

WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 16. 2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B

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Statement of: Brendon MCINNES

Age if under 18: Over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: Police Officer

This statement (consisting of 2 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.

Witness Signature:  PC 1157NW Date: 14/11/2024

This statement refers to an urgent assistance call I attended on the 20/07/2024 on the Harrow road near Sudbury Roundabout where a colleague of mine had been assaulted and were trying to detain a number of people that had been involved in a fight.

The people I will refer to in this statement are my colleagues PS Sullivan and PC HICKS 3703NW. I will also refer to the manager of the Aura Lounge named Mr Simon RAD. I know Mr Simon RAD as I have had many dealings with him in the past from a licensing perspective.

The urgent assistance call I attended was outside Tesco Express on the Harrow Road which is about fifty (50) meters away from the Aura Lounge.

On Saturday the 20/07/2024 I was on patrol conducting licensing visits with PS Sullivan and PC HICKS 3703NW. At about 00.40hrs I left Wembley Police Station in an unmarked police vehicle. As I exited the gates of Wembley Police Station and Urgent Assistance Call came over my PR (Personal Radio) as another police officer had been assaulted and requested more units. The location was given as Sudbury Roundabout which is about a minute drive from Wembley Police Station. I headed towards Sudbury Roundabout along with PS Sullivan and PC HICKS 3703NW. As I got to the roundabout and turned right onto the Harrow Road I could see the flashing lights of other police vehicles and seen officers who had three members of the public detained. As I stopped the police vehicle outside Tesco Express I immediately recognised Mr Simon RAD the manager from The Aura Lounge who seemed to be in the middle of it all. Mr Simon RAD recognised me and came over to me. I started walking towards a colleague that had a male in hand cuffs to see if she needed any assistance. Mr Simon RAD walked with me. Mr Simon RAD went on to say the following to me. **"I don't even know these people, the four people came in. I refused them because it's a private party. They started shouting outside and attacked my friend. This is my friend."** Mr Simon RAD then pointed to the male that my colleague had in hand cuffs. This male was later arrested. With what Mr Simon RAD said to me linked all this disorder starting from the Aura Lounge.

I then confirmed that this officer was ok and did not need my assistance. I then walked further down the road where another of my colleagues had a male detained in hand cuffs and appeared to be arguing with another member of the public. I approached the officer and the member of the public. I asked the member of public what his involvement in the incident was and the male replied, **"I am security."** I noticed this male was not wearing his SIA

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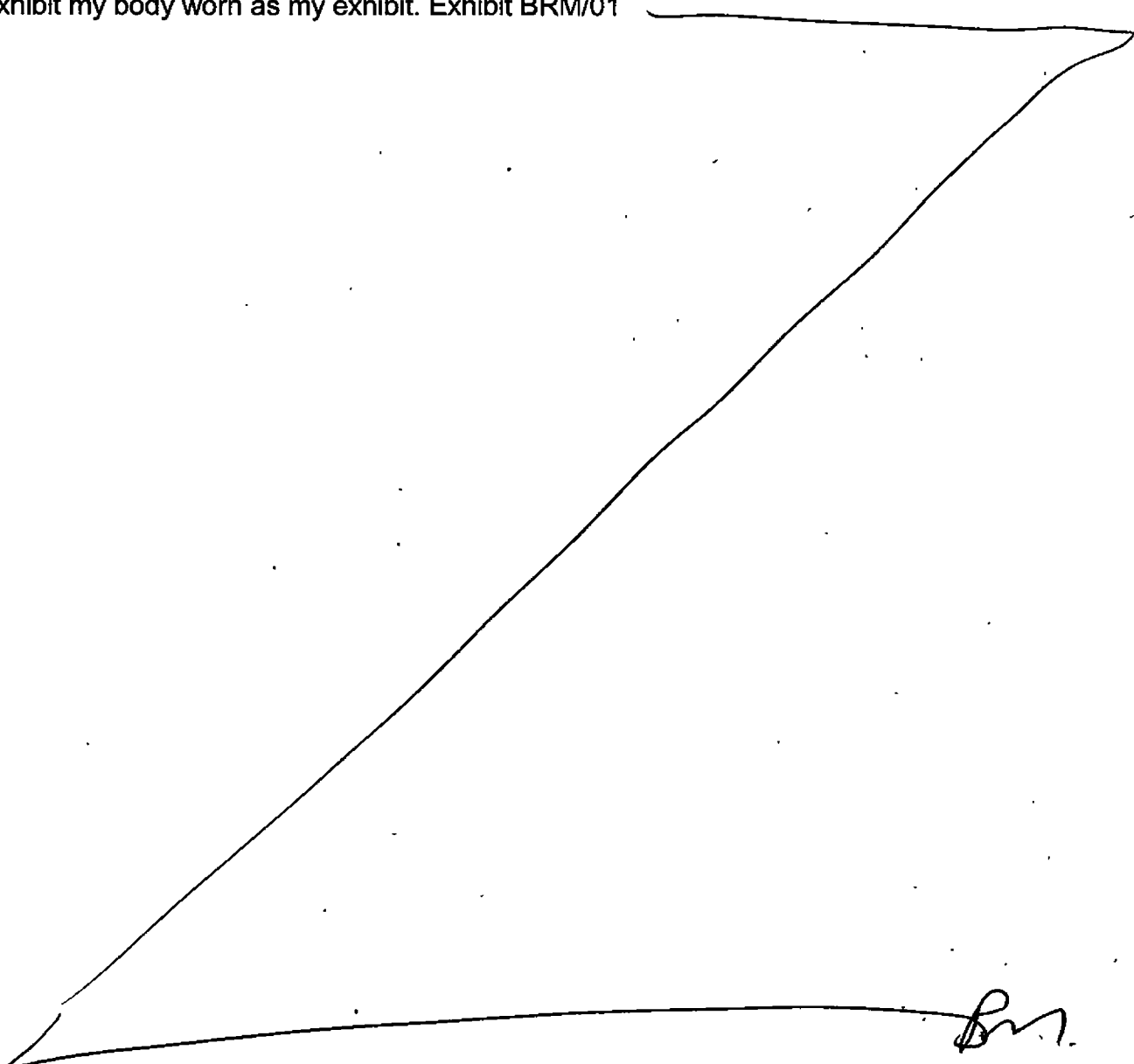
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badge and asked him where it was? The male replied, "I run the security firm over there." Referring to the Aura Lounge. After I confirmed with the officer that she was ok and the situation was under control, I then got back into the unmarked police vehicle along with PS Sullivan and PC HICKS 3703NW to continue with our other planned visits. I drove past the Aura Lounge which was a few meters up the road and I observed about 50 to 70 people outside the Aura Lounge obstructing the foot path and all appeared to be waiting to enter the Aura Lounge. This crowd appeared to be unmanageable by the security staff at the venue.

I am aware that the venue did apply for a Temporary Event Notice for that evening that police did object to due to lack of information about the event being provided to police. The council decided to grant the Temporary Event Notice regardless of the concerns raised by police. If this Temporary Event Notice had not been granted, I don't believe I would have had to respond to the disorder that led to my colleague being assaulted.

I exhibit my body worn as my exhibit. Exhibit BRM/01



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