

WITNESS STATEMENT

CJ Act 1967, s.9; MC Act 1980, ss.5A(3) (a) and 5B; Criminal Procedure Rules 2005, Rule 27.1

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Statement of: Maria Ord.....

Age if under 18: Over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: Sergeant 1305

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.

Signature:

Date: 15th November 2021

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

Further to my original statement dated 8th October 2021 regarding the Jungle bar, there have been a further 5 recorded incidents at the premises since. I will detail those as follows:-

9/10/21 – FWIN 0119 – Report stating that Stanley Johnston was inside the premises at the time and this was in breach of his pub watch ban. Cameras have confirmed when he left the building and was standing at the front of the premises.

11/10/21 – FWIN 0042 - Report of a S47 Assault on a female by a member of door staff. The female received hospital treatment but refused to assist with a prosecution despite some of the incident being captured on CCTV. Civic Centre Cameras also reported the same incident to Police stating door staff were being overly aggressive with the female.

16/10/21 – FWIN 116 – Report of Assault. Police attended the Jungle Bar after a call from the Ambulance service reported they were attending to a male who was unconscious in the street. This was a result of 2 males being ejected from the Jungle Bar. CCTV from the Civic centre camera's shows victim 1 being thrown to the ground on ejection by door staff into the railing outside the venue, the victim then gets back to his feet and approaches the entrance before being thrown again to the ground. A short time later another male who is a friend of victim 1 is ejected and is thrown directly into the lamp post outside the venue causing substantial injuries to his face. Victim 1 is then further assaulted by a unknown male outside the venue and knocked unconscious, the door staff fail in their duty to assist with any first aid and are seen hugging the male who committed the assault. The incident was not reported by the Jungle Bar, staff from a nearby premise called the ambulance.

I attended the premises on behalf of the OIC in an attempt to obtain the CCTV and details of the door staff involved. As part of this visit I checked the incident book inside the premises and confirmed there were no entries of incidents which had occurred since 7th August 2021. The officer investigating had been unsuccessful in obtaining CCTV despite numerous attempts to contact the bar.

18/10/21 – FWIN 93 – Report of a large scale disturbance outside of the venue which had been observed by cameras. A victim was assaulted, receiving S47 injuries. The victim refused to assist with a prosecution.

06/11/21 – FWIN 160 – Report of theft of a mobile phone, this was taken from the female's bag inside the premise.

Between the dates of 9th October 2021 and 13th November 2021 there have been 7 licensed visits to the premises and a number of events have occurred. I will detail those in date order as follows:-

9th October 2021 – Jade Mulley was present as manager at the premises and CCTV was recording as per the conditions of the licence. Mark Morrison was not at the venue. During the visit evidence was found of cocaine drug use in both the male and female toilets.

PC 2631 Sargent has written a statement of her findings in the female toilets and her statement is exhibited to this statement as exhibit MO/ 12.

PC 1553 Stringer has written a statement of his findings in the male toilets and his statement is exhibited to this statement as exhibit MO/ 13.

11th October 2021 – Mark Morrison emailed council licensing to advise he surrendered his position as DPS at Jungle bar. When Mark was spoken to by council licensing he confirmed he had left his role on 3rd October 2021. Jade was subsequently contacted by council licensing and stated she was not aware that he had left. She was advised that she could not trade and agreed the premises would close.

14th October 2021 - I met with both license holders, John Kerr and Paul Rowe regarding the pending review and served them with their bundles of evidence. Paul advised his plan was to remove himself from the license as he has no interest in the business and has not been involved since 2018. John stated he still had a huge financial interest in the business and would subsequently attend the review.

15th October 2021 – An email was received from council licensing to advise they had spoken to Jade Mulley who had informed them that she had appointed a new DPS named Sandra Hesslewood, this was to take immediate effect. Jade had however incorrectly completed the application which had to be submitted by the license holder John Kerr, this was actioned later that day. Both Jade and John confirmed Sandra would take over as the DPS and had previous experience in managing pubs; however neither knew which premises she had worked in. In addition, Jade confirmed that Sandra was fully aware of the situation at the premises.

I spoke with Sandra over the telephone to request a meeting with her regarding her new role as DPS of Jungle Bar. I advised that as the premises were under review we would need a conversation regarding the issues and how she proposed to implement change moving forward. She agreed to meet me early the following week at Southwick Police Station.

16th October 2021 – A licensed visit was carried out to the premises. Jade Mulley was present as manager at the premises and stated the new DPS was Sandra Hesslewood. Sandra was not present at the time of the visit.

19th October 2021 - An email was received by council licensing confirming Sandra Hesslewood had withdrawn from her position as DPS. She stated she did not know and has never met the license holders, John Kerr and Paul Rowe. She stated she did know Jade Mulley who had approached her regarding the role. She advised Jade had said she would only be required for a number of weeks until she had taken her personal license. She was also told this was a new business venture. Sandra was unaware of the issues / ongoing review at Jungle Bar and stated she did not have the time to commit to that type of premises.

Council Licensing spoke to John Kerr who confirmed he was unaware Sandra had left. Jade was also spoken to and unaware Sandra had left. Sandra had however sent me a text message to advise she had updated the management.

Subsequently Jade was made aware that she could not sell alcohol with no DPS at the premises.

A visit confirmed that the premises remained closed on 20th October 2021.

22nd October 2021 – An application was received from John Kerr to vary the DPS back to Mark Morrison with immediate effect; however this form was incorrectly signed.

23rd October 2021 – A license visit was conducted which found the premises closed to the public, however inside the venue was Tony Shipley and an unknown female.

26th October 2021 – A further application was received from John Kerr to vary the DPS to Mark Morrison with immediate effect from this date.

29th October 2021 – A meeting was held with myself, C/Insp Stuart Liddell and Mark Morrison. Also present was Tony Shipley, Mark's step son. Tony Shipley was in attendance due to the fact that the plan with the premise moving forward was for Tony to transfer the License into his name and take an active part in the running the premises. Tony said he had been approached by Jade Mulley to be the license holder but confirmed he had never spoken to the actual license holder, John Kerr. Mark Morrison was asked why he wanted to be DPS at the premises again after he had removed himself 17 days earlier. Mark said he would perform the role of DPS at the premises due to the fact Tony would be involved and felt they could make the relevant changes. Mark was asked what changes he had made at Jungle Bar during his initial period as DPS but was unable to list any specific detail of any improvements which had been implemented. Mark confirmed he could not dedicate any time to the premise for the next 3 weeks due to his wife recuperating from an illness. Mark and Tony were briefly updated with the current situation regarding the review; however this not in detail due to the fact Tony had made no formal application at this point to transfer the licence. Mark confirmed when he originally took over the role as DPS he was unaware of the extent of the issues and had not been given all of the facts.

Later the same day I conducted a licensed visit at the Jungle Bar in company with other members of the City Centre Neighbourhood Team. Mark Morrison was not present. Annaliece Johnston was in charge at the time of the visit and was unable to gain access to the CCTV. Subsequently Jade Mulley and Tony Shipley attended shortly after in order to assist officers.

2nd November 2021 – Council Licensing were informed Northumbria Police would be objecting to the application to vary the DPS to Mark Morrison. It was advised further information would be sent in due course.

7th November 2021 – A licensed visit was conducted by myself and the City Centre Neighbourhood Team. Jade Mulley was present at the time of visit, stating she was the current manager. The DPS, Mark Morrison was not present at the venue. The door staff present was different to the regular company used. The details were obtained of the 2 males present. The first was displaying an SIA badge which expired in 2010. When questioned regarding the date on the badge he stated he had picked the wrong one up. The second male was displaying no SIA badge. Initially he stated he was not there in a capacity of door staff and was the other male's friend. However, when questioned further stated he had a badge; however he had left it in the house. They stated they were both working for MWS SECURITY which was based in Hartlepool. Subsequent enquiries with the SIA revealed neither male held a current SIA badge and the premises had used unlicensed door staff. There was no record found of the Company name given.

Tony Shipley attended the premises and stated he had arranged the new door staff after sacking the previous door provider due to them not meeting the standards required. I advised him regarding the issues with the badges which he said he would sort out with the company. Tony also stated in conversation that he has been discussing the licence transfer with 'Stan' stating if Stan didn't sort it this week he would go directly to John.

In addition following the visit I raised concerns with Environmental Health regarding the general cleanliness and hygiene at the premise. A visit is to be arranged in due course.

10th November 2021 – A meeting was planned at Jungle Bar with Police, Council Licensing, Environmental Health, Mark Morrison and John Kerr. Mark advised council licensing on the morning of the meeting that he was unable to attend due to illness. John Kerr and Paul Rowe were contacted via telephone and also stated they were unable to attend. Paul Rowe also advised he still planned to remove himself as premises licence holder.

12th November 2021 – Council Licensing confirmed they had received an email from Paul Rowe stating he had removed himself as premise licence holder.

13th November 2021 – Licensed visit carried out at the premises. The doors were closed to the general public. Jade Mulley was present inside and advised she was unable to open until door staff arrived. The premises remained closed for the rest of the night.

In summary, I am still of the opinion there are no other options at this stage other than Northumbria Police to review the licence and I fully support a full revocation.

Signature:

Mord 13/11/21

Signature witnessed by: