

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 **PS MORRIS 364NA** URN:

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Age if under 18 **Over 18**..... (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: **Police Officer 229502**

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: **PS MORRIS 364NA**..... Date: **23/04/2025**.....

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

This statement is in relation to Cad: 181/18Mar 2025 and CAD: 8217/17Mar 2025. This statement is written some 4 weeks after the incident, and as such the information provided is to the best of my recollection.

On Monday 17th March 2025 I was the Duty Officer for NAS covering the period of 2200hrs – 0700hrs, call sign NA2nights. At approximately 2345hrs I was out on single patrol in a marked police vehicle, when I responded to a call at Hornsey Tavern, 26 High Street N8 (now commonly known as “The North Eight Pub”). The initial remarks on the CAD stated that, there was a lot of fighting at the pub and security can’t cope, with 70+ travellers inside the location. Whilst travelling to the location I heard NA10, the section sergeant request for commissioner’s reserves to assist. I was hesitant to approve this request until such times as I had attended and assessed this situation, and as such asked them to hold off on the request.

On arriving on scene I initially noticed around 8 -10 males around 17-20 years of age stood in a side road next to the pub, and there were two security staff stood at the front door and one other male. There was no fight taking place, and no disturbance. I was approached by a male who identified himself as the licensee of the PH, who’s name I do not recall. He explained to me that the police had been called in haste and that the young males outside had been trying to get in, but due to the time and the amount of people already inside they had been refused access, he was adamant that police were not required and that the persons inside were all under control and there was no disturbance. I was advised that they had stopped serving alcohol and that they were turning the music off. I spoke with the males outside the pub, who had clearly been drinking, and all were trying to convince me to let them into the pub, telling me that their mums or dads were inside. I explained they were not going in, and this appeared to be accepted by the group who moved aside. At this point several other units arrived on scene. I made the decision to quickly pull all but one unit away from the pub. As I felt a heavy police present would only exasperate the situation, which appeared under control.

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Continuation of Statement of **PC MORRIS 365YR**.....

Around one (1) hour later a second call was circulated over the radio – CAD: 181/18 refers. This was to reports of a large scale fight at the location with reports of someone hit in face with a bottle, and security staff having been assaulted and “men punching woman”. I again attended the scene with multiple other units, and made my way into the pub. There were approximately 30/40 persons inside there was a lot of commotion and shouting, but there was no fight taking place, no persons injured. The main commotion appeared to be coming from the back of the pub, where there were two drunk males leaning over tables shouting and swearing at each other, and several other drunk males and females trying to calm them down. The pub, was a mess there were open cans of beer everywhere, drink spilt all over the floor, and several persons vaping and smoking inside. The staff appeared to have no control of the situation and the security staff were just stood at the door, along with other staff members. I made the decision to remove all drinks from the persons inside and remove them all from the premises. All officers began removing drinks, there was some push back from the group, and one person had to be forcefully removed by police. Eventually all drinks were removed and all persons were taken outside of the premises slowing for the staff to lock the doors. I spoke at length with the manger, advising him that we could have avoided this incident had he been truthful an hour earlier when police had arrived. The group spilled out on the Street outside, where there were again pockets of arguments from different groups, although nothing that amounted to any substantial offences. Police remained on scene for approximately another half hour, speaking to the groups and advising them to order taxis’s etc. I then made the decision once again to pull all units away, apart from one who I asked to sit up opposite the pub to monitor the situation.

This was a busy night shift on a busy day of the year, this incident caused massive disruption to police resourcing, due to the staff and security being unable to handle their customers, and allowing the incident to escalate after polices first attendance.

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Signature witnessed by: