

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: Ian Clements PC 2362AS

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

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.

Witness Signature: Date: 03/08/2021

I am Police constable Ian Clements 2362AS. I am a Police Licensing Officer for Southwark Borough, I have been a Police officer for over 28 years and in the role of licensing officer for over 12 years. I have the following statement to make in regard the summary review application for the premises knows as Paseja Primavera 146 Eagle Yard, Hampton Street SE1 6SP.

Police maintain that this premises was operating under its premises licence, and at the time of the incident inside the premises it was operating in breach of the premises licence. The victim is maintaining his original statement that he does not know the suspect and is unwilling to provide Police with a written statement or allow access to his medical records.

Under certain circumstance the Police can proceed with a prosecution without the victims support. As this crime involves a level of injury consistent with grievous bodily harm the police would require access to the victim's medical records to establish the correct charging decision to be made by the crown prosecution service.

The premises licence holder has also been unable to provide us with any details of the other persons inside the premises, this would indicate that they were not staff members and therefore must be members of the public. From what we understand from the initial interim measures hearing the premises licence holder allowed his son to use the premises as he wasn't feeling well. It would appear from the CCTV that he was entertaining and drinking with other members of the public.

After the incident and when the Police arrived on scene the premises were locked and secure. In the absence of any other supporting evidence we must assume the premises licence holder or a key holder attended the premises and locked it up before Police arrival. It would be difficult to believe that this person was unaware a serious incident had taken place inside the premises. The question has to asked why no calls were made from the premises to alert the Police and emergency services that a serious crime and taken place.

The police maintain that this was a deliberate attempt to cover up a serious crime that had occurred on licensed premises, knowing that the premises were operating in breach of the premises licence.

Taking this into consideration, Police say that the premises licence holder is not a suitable person to hold a premises licence, we therefore ask the licensing subcommittee to revoke the premises licence and for the interim measures to remain in place pending the outcome of this review.

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