

## WITNESS STATEMENT

**Criminal Procedure Rules, r 16. 2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B**

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Statement of: P218666

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

This statement (consisting of                      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: 27/03/25

On MONDAY 17<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2025 I was on duty in full uniform posted as NA11N. At approximately 2325hrs we received a call to NORTH EIGHT public house where the caller stated there was allot of fighting at location and the security couldn't handle it and that it was Irish travellers fighting. There were also people forcing their way into the pub and there were only 2 security staff on the door. CAD 8217/17MAR25 refers.

As I was making my way to the location the CAD was updated that there were approximately 70-80 of them inside fighting. A request was made for TSG support as this number was not in the capability of local units.

I arrived on scene and I heard NA2N update on the radio that TSG could cancel and that the pub manager was happy for the group to remain at location so we all left the location.

At approximately 0040 we received another call from the location from Sharon Kearns stating one of their staff had been assaulted and that there were men and women fighting at location. CAD 181/18MAR25 Refers.

As I was making my way to the location I heard APS GODFREY, who was at the location, ask for any available units to the location. I arrived on scene and made my way inside the pub. There was approximately 30-40 men and women inside the premises. I walked towards the rear of the pub where I saw men in green shirts fighting each other and officers trying to break up the fighting. The tables were full of empty and half full glasses of alcohol along with many bottles of beer. The group were very drunk. Some were unable to stand unaided while other were slurring their words when speaking to police and each other and had to be helped off the premises by officers.

I started clearing the tables which were full of empty glasses and bottles and started shouting for them all to leave. As I was putting glasses on the bar a male next to me lit up a cigarette, I told him he wasn't allowed smoke on the premises to which he told me he had been given permission to smoke. I told the male to put the cigarette out and leave the premises immediately. There was a male next to him vaping. He was also told to leave the premises immediately. As I walked towards the front of the bar area trying to clear the pub there was a male stood next to the manager. I told the male to leave to which he informed me that he was friends with the manager and didn't have to leave. I told him the pub was closed and it was time to leave. Eventually the pub was cleared but the group had now spilled out onto the street and side road causing a disturbance to local residence. They

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were fighting amongst each other refusing to leave the area. I noticed while police were dealing with this group of people the pub manager and 2 other females get into a car and leave the pub, leaving police to deal with the group. We left one police unit at location to ensure the group left.

On 18<sup>th</sup> march I was NA10N so I was in charge of the CAD. I started work at 2200hours and almost immediately a call was made for more units to the vicinity of NORTH EIGHT for the same group of people on the street causing a disturbance. Officers attended and one male was arrested for racially abusing 2 officers. CAD 7605/18 refers

I would describe the group of people inside the pub as both male and female from the Irish travelling community. The pub itself was in a complete state of disarray and the staff and manager did not appear to be doing anything to remove these people from the premises. I believe there were 2 SIA security on the door on 17<sup>th</sup>

I have viewed my bodworn prior to writing this statement and I exhibit it as SMC/1

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