

The Lounge, information from the Crime reports

CRIS 1915585, Shooting - On police arrival there was a large crowd of mostly IC3 male and females who had been in attendance at UNIMIX HOUSE, which is a warehouse which has been rented out for a club night. The event was a foam party which had around 450 people in attendance. On speaking with informants on scene it is believed that, just before police were called, the foam was let off as planned and, as it was being done so, tear gas has been set off by people unknown. After this a fight has broken out and a shot has been fired. From this a fight has ensued between two males, possible Susp1 and Viw1, which has then spilled out onto the street and another shot has been fired. Viw1 has received a bullet wound to the right knee area.

On speaking to Viw1 whilst he was being treated he stated that he was at the venue. He saw a female getting into an argument with a male, believed, Susp1, who has taken exception to this and started a fight, whereby, he has pulled out a gun (unknown what type, colour or size) and shot him in the left. He continued stating that he was lying on the floor screaming and a female in a car has helped him by taking him to the hospital. Viw2, who was heavily intoxicated, stated that further to this, there was another IC3 male, Susp2, who was also present and in possession of a handgun although it is not clear what he has done.

Since the expedited review on the 3rd July 2014 the following has been entered by the investigating officer following the interview with Mark Smart :

He is in the process of refurbishing the premises having obtained a licence to open as a restaurant / café. He was approached by Wissy who was looking for a venue for a beach / foam party. SMART states that was led to believe that the party would be attended by about 300 people. Wissy paid him £2,500 for the venue. Wissy provided everything else (entertainment, alcohol, staff & security). Based on the expected numbers SMART was content that 10 security staff and 2 dogs would be sufficient. He stipulated that everyone was to be searched upon entry and this was to be done via the side entrance to enable a more effective queuing / searching process.

SMART states that a great deal more people than expected starting arriving at the venue and the security became overwhelmed. A number of people entered the club without being searched (& paying). He considered closing the party down but decided that this would lead to more problems. By about 2:30am the club was full and the situation outside was calm. He estimates that there were 600-700 people inside the venue.

SMART spent the majority of time sitting outside. At approx 3am people started banging on the front shutters from the inside. He went inside where people were screaming and choking. People were shouting that tear gas had been let off. He opened the shutters and people started spilling out into Abbey Road. The music

continued and people returned inside. SMART remained in the front bar area. Approx 10 mins later there was another rush of people into the bar area from the dancefloor. People were shouting that there had been gunshots. SMART opened the shutters again and people ran out into the street again. He waited around before introducing himself to Police.

The following has also been entered by the investigating officer following an interview with DJ Wissy Wassy:

He has been organising an annual "foam" party for the last 5 years. Originally he had planned to hold the event at Crystals Nightclub, Wembley. He cancelled this venue as they were restricted to allow 600 people in. Wissy was expecting approx 900 and had sold 400 advance tickets.

He then met the licensee - Mark, whom he knows from the Harlesden area, who offered him his venue for £3k. Restrictions on capacity were apparently not discussed. The security was organised by a man he has used before. 15 staff were requested who were instructed to search everyone on entry.

(Wissy has provided some details of other staff, DJs, Foam, Bar staff etc however, further details are awaited).

People started arriving at about 11pm. Wissy wanted to use the front doors, but states it was the licensee's decision to use the side entrance. Wissy had concerns about this as it seemed to him that it would be easy for people to jump over / pass items over the wall between the search area and the door into the venue.

At about 2:20am the foam machine starts and Wissy starts spraying CO2 from the stage. About 5 mins later people start running & shouting & covering their noses. At this point Wissy said he stopped the party and opened the front shutters to let people out.

He states that at about 2:50am most people had left the club when he heard 2-3 gunshots come from outside and people started running back into the club. He heard people calling the Police and waited till they arrived. He then went home. He says that he was not aware of anyone getting hurt until a friend told him later that morning.

CRIS 1915583/14, GBH - On approach VIW1 was lying on the pavement seemingly unconscious. 619QK discovered that although unconscious, he was responsive. He was lying in a recovery position of sorts which his friends (the other VIW's) had put him in. He had a laceration to his right arm and there was blood all over the pavement and his clothes. I bandaged up the arm and then found a small open wound on the back of his head, in line with blunt force trauma. Witness account obtained which states that that he had a good view of the assault as 5 males punched and attacked the victim with bottles before kicking him in the head while he was on the ground. He is available and willing to provide a statement.

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1612,1613,1627,1619,1668,1667,1674,1678,1681,1691,1707,1708,1710,1730,1
774,1837,1892,1948,2069 and 2839 all refer to this incident through the 999
system.