

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: Robert Van Thal

Age if under 18: O18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: Police Sergeant

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: [Redacted] Date: 20.02.2022

On Tuesday 15th February 2022 I was flagged down by the victim of an assault on The High Road N17 in relation to CAD 238/15.

I was the supervisor in attendance in the company of the ND Inspector- A/Insp Scott.

The victim flagged me down on Tottenham High Road, a short distance from CLASIC RESTRAUNT 502- 508 HIGHR ROAD N17 9JF- his injury was severe with his cheek hanging off and exposing the underlying structures. Enquiries were made at the venue, initially door staff were obstructive and would not grant access, but after a stern warning they reluctantly allowed us in. They claimed that their CCTV system was not installed/ functioning and denied that there had been any altercation. It was noted that the victim had been using a distinctive red napkin to dress his wound, which was identical to those used on the dining tables inside the venue.

I was aware of an earlier CAD in relation to an unlicensed event that was dealt with by SNT.

I spoke to a male claiming to be the venue manager
Allen MANDCHE

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He was initially not very helpful and denied that the incident took place, and it was he who explained that there was no operational CCTV. I was shown some sort of paperwork which appeared to be an application for temporary event licence but there was nothing to suggest that this had been endorsed.

I spoke to one of the security staff who was very evasive, but once I had taken the details from his SIS ID he disclosed that he had been on the door when a male with a facial injury had exited the venue, suggesting that the assault had occurred inside. Upon check the male toilets I noted that the floor had been freshly mopped.

The security officer stated that he was not the supervisor and had not been responsible for checking that the CCTV and fire escapes prior to the event. At no point did any supervisor make himself known to any officer present.

The security officer was

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SIS NUMBER 1011419647917624

Mr MANDCHE said that he would provide CID with the security supervisor's details when they made subsequent contact with him. I questioned Mr MANDICHE about a white CCTV camera at the front of the

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premises which had a red infra-red light on it suggesting that it was active. He denied knowing who owned the camera despite its cable leading directly to his venue, 30 seconds after pointing it out to him, the camera looked as though it had been turned off.

There appeared to be mass consumption of alcohol at the premises, which an abundance of 'empties' although I did not witness any being sold there.

Both myself and Insp Scott were wearing BWV during our visit which should be attached to the GBH CRIS 2803921/22

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