorded above will be passed on to the Witness Service, which offers help and support to witnesses pre-trial and at court.'*

Signature of witness:

PRINT NAME:

Signature of parent/guardian/appropriate adult:

PRINT NAME:

Address and telephone number (of parent etc.), if different from above:

Statement taken by: PS [redacted]

Station: Fisher

Time and place statement taken: 11/2/21