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STATEMENT OF WITNESS

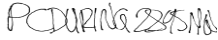
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Statement of: CONSTABLE Walter Hotobah During
 Age if under 18: Over 18
 Occupation: Police officer

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.

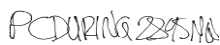
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 Date: 14 Dec. 23

This statement concerns the time when I accompanied Licensing Inspector Esther Chan from Brent Council on a visit to carry out a Licensing check at ALATURCA, THE LODGE, KINGSBURY ROAD, LONDON, NW9 9HA on Sunday the 5th November 2023.

I will refer to ESTHER CHAN (ESTHER), YUSUF JAMA (YUSUF), DIANE LEWIS (DIANE) and GOKCAN ALGUL (GOKCAN) throughout this statement as they were the other people in attendance on the evening spanning from the 5th to the 6th of NOVEMBER 2023.

The ALATURCA LOUNGE, THE LODGE, ROE GREEN PARK, KINGSBURY ROAD, NW9 9HA is a Turkish bar and restaurant. Inside, the venue appeared to look more like a nightclub with music playing, neon lights all over the place and it was very smoky. People were allowed to smoke both cigarettes and shisha inside the venue.

I attended this location at 2345HOURS and met with ESTHER CHAN who is the licensing inspector, DIANE LEWIS the nuisance control officer and YUSUF JAMA, who is the security officer. We met GOKCAN ALGUL who is the manager of ALATURCA once we arrived at the venue. As I exited the vehicle to attend the venue, I could hear loud music coming from the venue which was over 250ft away. I could also see that there were several cars were parked on the pavement directly opposite the venue which people exited and left there to attend ALATURCA. I then met up with ESTHER, DIANE AND YUSUF who were sat in a car which was parked on KINGSBURY ROAD about 100ft away from the venue. I then entered their car and greeted all parties inside. ESTHER explained that there have been complaints related to breach of terminal hours and nuisance. ESTHER stated that she has engaged with the manager of the business to obtain CCTV footage to verify the complaints. These attempts to gain CCTV footage has been unsuccessful as she has been given several excuses as to why this could not be done by the manager. ESTHER explained that she has also spoken with a neighbouring business operator who lives within close proximity to ALATURCA LOUNGE and advised them and neighbours to report complaints to the Licensing Team. ESTHER stated that the venue licence closing time was only supposed to be until 11pm but reports given suggested that the venue

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stays open until 3am. Whilst we were sitting and discussing this in the car, I witnessed several people enter the venue of the ALATURCA at and after 0015HOURS on the 6th NOVEMBER 2023. Once this had been discussed and all parties had been informed of the issues, we all left the car and walked up to the venue ALATURCA and were greeted by security. We explained who we were, identified ourselves and asked to see the manager, GOKCAN. Once the doors to the venue were opened the music was very loud, there were a lot of people and they were dancing, smoking cigarettes and smoking shisha. The place was filled with smoke and all the windows and doors were closed. There was food being cooked on a grill inside the venue right by the entrance and served to those attending the venue. I also observed alcohol being served from the bar. The team of us then split up to look around the venue further. It was clear that they were open well after their agreed licensing closing time with alcohol still being served and were allowing people to smoke inside the venue with no ventilation. ESTHER, YUSUF, DIANE and I then exited the venue to discuss the licencing agreements further with the GOKCAN of ALATURCA. ESTHER explained that he was not supposed to be open and the GOKCAN kept saying that it was his birthday which was why the venue was open later. ESTHER and the rest of the team then went back inside the venue with GOKCAN to assess some of the other issues inside of the venue. After we had finished talking, an altercation took place and some people exited the venue and started to argue. This caused a disturbance in the street as they were screaming and shouting in the middle of the road.

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