

WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 16.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s.9

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Occurrence Number: 45230040875

Statement of: PC Tweed 30011

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

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This is a statement in relation to a violent disorder which occurred at the Bowling club in the Old Dean, Camberley. I am a police officer with Surrey Police, and I am based out of Surrey Heath. I was in full uniform at the time. I will exhibit my BWV of this incident as DRT/01. On FRIDAY 14th April 2023 a grade 1 call came out over the radio of a big fight that has broken out at the bowling club at the Old Dean. I attended the incident with PC Mumford. Once on scene I could see and hear a lot of commotion. I have walked towards and asked people what has happened. They have said there was a big fight happening inside and were shouting at me to go in. I have gone towards the building, round to the side where the entrance was. As I was trying to go into the building I was approached by various males shouting at me to go inside as someone was being assaulted. One of the males who I do not know has grabbed me, and shouted for me to go inside. I was about to go in, but I then saw the same males trying to grab and intimidate PC Mumford. I have told the males that I will not be going inside until they stop doing that to PC Mumford, as I wasn't going to leave my colleague in a vulnerable position. They have then stopped and I have gone inside. There was a delay getting through the door getting in as there was a code. Once through the door I have gone in. I could see quite a lot of broken glass on the floor. There were various people arguing inside the building. I have approached various people that I could see that had injuries. There was a male that I do not know, had a cut to the side of his head. I asked him if he was OK and if he wanted any medical attention. He replied that he didn't. I have then tried to speak to various people to try and work out what has actually happened. No one was very forthcoming and not giving any information as to what has happened or who was involved. I have then worked out who the woman was that was mentioned on the CAD, that had potentially been knocked out. She gave me her name as [REDACTED] I checked on her welfare and she told me she seemed OK but felt a bit dizzy. A paramedic started talking to her to see how she was. I think looking at the CCTV afterwards she was knocked down in the melee of various people arguing. I have tried to approach various other males to see if they were OK, and if they wanted to give their details. They declined as expected. I do not know any of these people, as I have not dealt with them before.

Signature: 

Date: 14/04/2023

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POLICE STATEMENT**Criminal Procedure Rules, r 16.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s.9**

NICHE Ref No: 45230040875

Statement of: 41705, TOBY BENSON

Age (if under 18): N/A

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 of Witness:



Date: 20-04-2023

I am PC 41705 BENSON, I am a serving SURREY Police officer operating out the CAMBERLEY COUNCIL OFFICES as part of the neighbourhood policing team. I have been on duty under the callsign SH70 alongside PC 41484 PERRY. We have been on marked vehicle patrol in uniform. We have responded to calls that a large fight of at least 30 people was occurring at the OLD DEAN BOWLING CLUB on WIMBLEDON ROAD.

The BOWLING CLUB is a public drinking clubhouse, which is predominantly a members-only establishment. It is based off a residential road and overlooked by large residential flats. The club is made up of one central room approximately 25 meters long its made up of one central room approximately 25 meters in length and 5 meters wide. In order to get into the room you, normally you would have to get through an electric buzzer door. There is a bar at the far left of the room and a back storage room if looking at the room from the entrance.

I have responded to the radio request as I have been in fairly close proximity to the location. I have been at the location within 2-3 minutes of the original callout. I have parked up and headed towards the BOWLING CLUB, this has been at 2255HRS. I have heard numerous screams, shouts and smashing glasses coming from the building. Around 5 people have been running from the building or sat down nearby crying or with injuries. A woman has been holding another female up partially as I have walked towards the door, she has shouted "YOU NEED TO GO IN THERE NOW". A male has said something similar next to another female in a vehicle shouting, "DON'T GO, YOU'LL BE LAMBS TO THE SLAUGHTER".

I have entered the building itself. Around 30 - 40 people have been inside. Numerous people have been injured, mostly with head injuries, either from bruising or small cuts, indicative of people being glassed. I have facilitated calming the crowd, trying to move people away and generally establishing what had occurred. The level of violence and hostility upon entry was something I have never experienced before. I have spoken to members of the bar staff present. They have said that the incident started around 20 minutes after a few of the regulars arrived. last orders had been called and those regular members have gone to queue at the bar. Some of the members of the party who were present, in particular a male with a striped shirt, have taken offence to something and a fight has broken out. The members have said that one of the main instigators was someone called [REDACTED] but they did not know him, only his name.

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I have also taken pictures of the initial booking for the event. I have exhibited this as TB/2. While briefly going outside I heard references made by someone saying, "QUICK GRAB THE CCTV". An officer prevented the secure room containing this from being accessed while there was still violence going on, however, along with the establishment chairman, I have taken a copy of the CCTV from the building's cameras. The CCTV shows the fight in its entirety. I exhibit this as well.

I produce as my exhibits:

- TB/1 – Body Worn Video
- TB/2 – initial booking confirmation
- TB/CCTV/01 – CCTV including

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Statement of: DANIEL PERRY

Age if under 18: Over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: Police Constable

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Signature:  #P4541484 PERRY, D.

Date: 22/05/2023 15:37

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This statement relates to an incident I attended at the OLD DEAN BOWLS CLUB, CAMBERLEY on FRIDAY 14TH APRIL 2023.

I was in uniform and crewed with PC BENSON when we were deployed by our control room at approximately 22:45hrs to attend a fight in progress which was occurring at the OLD DEAN BOWLS CLUB in CAMBERLEY.

On arrival we were met with a large quantity of public who were leaving the venue. The first interaction I had with a female who was leaving was warning me and PC BENSON to stay out of the venue as 'IT IS FUCKING CARNAGE IN THERE'. She genuinely seemed concerned that me and PC BENSON were on our own with a fight going inside involving multiple people.

Further information came out over the air which stated that there was possibly an unconscious person inside the venue which in my opinion increased the need to enter the venue to ascertain the safety of that individual. As PC BENSON and I entered the venue, there were multiple males at the bar area shouting and swearing. I noticed a male at the back of the venue sat on a chair receiving medical attention for what appeared to be a large head wound. My obvious concern was the welfare of him so I went straight towards him and commenced first aid. Due to the amount of blood I was concerned that the injury could be life threatening. Paramedics arrived a short while later and took over the first aid.

At this point the fighting had stopped however there were still a large number of intoxicated persons inside the venue which were refusing to leave the venue. More officers attended at assisted with the incident.

It was evident that there were a large number of persons who did not like police and I received many verbal gestures which were unpleasant. There were smashed glasses everywhere, blood on the carpet and broken chairs and tables spread across the venue.

There were only a small amount of staff at the venue who clearly could not handle the sheer volume of people inside the venue. There were no security present.

It was evident from the amount of debris inside the scene that large scale violence had occurred which was also replicated with the injuries sustained.

