

WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27. 2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B

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Statement of: PC Michael Walsh 4254 AW

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

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.

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Date: 26/09/2024

This statement is in reference to an allegation of grievous bodily harm which I assisted in reporting on Sat 31/08/2024 at MCGETTIGAN'S public house on Fulham Broadway in the Fulham area, SW6.

In this statement I make reference to myself, my colleague PC BUDDING and several members of staff whom I dealt with whilst taking details for the report of assault. I am PC WALSH 4254 AW. I have worked as a police constable on the borough of Hammersmith and Fulham in the Metropolitan Police Service since 15/02/2015. On Saturday 31/08/2024 I was on patrol in full uniform in a marked police vehicle assigned to the call sign of A105 N. I was accompanied by my colleague PC BUDDING. We were working out of Hammersmith Police station on a night duty shift from 2200 Hrs on 31/08/2024 until 0700 Hrs on 01/09/2024 on emergency response police team D.

At approximately 2334 Hrs on 31/08/2024 a call was circulated to MCGETTIGAN'S BAR at 1 Fulham Broadway in Fulham, SW6. The remarks on the call were that there were apparently Fifteen to Twenty (15-20) individuals fighting at the location. The call was graded as "I" for immediate response due to the remarks of violence being used at the incident location. I assigned myself to the call and arrived at the property shortly afterwards. Upon arriving at the location I could see that an ambulance had also just turned up on scene. I could also see a large group of individuals gathering outside of the bar. It appeared to me as though the group all knew each other, suggesting that they had possibly been at a private event at the bar. As I got out of my vehicle I was approached at the front door to the venue by a male who appeared to be working as door staff at the bar on this date. When I informed this member of staff that I had been called to the bar for reports of a fight he stated to me clearly words to the effect of "NO, THERE HAS BEEN NO FIGHT HEAR TONIGHT. THERE IS A LADY WHO HAS HAD A FIT. THAT'S ALL. WE ONLY NEED THE AMBULANCE".

Due to the information I was given by this member of staff I was led to believe that the matter was a medical matter and there was no criminal element. Myself and PC BUDDING have then left the area. We had only got a short distance away from the incident location when we were informed over the main radio channel that the paramedics on scene had apparently been told by staff that the female they were treating had in fact been assaulted and was currently not responsive. I have then returned to the location. Upon arriving again at the bar PC BUDDING has gone in to the back of the ambulance to gather information about the nature of the injuries to the female being treated. I approached the front door to the venue

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and was again approached by a member of staff. This time however it was a different member of staff to the initial one that I spoke to. This male identified himself to me as a Mr [REDACTED] and stated that he was in charge of the door staff at the venue for this date. This male clearly stated to me immediately that the injured female had been assaulted by being hit on the head with a glass whilst she was dancing on the dance floor area of the bar. This female had apparently then sat down for approximately Ten to Fifteen (10-15) minutes before slumping over and having what appeared to be a seizure, at which point emergency services were then apparently called. When asked why this information was not given to officers when we initially attended the venue Mr [REDACTED] could not give me a clear answer. PC BUDDING has then accompanied the injured female in the ambulance on route to hospital for treatment and assessment to her injuries whilst I have remained on scene at the bar in order to set up a crime scene, view CCTV and attempt to take witness details in order to report the alleged assault fully.

I recorded my interaction with Mr [REDACTED] upon returning to the venue on my body worn camera and exhibit this footage as MJW01.

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