

WITNESS STATEMENT

CJ Act 1967, s.9; MC Act 1980, ss.5A(3)(a) and 5B; Criminal Procedure Rules 2005, Rule 27.1

Statement of Michael Sullivan URN: [] [] [] []

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

This statement (consisting of: 4..... 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.

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I am a Police Constable of nearly 14 years' experience, all of which I have worked on the London Borough of Brent, I am currently attached to the licensing unit for the Borough, I have been authorised via a delegated authority to represent the Borough Commander of the London Borough of Brent and for the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police Service to act on Licensing matters.

I am making this statement in relation to a Temporary Event Notice (TEN) submitted to Brent Council from a Mr Jignesh Brahmhatt the manager of the venue, Masti night club 576-582 High Road, Wembley, HA0 2AA, for an Easter Party on the 2nd April 2018 between Midnight and 08.00 hours.

On the 31st January 2018 I made representations against the TEN being allowed to go ahead, due to numerous incidents of assaults at the venue over the few months, some involving drunkenness.

Mr Jignesh Brahmhatt has responded to the representations stating that some of incidents are not related to the club and the other incidents did not involve drunkenness.

I will detail each crime mentioned and the relevant parts of the reports where it refers to being linked to the club and drunkenness.

Below is extracts from the crime reports and are not verbatim

Crime 1925514/17 date 08/10/2017

Victim account. The victim, (VIW1) was inside the MASTI nightclub with a friend and 2 females. He stated that they were waiting outside the club on Lancelot Road, when 2 males approached them (believed to be from Savannah Lounge) and asked them if they had a cigarette Lighter. An argument has then occurred between them and the SUS have then allegedly gone back towards the Savannah lounge and sought some more friends, before

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returning. The SUS and friends have then descended on the victim's Car and started smashing the windows and assault

(Masti doorman statement)

Stated that the Male Victim, his male friend and two females were asked to leave Masti club due to intoxication. They then went along. They then went along Lancelot Road to Victims Car. xxxxxx states that the group were yelling abuse at all passers-by and were told on a number of occasions to leave, but continued to be rowdy. xxxxx States that Victim was the aggressor in what was to follow.

He stated that two males came out of the Savannah lounge and an altercation occurred between the two groups. Xxxxx stated that The Victim then went into his car and picked up some sort of metal pole and went after the males. The Males (believed to be suspects) then went back to Savannah lounge and sought friends, who then all returned and set on the Victim and his car.

Mr Jignesh Brahmabhatt response to this incident is that it took place outside the club with third parties who were not Masti patrons.

The incident clearly involved drunk ejected patrons from his club that were abusive.

Crime: 1928362/17 date 05/11/2017

Victims 1, 2 attended venue a club in WEMBLEY Saturday 4th November. They both left together at 0230 hours 5th November 2017.

As the pair walked out and around the corner they saw a group of approximately 5 to 6 Asian males walk towards them. Suspect 1 from the group started punching victim 1 in the face with his fist. Victim 2 tried to pull victim 1 away and then he was punched too in the face by suspect 2 from the group.

Both males did not see any weapons believe they were punched in the face using a closed fist.

victims believe the males were in the club too, they weren't anyone they had seen before and do not believe they had an problems with them in the club.

Suspects did not say anything to Victims when they were approached.

Both victims fell to the ground after they were punched and felt they were being kicked in the ribs.

They then were unable to see clearly and remember staff from the club helping them up and taking them into the club and giving them water.

Victims were shown ID images of possible suspects by club staff who scan ID of everyone that comes in.

Victims told police they were very frightened and confused.

Victim 2 told officer that when taken back inside the club by the bouncers, he identified the suspects on CCTV. CCTV has been viewed. It shows the fight inside the club but not outside.

I think there has been some confusion around this. After speaking to the victim 2 he states the Suspects were involved in a fight inside the club. The same suspects have been thrown out and then attacked them in an unprovoked and unrelated assault.

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Mr Jignesh Brahmhatt response to this incident is that it took place outside the club with third parties who were not Masti patrons.

Again it is clear that the victims and suspects had come from the club.

Crime 1931668/17 date 10/11/12/2018

On SUNDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2017 at approximately 0100hours, XXXXX was in MASTI night club with his wife, XXXX, when he was dancing on the dance floor. Both the suspects were dancing with xxxxx but xxxxxx did not like this and tried to step in between them whilst they were doing this. This did not work and the suspects have continued dancing close to the victim and they have then pushed xxxxx turban off of his head.

Upon arrival, xxxxxx appeared very intoxicated and was very angry, and initially refused to leave the scene after police advised him to, as he was trying to get back into MASTI club to see if the suspects were there. Prior to police arrival, xxxxxxxx was removed from the night club by the security staff due to his aggressive behaviour after the incident took place.

The security staff were spoken to and both the suspects had left the scene prior to police arrival, direction of travel unknown.

xxxxxx and xxxxxxxx were both under the influence of alcohol, and it was not suitable to take any further details from them.

Police were unable to gain any further descriptions of the suspects from xxxx or xxxxxxxx due to them both being under the influence of alcohol. xxxxxx was also angry at the scene and initially would not listen to advice from police in relation to leaving the venue due to his aggressive behaviour. At this time the suspect's details are not known, and the suspect does not know who the suspects are.

Mr Jignesh Brahmhatt response to this incident is - With reference to the 11.12.17 incident the couple were part of a larger group but none of the bar persons recall them as being intoxicated otherwise a refusal would have been conducted and logged as per our policy.

The crime report clearly states that both were intoxicated and were unable to give police a clear account due to being drunk.

Crime 1900527/18 date 07/01/2018

xxxxx states that she was dancing on the dance floor of MASTI when SUSP came up to her and started grinding on her. xxxxx has pushed SUSP away to which SUSP has said "Who do you think you are, you're not some Asian Princess".

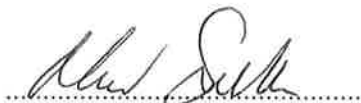
SUSP has then grabbed xxxxxx around the neck and dug her nails in. xxxxxxxx has pushed SUSP off where she has then grabbed xxxxxxxx by the hair and pulled it. At this point security have intervened and separated them.

While being separated xxxxx has thrown a plastic cup at one of the security causing his nose to bleed. This has resulted in her being arrested.

Mr Jignesh Brahmhatt response to this incident is - 07.01.18 - the altercation was not attributable to drunkenness.

I have viewed the police Body Worn Video footage of one of the suspects for this incident and she appears to be

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very drunk or under the influence of drugs.

Crime 1901248/18 date 14/01/2018

Victim called police today stating that in the early hours of Sunday Morning she had been at the location. A female approached her asking if she liked anyone in the bar. She said she didn't, she was with a friend. The female asked her again and the victim asked her to leave her alone.

A bouncer, suspect 1 then approached the victim and this female and the female said that victim had been horrible to her. The suspect then pushed the victim to the dance floor using both hands on her.

This caused a commotion of the dance floor and the victim is then taken outside by other bouncers. The victim explained what had happened to the owner of the premises who said that the suspect will be getting the sack due to his actions.

Victim states that suspect once asked her out and victim refused. She feels that ever since then he hasn't been nice to her each time she has attended.

Police have attended the venue and seized CCTV from the duty manager xxxx who has also emailed a copy of the incident report made on the night. The manager has also told police that the bouncer is trying to obtain a copy of his body worn camera footage which shows victim outside the club once ejected being loud and rude towards staff.

Police have called victim and asked her to confirm her version of events which she is had an argument with a male, and was then pushed for no reason by a security guard before leaving and going home. I have explained that this is not what is seen on CCTV and she has said she was drunk and could have possibly mistaken her version of events.

Mr Jignesh Brahmhatt response to this incident is - female customer was inadvertently pushed to the ground by a male customer who was trying to stop an argument between her and another female.

The victim in this crime has stated that she was drunk and might have mistaken her version of her events.

It is clear from the above that there is an element of drunkenness involved in all but one of these violent incidents, It is my opinion that if this TEN is allowed to happen the club is unlikely to uphold the licensing objectives as drunkenness is currently a problem associated with this venue.

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