

WITNESS STATEMENT

(CJ Act 1967, s.9; MC Act 1980, ss.5A(3)(a) and 5B; MC Rules 1981, r.70)

Statement of PC368QK Michael Sullivan..... URN:

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Age if under 18 **Over 18**..... (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: **Police Officer 220776**.....

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 that, 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: 26th August 2015.....

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded (supply witness details on rear)

I am Police Constable 368QK Michael Sullivan; I am currently attached to the Brent Licensing team.

On Wednesday 26th August 2015 I was conducting enquiries into an incident that took place on the 23/08/2015 at the Gwalia Workingmens Club, 99 club Manor Park Road, Harlesden NW10, where police were called to a large disturbance of people fighting.

Police received three separate calls regarding the fight which by this time had spilled outside onto the pavement, CADS 755, 758 and 767 refer, these calls were received between 01.12 and 01.13 hours, on police arrival they were greeted by a large group of travellers who were mostly very intoxicated, one male was found with blood coming from a head wound but refused to tell officers how he had got his injuries and he also refused any medical treatment. People within the group informed officers that they had attended a function that had been held inside the Gwalia club and trouble started inside and ended up with people fighting outside as the function was ending. No arrests were made as no one wanted to make any allegations of any offence, and police removed one of the fighting groups away from the area to prevent any further disturbance.

I called the Chairman of the Gwalia club, Mr Brian Simmons to ask him what had happened and to ask him why no Temporary Event Notice had been submitted for the event, on speaking to him he stated that there was no function at the club on that night and that the only people inside the club were members, I explained to him that I was aware that an event had taken place, to which he replied 'whoever told you that is lying' I then asked him if he could supply me with a copy of the clubs CCTV for that night, to which he said ' its there if you want it I don't know how to work the CCTV and won't be at the club tonight' he then hung up.

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I then phoned the people who had called police on the night to see if they could give me any further information as to what happened.

I spoke to a female who wanted to remain anonymous as she is a local resident and feared for her safety, she stated that she was woken from her sleep by the noise, when she looked out of her window she saw a large group fighting and one male on the floor with lots of blood coming from his head, she stated that this was a regular occurrence and that this was about the fifth time this year she had witnessed large groups of people fighting outside the club, but this time she called police as this fight seemed more serious than the ones before. I then called another one of the callers and explained to her why I was calling, she stated to me that she called police when the fight started and that it was her engagement party which was being held at the Gwalia Club, she went on to say that her mother had booked the club and had put down a £500 deposit on the venue to cover any damage caused, which they had not got back, she went on to state that near the end of the night a fight started between people in her group and a few things got smashed, the fight continued outside the Club and she feared for the safety of some of her group as there were children present.

The third caller was spoken too and stated she was passing by and saw a large group of people fighting and called the police, she did not know the area and could not really give me anymore information.

PC Hayes has also provided me with a statement as he was one of the officers that attended the venue; he clearly states in his statement that he saw people that were involved in the disturbance going in and out of the Gwalia Club, and people involved in the incident had told him that they had been in the club for an function.

Signature: Signature witnessed by:

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(when completed)

Home address:

Postcode:

Home telephone number Work telephone number

Mobile/pager number Email address:

Preferred means of contact:

Male / ~~Female~~ (delete as applicable) Date and place of birth:

Former name: Height: Ethnicity Code:

Dates of witness non-availability

Witness care

- a) Is the witness willing and likely to attend court? Yes / No. If 'No', include reason(s) on MG6. What can be done to ensure attendance?
- b) Does the witness require 'special measures' as a vulnerable or intimidated witness? Yes / No. If 'Yes' submit MG2 with file.
- c) Does the witness have any specific care needs? Yes / No. If 'Yes' what are they? (Healthcare, childcare, transport, disability, language difficulties, visually impaired, restricted mobility or other concerns?)

Witness Consent (for witness completion)

- a) The criminal justice process and Victim Personal Statement scheme (victims only) has been explained to me Yes No
- b) I have been given the leaflet 'Giving a witness statement to police — what happens next?' Yes No
- c) I consent to police having access to my medical records in relation to this matter: Yes No N/A
- d) I consent to my medical record in relation to this matter being disclosed to the defence: Yes No N/A
- e) I consent to the statement being disclosed for the purposes of civil proceedings e.g. child care proceedings (if applicable) Yes No N/A
- f) The information recorded above will be disclosed to the Witness Service so they can offer help and support, unless you ask them not to. Tick this box to decline their services:

Signature of witness:

Statement taken by (print name): **PC 368QK 220776 MICHAEL SULLIVAN**

Station: **HARLESDEN**

Time and place statement taken:

Signature of witness: