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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: Darren CRITTEN

Age if under 18: O'18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18')

Occupation: PS 491

This statement (consisting of 1 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: PS 491

(witness)

Date: Monday 1st March 2021

On Saturday 13th February 20121 I was on duty in full Police uniform deployed on Op Flame which is the Covid enforcement operation from 1700hrs on Friday 13th February to 0100hrs on the Saturday 14th March.

At approximately 2000hrs I received a private call through my airwaves from PS 1707 Ames informing me that he had received a phone call from the council to report that there was a group of persons currently in the Mariners Rest Public house.

At approximately 2015hrs I attended the public house which is on the corner of Oxford Street and Albion Street. The lights could clearly be seen visible from the main bar room which faced on to Oxford Street. The bottom half of the large window was frosted, so it was hard to see straight in to the public house without having a ladder to see over the frosted glass.

I was joined minutes later by PC 1379 and PC 2355 and together we checked the perimeter of the premises which was all secure. I tried several times to alert anyone inside the premises by knocking on the double red entrance doors which faced on to Oxford Street, however no-one answered. The only way I was able to see over the frosted glass was to jump up and as I did I counted very quickly about 5 to 6 persons – unknown whether all male or female – and even though I knocked loudly on the glass, still no persons came to the door.

I made the decision to resume and to update the licensing department by email.

At 2213hrs I was called by to the location by the FCR via my airwaves with a report that there was now 30 to 40 persons inside the premises.

At 2232hrs I attended the location and was joined by PC 464 and PC 1352. On this occasion I could hear loud voices coming from the premises and the lights from within the premises were still illuminated. This noise was more apparent to the left hand side of the premises as you look at the front from Oxford Street which appeared to be an annex. I could clearly see numerous males and females from the perimeter gate peering in to this annex, however I didn't recognise anyone.

PC 464 and PC 1352 had gone around the other side of the premises which is opposite the petrol station on Albion Street. A few minutes later, I heard raised voices coming from the other side of the premises where the two officers had walked off towards. I made my way to their location and as I turned left from Oxford Street on to Albion Street, there were numerous persons running from the other side of Mariners Rest. I'd estimate that

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there were approximately 20 persons or even more and a mixture of males and females, however I couldn't recognise anyone as they were running away.

When I made it to the other side of the building, the officers were not in the small car park to the public house, however there was an entrance door open and as I got closer I could see the officers inside. Inside the door it led straight up some stairs directly in front of the door. To the right was another door which was closed and secure. Immediately to the left was another entrance door which led in to a room with beer barrels. Both the officers were in this room with a male who gave his name as; [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was clearly intoxicated as he was slurring his words, he was very unsteady on his feet which was clear to see when he was trying to find the landlords number in his phone, he was swaying side to side and finding it difficult to hold his phone with one hand which would be quite easy to do to a sober person of reasonable firmness. [REDACTED] stated that the landlord; Lee COLLINS had told him to come to the public house and open up.

[REDACTED] tried for about ten minutes to locate and call the landlord on his mobile phone, however he wasn't having any success so I asked him to pass me the number and I tried calling Lee using my Humberside Police issued mobile phone, however when I contacted the number it diverted straight to voicemail.

Therefore I made the decision to secure the public house and have the keys booked in to Grimsby property.

[REDACTED] was then reported for Covid breach by PC 1352.

The whole incident the second time we attended Mariners Rest was about fifteen minutes in total, it was dark however there was street lighting, also the illuminations of the petrol station and I could clearly see the males and females running away, however would not be able to recognise anyone. I was at most about fifty meters away from them as they ran away and there was nothing obstructing my view. I didn't actually see them leave the Mariners Rest, however they were running away from the direction from the entrance that looks out at the petrol station. There is no other place they could have run from and the two other officers informed me that these persons had left the Mariners Rest.

I would describe [REDACTED] as a [REDACTED] I cannot recall what he was wearing.

Signature: PS 491

Signature witnessed by:

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Statement of: PC 1352 HULLETT

Age if under 18: Over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18')

Occupation: Police Constable 1352

This statement (consisting of 2 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: PC 1352 HULLETT

Date: 04/03/2021

I am a Police Constable in HUMBERSIDE POLICE currently attached to Community Police Patrol Team 1 at GRIMSBY POLICE STATION in NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE.

On SATURDAY 13th FEBRUARY I was on duty in full uniform double crewed with PC 0464 GODFREY attached to call sign RG28. We were assigned to log 514 13/02/2021 which referred to a breach of COVID guidelines at a local pub, the Mariners Rest on ALBION STREET, GRIMSBY.

We attended the location from OXFORD STREET in GRIMSBY, pulling onto the pavement with our marked police vehicle outside the front of the premises.

Looking through the front windows at 22:32 hours I could see approximately 3 persons inside, due to this I tried to walk round the back of the premises, nearest the petrol station on ALBION STREET, to try and locate an entry point.

The premises was all secured and there didn't seem to be any signs of forced entry.

I returned round the front of the premises where I again looked through the windows, this time seeing between 15 and 20 males and females hurrying to get towards the rear of the premises.

I again circled round onto ALBION STREET where a herd of young males and females ran from the pubs rear doors, some carrying alcohol and some without.

One male remained with the premises and allowed us access. This male gave details as a [REDACTED] [REDACTED] stated that he was a DJ for the premises and had been asked to come into work on this occasion by the owner of the premises, naming him as a Lee COLLINS.

[REDACTED] attempted to call COLLINS numerous times on the night for officers to speak to him, however, he did not answer.

[REDACTED] stated that COLLINS had called him and arranged to provide him with keys to the premises, telling him to come into work and open up for a party, where COLLINS would arrange the customers.

Checking inside of the pub, there were alcoholic beverages in the fridges and scattered around the tables in the main bar function room.

Once we were satisfied that the premises had been checked and there were no further persons inside, we secured the building with the keys [REDACTED] stated he had been given and these were retained by ourselves so that the owner could come and collect them from BIRCHIN WAY, GRIMSBY, this was to allow us to confirm he was in fact the owner on collection.

I reported [REDACTED] for summons at 22:48 hours, stating that "YOU ARE REPORTED FOR SUMMONS FOR CONSIDERATION OF PROSECUTION OF THE OFFENCE OF BREACHING COVID REGULATIONS, YOU DO NOT HAVE TO SAY ANYTHING, BUT IT MAY HARM YOUR DEFENCE IF YOU DO NOT MENTION, NOW, SOMETHING WHICH YOU MAY LATER RELY ON IN COURT, ANYTHING YOU DO SAY MAY BE GIVEN IN EVIDENCE"

There was no reply to the caution.

My body camera footage started once entry had been gained to the premises and remained running throughout, this has been saved evidentially and can be exhibited as DFH/1 if required.

Signature: PC 1352 HULLETT

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Statement of: PC 464 Hannah Louise GODFREY

Age if under 18: Over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18')

Occupation: Police Constable

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Signature: H.Godfrey (witness)

Date: 01/03/2020

I am a Police Constable, employed by Humberside Police and currently based at GRIMSBY POLICE STATION.

On SATURDAY 13TH FEBRUARY 2021, I was on duty in full uniform in the GRIMSBY area. I was in company with PC 1352 HULLETT.

On this date, although I am unsure what time, I was asked to provide support by DS 491 CRITTEN as he was on duty covering COVID overtime and had been asked to attend THE MARINERS REST PUBLIC HOUSE on ALBION STREET, GRIMSBY as members of the public had reported that there was a large group of people inside drinking and breaching COVID regulations.

When we arrived at the location, I could see through the window numerous people inside drinking and breaching COVID regulations.

As I went around the rear of the public house, I could see numerous people running out of the back door of the establishment down ALBION STREET, GRIMSBY.

I entered the premises in company with PC 1352 HULLETT and DS 491 CRITTEN and there was a male inside on his own. My colleague, PC 1352 HULLETT took details of the male, whilst I searched the rest of the premises to make sure there was no one else inside.

Once we had made sure the public house was empty, I took the keys from the male so that the public house could not be used again for illegal gatherings. The male informed me that his boss and landlord of the establishment, Lee COLLINS, had provided him with the keys to the premises and asked him to open the pub on that evening and allow people to come inside and drink.

My colleague PC 1352 HULLETT issued the male with a traffic offence report due to the breach of COVID regulations.

These keys were seized by myself under police item HLG/1 and booked into the property management system at BIRCHIN WAY CUSTODY.

Signature: H.Godfrey

Signature witnessed by: