

EXHIBIT

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**STATEMENT OF PC 2249
GARRY CHAPMAN**

Introduction

1. I am PC 2249 Garry CHAPMAN. I am a Police Constable based in the Licensing Team at Cromwell Road Police Station, Grimsby and am under the direction and control of the Chief Constable of Humberside Police ('the Chief Constable'). My duties include consideration of the impact of crime and disorder and the Chief Constable's response to licensing matters.

2. I have been a Police Constable since 2004. Prior to taking up my current role in the Licensing Team I worked as a risk management officer managing offenders in the community. Previous to this I have worked in investigation and various front line roles. I am therefore familiar with problems of alcohol related crime and disorder, both in my current and previous roles.

3. On Monday 22nd February 2021 I was in company with Police staff licensing officer Alison SAXBY when I attended at the Mariners Rest public house. The reason for this visit was to meet the manager and designated premises supervisor Lee COLLINS.

4. Police had previously attended the Mariners rest due to reports of a gathering inside of the premises and the pub being open.

5. Around 14.10 hours I arrived and pulled in to the car park. I immediately saw a male who I know to be Lee COLLINS. I have met Lee on one previous occasion around 3 months ago. Lee invited us in to the premises. We went upstairs in the pub to the living areas which were

6. empty with no furniture. We discussed CCTV installed at the pub. Lee informed us that he had removed the CCTV hard drive and turned the electricity off as the Covid lockdown began at the start of January 2021.
7. He stated that he took the hard drive home and used it as his own on the cameras he had installed at his home address.
8. Lee gave me permission to check the contents of the hard drive. I checked the contents as far back as it would go to the 23rd January 2021. The system would only display two cameras which showed images from what appeared to be a front and rear garden of a domestic property, Lee confirmed it was his garden. It was then established that the pub had not been monitored by CCTV.
9. Lee was reminded that it remained a condition on his premises licence for CCTV to be maintained at the premises.
10. Lee then showed us around the rest of the premises. There appeared to be many glasses which appeared dirty and used stored in what looked like a pot washing area between the rear store room and the entrance to behind the bars.
11. The rear bar area furthest away from Albion street appeared to have been used. This had bottles and glasses left out as if the pub had been open recently. Lee stated this was the room that had been used when the premises had been opened. He also stated that if only Police had called him he could have helped them sort it out.
12. He confirmed that some of his stock alcohol had been consumed and gestured towards the fridges behind the bar/ He also pointed out that other soft drinks had been brought in to the pub and were still either in the fridge or sat on the rear work top of the bar.
13. He informed us that he was not aware that the pub was to be opened

and that he was having a meal with his girlfriend at the time it was.

14. The front bar nearest to Albion street appeared not to have been used. There were no glasses or bottles, the fridges had been removed and it appeared relatively tidy.
15. Lee continued to reiterate that the Police could have phoned him to let him know what was going on, on the night. Lee then showed us around the remaining rooms in the pub, including the cellar.
16. Lee reiterated that he was not aware and had not instructed anyone to open the pub. He went on to say that he had spoken to Gary who opened the pub and got him to write a statement. He then added that the brewery had been given a copy and had passed it to their legal department.
17. He added that he was in the process of purchasing the pub from the brewery and would do anything and have any conditions on his licence to avoid losing it (Premises licence).
18. We all then went out to the car park and I then left the site.

Signed: ..



Dated: ..

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