

STATEMENT OF WITNESS*(Criminal Procedure Rules, r. 16.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9)*

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Statement of: Constable Ellis West

Age if under 18: Over 18

Occupation: Police officer

This statement 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.

Signature: 

Date: 30 Oct 2023

I have recorded my attendance to this incident on my Body Worn Video camera. The footage of which I exhibit EAW/01.

I have not viewed this prior to writing this statement.

On 16 SEPT 2023 I was on duty in police uniform attach to NA50N with PC 1367NA. This is a marked van. NA50N were assigned to CAD 1504 at CONNECT BAR AND RESTAURANT, N8 to reports of 20 males fighting.

Myself and PC 1367NA arrived at 0506HRS to a group of males standing outside the venue and as we arrived, there were multiple people entering the CONNECT BAR AND RESTAURANT as well as leaving. There was a large crowd of males being aggressive and hostile towards us as we arrived so more units were called to assist due to the mass amount of males and only myself and another officer. The males were seen pushing each other and shouting before we exited the vehicle and as we exited, they dispersed with some males going back inside the bar and others walking away from the scene. Further units attended and a colleague alerted me to the fact that there were TWO (2) machetes on the pavement which had been discarded. I moved the machetes into a police vehicle to prevent further harm and to secure evidence. As myself and other officers were working on dispersing the crowd, a fight broke out between two women who had just left the venue. They began fighting and as officers attempted to separate them, bottles were being thrown and glasses were smashed as people from the venue were drinking outside on the pavements as well as leaving the venue with glasses and bottles in their hands. I then arrested a female and my colleague arrested another female for the affray and NA2N contacted NA400N to authorise a dispersal order due to the amount of people outside the venue to maintain public safety control. People continued to leave the venue throughout the time I was at the location and it was unsure how many people were still inside. The music was still playing and members of public were drinking from glasses and bottles outside on the pavement and then re-entering the venue throughout the incident. A dispersal order was then authorised by NA400N and officers at the scene began dispersing the crowd to prevent further harm and manage public safety.

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Signature Witnessed by: