



**West Midlands Police objection temporary event notice
applications for
Zaras Bar
80 Broad Street B15 1AU**

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Statement of: Christopher Jones 55410

Age if under 18 Over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: Licensing officer

This statement (consisting of 6 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: 06.08.2021Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded ☐ (supply witness details on rear)

I am the above person and employed by West Midlands Police as a Licensing Officer stationed at Lloyd House.

The team I work in has responsibility for all the licenced premises that operate within the Birmingham City Council area.

I am making this statement in relation to West Midlands Police objection to a number of Temporary Event Notices (TENS) submitted by Zaras Bar, 80 Broad Street Birmingham. B15 1AU. West Midlands Police have objected to these applications under the public safety and prevention of crime and disorder licensing objectives.

The TEN applications seek to allow the premises to carry out licensable whilst nullifying one of the premises licence operating conditions of 'Any door supervisor engaged at the premises must come from a SIA (ACS) approved contractor and only staff provided by that supplier can be used at the premises.'

This is a court imposed condition on the premises licence which was agreed in court by the premises on 5th June 2019 as a result of the premises appealing a licensing committee decision that the licence should be revoked, following an expedited review process due to serious crime and disorder which occurred at the premises.

Within this evidence bundle is the original evidence that was presented at the original licensing hearing, when the committee saw fit to revoke the premises licence.

This paperwork is submitted to show why West Midlands Police support the court imposed condition.

Showing poor quality security at the premises, the fact the premises management are prepared to use unlicensed personnel to carry out licensable activity and mislead officers, in order to dissolve any blame or involvement by the premises, prior to this condition being imposed on their licence.

Albeit the country has been in lockdown and the premises have not traded for nearly a year. Since this condition has been in place the calls for service to West Midlands Police and reported incidents at the premises have reduced dramatically if not entirely.

- (1) The statements document the fact that the premises were allowing none SIA registered staff to carry out licensable activity at the premises.
- (2) Premises management and registered SIA staff misleading officers in an attempt to play down what had happened at the premises and to minimise their involvement.
- (3) Door staff attending an incident at the premises carrying a large stick
- (4) Door staff assaulting a customer who had 2 fractures to his skull and under his eye socket. The same male returned to the premises carrying a metal bar and was then restrained by staff who took him to the floor and 'choked him out'.
- (5) Staff forcibly taking a mobile phone from a customer and deleting video footage from his phone after an alleged assault when he asked for their details as he wished to make a complaint.

On Saturday 12th January 2019 at approximately 23.05 there was an incident at the front of the premises with a group of males and females that had been refused entry.

The CCTV of the incident was view by a former colleague PC Rohomon (statement is attached) who noted that unlicensed staff were carrying out licensable roles at the premises namely searching customers on entry and managing the entry to the premises. The CCTV showed a disorder outside the front of the premises with a number of people involved from the premises both SIA licenced door staff and unlicensed staff.

One of the males from the group that was refused entry was punched by the staff at the premises and is knocked to the floor. He remains motionless on the floor until he was eventually helped by others in his group that had been refused entry

The CCTV also shows that a male wearing a jacket with the word 'security' written on the back running out of the premises holding what is described as a long stick behind his back. This stick is put by the gate and then taken by another member of staff and placed into the hut at the front of the premises.

This is all very different to what the premises incident report stated. In their report it stated that there had been a disorder between 2 different groups, punches had been thrown between the groups and that the City Street Pastors had helped the male who had been punched and was on the floor.

For clarity CCTV showed

- (1) there was only 1 group involved
- (2) members of the premises staff punched the male
- (3) there was no sign of any Street Pastors helping the male on the floor.

There is also a statement from PC Adams who attended the premises. On his arrival the disorder had finished and He spoke with a male who he believed to be door staff from the premises and asked what had been going on. He stated that 2 groups had been messing about, all seemed to be friends and one of the males had fallen on the

floor. The male was picked by his friends and all had made their way off down Broad Street. This is again a total contradiction to the CCTV footage, but very similar to what was said in the incident report.

Later that evening at approximately 00.05hrs on 13th January 2019 a petrol bomb was thrown at Zaras Bar from a car on Broad Street.

PS Marriott attended the premises and spoke to who they describe as the owner of Zara's, Pete and door staff. PS Marriott first spoke with Pete and asked him what had happened and why? Pete stated that a petrol bomb had been thrown at the premises but couldn't understand why. Although a male believed to be door staff made a comment that it was the lads from earlier that threw the petrol bomb. When PS Marriott asked him to explain he stated that there had been a fight between 2 groups and he reckoned it was one of those involved. (Bearing in mind at this time officers were unaware of any disorder at the premises as they had been told the previous incident was just 2 groups of friends messing around and nothing had gone on.) PS Marriott asked Pete again if there was any reason why his venue had been targeted. He stated that he didn't know why.

PC Aujla also attended with PS Marriott viewed the CCTV and then saw the car be believed to be involved in the petrol bomb throwing on Broad Street. The officers approached the car but it made off.

As the offending vehicle came back to the area PC Aujla asked Pete if he intended to close the venue early that evening. Pete stated that he couldn't close early as he had a £5000.00 staff bill and he didn't believe that the venue was actually being targeted.

The following evening PC Aujla viewed CCTV footage recorded from another venue on Broad Street of the first incident at Zaras which he states he saw a member of Zaras door staff punch an Asian male knocking him to the floor, knocking him out cold. The male is then helped up by another male who he recognised as being the driver of car involved in the petrol bombing.

PC Aujla notes in his statement that the behaviour of the door staff and management at Zaras the evening of both incidents fell far below the standard expected from a licence premises. The owner and manager failed to disclose the original incident prior to the petrol bombing at the venue and actually lied to him stating it was between 2 unknown groups. PC Aujla goes on to say he was concerned by the of lack of concern shown by the premises to members of the public and officers on that evening.

Two further incidents highlighting poor security and management at the premises were also presented as part of the review process. This shows the incident was not isolated, but evidenced a culture of bad practice prior to the premises agreeing the condition only to use as SIA registered company.

On 15th December 2018 an assault took place at the premises and was crimed as a wounding. The victim states that he was punched 4 times by one of the door staff in the face. The victim states he was escorted out of the premises and once outside was assaulted again by door staff and was put in a 'choke hold.'

The victim in this assault suffered 2 fractures to his skull and a fracture under his eye socket.

PC Rohomon's statement goes into more details regarding this incident. He goes on to make a number of observations of how the incident was dealt with.

(1) Whilst initially the door staff dealt with the male in a professional way, they could have easily withdrawn back behind the gates and called the police.

(2) The premises staff goaded the male, this was done in plain view and sight of the premises licence holder.

(3) The methods used to detain the male are very dangerous and was carried out by a member of staff who is not SIA licensed. The strangle hold (choke hold) stays applied at they carry him back into the premises when there is more than enough staff to have safely detained the male.

(4) When the male was being carried back in the premises he was dropped on the floor with no regard for his welfare or safety.

PC Rohomon states that from the CCTV footage the male is dropped head first onto the floor. The male was clearly not struggling and there appears no lawful reason for him to be treated in this way

On 7th October 2018 PC Hussain attended Zaras bar after they had reported they had detained a male. Door staff stated that this male had tried to assault them.

At the same time West Midlands Police also received a call saying that a male had his phone taken off him by door staff.

The officer established that the male detained by door staff was the same male that had had his phone taken off him.

The male states he was filming the door staff and they had snatched his phone off him.

The door staff stated that the male had thrown the phone at them and it was in the office.

The phone was returned and the male went to show officers the footage he had been filming.

This footage could not be found instantly, but then discovered in the phone's deleted section. The footage was shown to officers.

The footage showed the male demanding the names of the door staff so he could make a complaint.

The phone is then grabbed from him by the manager Jason and not thrown as the door staff had stated.

Door staff at the premises deliberately mislead officers.

The officer goes on to confirm that the video is totally the opposite to what the door staff were alleging.

PC Hussain states that the door staff were very unprofessional in their manner and by deleting the video they have perverted the course of justice.

The incidents noted in this statement and evidence bundle are from the original licensing review hearing show a pattern of unprofessional, if not criminal behaviour from both the door team and premises management who have

little regard for the licensing objectives of public safety and the prevention of crime and disorder.

Since the total relaxation of lock down on 19th July 2021 the premises have traded in line with their licence conditions using an ACS approved SIA company.

On Wednesday 28th July this ACS approved company sent West Midlands Licensing Team an email stating that they had withdrawn their services from Zaras bar with immediate effect. I spoke with the company who stated that they were in an untenable position with the venue and this was the only course of action left open to them.

This condition was being complied with by the premises until their provider withdraw their services.

Since the premises have submitted the TEN applications a premises licence variation has also been submitted and obviously being dealt with separately, although I think the reason for the variation is important to be mentioned as it will help understand the TEN applications submitted by the premises.

The variation states '.....this condition is no longer proportionate to the promotion of the licensing objectives or capable of being met due to the absence of appropriate SIA (ACS) approved contractors in Birmingham and a national shortage of available SIA door staff.....The premises believe they can secure a better quality of door supervisor, who will be more reliable through employing them directly.....'

I have since made enquiries with the SIA Regional Investigation Manager:

- (1) Within the West Midlands there are 93 SIA ACS approved door staff suppliers
- (2) They are not aware of any specific shortage of staff to Birmingham
- (3) If the premises were to employ their own door staff, the staff employed would have to be SIA registered and that the premises licence holder would then become the security provider and have to adhere to SIA supplier rules.

With the information from the SIA, the reason stated for the variation and TEN applications appears to make little sense.

- (1) There are 93 ACS approved contractors that supply door staff in the West Midlands area to choose from.
- (2) The SIA are not aware of any shortage specific to the Birmingham area.
- (3) If staff were to be employed direct by the premises they would have to be SIA trained and hold a current licence, so if there was a shortage of SIA trained staff in Birmingham this couldn't happen.
- (4) West Midlands Police would have concerns regarding the premises licence holder being the security provider and adhering to SIA regulations as the premises has a history of using unlicensed staff to carry out licensable activity and allowing unprofessional, if not criminal action by their door team.
- (5) The fact the premises say they would get a better quality of door staff by employing them directly is questionable. ACS companies by their very nature are a higher standard than regular SIA suppliers and are regularly accessed by the security regulating body the SIA.

West Midlands Police believe that granting these TEN applications would seriously put the safety of the public attending Zaras Bar at risk and have a detrimental impact on the prevention of crime & disorder licensing objective.

The premises has a history of using unlicensed staff to carry out licensable activity. Door staff and premises staff assaulting customers. The door staff, premises management and the unlicensed staff who are carrying out licensable activity seemingly not caring about the safety of the public at the premises, all prepared to mislead officers to play down any incident that occurs at the premises or negate their involvement in it.

The court imposed condition ensured a quality of door staff and provided an additional layer of accountability for the premises, with the ACS company having its own policies and procedures with enhanced training for their staff. The staff provided are then more likely to act in an impartial manner whilst carrying out their duties and less likely to be influenced by the premises management.

West Midlands Police object to the granting of these TEN applications on the public safety and prevention of crime & disorder licensing objective.

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I - Supt Ian Green

(on behalf of) the chief officer of Police for the West Midlands Police area apply for the review of a premises licence under section 53A of the Licensing Act 2003

1. Premises details: Zara's Bar

Postal address of premises, (or if none or not known, ordinance survey map reference or description): 80 Broad Street,

Post Town: Birmingham

Post Code (if known): B15 1AU

2. Premises Licence details:

Name of premise licence holder (if known): Five Rivers 2 UK Limited

Number of premise licence (if known): 4052

3. Certificate under section 53A (1)(B) of the Licensing Act 2003 (Please read guidance note 1)

I confirm that this is a certificate has been given by a senior member of the police force for the police area above that in his/her opinion the above premises are associated with serious crime or serious disorder or both, and the certificate accompanies this application.

(Please tick the box to confirm)



4. Details of association of the above premises with serious crime, serious disorder or both:

(Please read guidance note 2)

At 00.19 hours on Sunday 13th January 2019 West Midlands Police received a 999 call from Zara's that 2 petrol bombs had been thrown from a passing vehicle at the premises.

Officers attending and an investigation started as this was a very serious incident. When officers spoke to the security staff they were told that the males involved had a fight with other people outside the premises and it had nothing to do with them.

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Officers obtained video footage both from the premises and other cameras on the street. Footage from other cameras on the street showed a fight outside the premises but it was unclear to see what was happening or who had done what, except the fact a male was knocked out and fell to the floor for some time.

Officers have reviewed the CCTV footage from Zara's, they have a camera by the cloak room which is a hut at the front by the gate.

Officers have reviewed the CCTV numerous times and also spoken to the DPS and manager to get their version of events.

From the CCTV the incident starts around 23.04 hours, according to the door staff records the head doorman G Pryce had been on since 10pm with the other 5 staff signing in at 11pm.

The DPS and manager have both indicated to officers that they have seen the footage, they have stated that they see the group arrive and there is a verbal confrontation and this group become verbally abusive and threaten violence.

One of the group who is wearing a tracksuit ends up on the floor, at which he comes round to the front and tries to kick a person who had been waiting to see the manager to discuss a promotion.

This person manages to grab hold of the kickers foot and up end him. When the male gets up someone punches him again and he is knocked out. They then recall that the Street Pastors were with him so they left it to them, although they say he was knockout for several minutes.

This version of the incident is also reflected in the incident report that was submitted.

Officers have reviewed the CCTV on multiple occasions and have seen the following –

- The liaison manager who is not SIA registered or authorised was at the front of the premises, he was searching people as they entered the premises before and after the incident. He is very distinctive as he is very tall and wearing a flat cap.
- The meet and greet person was also on the front door, dressed all in black. Although he is not doing any searches he is clearly involved in controlling entry to the premises.
- At the time of the incident there are no security at the front
- There is another male at the front who was smaller and eating, according to the premises this was a promoter who had come to the premises to talk about a promotion
- 23.05:21s – the group of 6 arrive at the front
- Still just Liaison manager and meet and greeter at front with other male purported to be a promoter
- 23.06:10s – DJ is seen to enter and walkthrough the group with no issues
- Promoter male is now standing behind meet and greeter
- 23.06:43s another male with a radio appears in shot, he approaches the front having come from inside the premises. He is not wearing any ID and is not identifiable
- He is wearing a woollen hat, a puffer jacket which is zipped up
- He walks to the front and goes into the group
- 23.07:02 – can see the male reported to be the promoter gesticulating with his hands to person behind the pillar
- 23.07:14s – this male then walks round the side of the group
- Same time you see a male from the group who was wearing a tracksuit also walk from the other side, and appears to do a goading movement

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- 23.07:18s – there is contact between the person who is promoter and another, unclear who did what
- 23.07:21s – male in tracksuit ends up on the floor, falling on his bum
- 23.07:22s – the first person who is identifiable as a door supervisor arrives, walking from inside the premises, he has "security" on the back of his jacket.
- The male who was seen earlier with the radio and the promoter are next to each other
- 23.07:25s – the male that had been on the floor, tries to kick the promoter. He manages to grab his foot and up ends him
- 23.07:31s – the male then gets up, the promoter then throws a punch at the male
- As the male stumbles backwards the other male who is then seen to punch the male twice
- 23.07:35s – another male with security on his back appears again from inside the premises carrying a long stick behind his back but in plain view of the CCTV
- 23.07:40s – male is on his back on the floor and does not appear to be moving
- Security with stick put it by gate, which is then picked up by another person and taken to the hut
- 23.07:47s – the staff start to retreat to the front of the premises. The second male who is seen to throw punches, puts his hoody back up – he is wearing a baseball cap as well, and retreats back behind the pillar.
- From what he was wearing and his positioning officers believe this to be the meet and greeter.
- No staff stay with the male or offer any assistance. It appears that the people he was with are around him
- There does not appear to be any "Street Pastors" with the male immediately although enquiries are continuing.
- The male is lying on the street, on his back for sometime

At some point the male does get up and walks off towards Sheepcote Street

At 00.19 a car that is travelling up Broad Street (from the bottom towards Five Ways), throws what looks like two petrol bombs at the front of Zara's, both explode and ignite on the pavement.

West Midlands Police are concerned that this serious disorder happened at this licensed premises. The premises have indicated that they were not involved in the fight, indicating to officers that it was another group. It was from viewing the CCTV numerous times that officers have found this account to be incorrect.

There is no definition of serious disorder, however it is my opinion that this is serious disorder that then lead to the serious actions of people throwing petrol bombs at the premises, something that has not happened before as far as I am aware. It is very lucky that someone was not seriously hurt/injured by this.

After a meeting with the licensing officer, the premises have offered some remedial action but West Midlands Police are not satisfied with this response in addressing the issues.

West Midlands Police are seeking the suspension of the licence.

Signature of applicant:

Ian Greg

Date: 16/1/2019.

Rank/Capacity: SUPT 1218 IAN GREG (BWNPH)

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Contact details for matters concerning this application: Pc 4075 Abdool ROHOMON

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E-mail - a.rohomon@west-midlands.police.uk

Notes for guidance:

1. A certificate of the kind mentioned in the form must accompany the application in order for it to be valid under the terms of the Licensing Act 2003. The certificate must explicitly state the senior officer's opinion that the premises in question are associated with serious crime, serious disorder or both.

Serious crime is defined by reference to section 81 of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000. In summary, it means:

- conduct that amounts to one or more criminal offences for which a person who has attained the age of eighteen and has no previous convictions could reasonably be expected to be sentenced to imprisonment for a term of three years or more; or
- conduct that amounts to one or more criminal offences and involves the use of violence, results in substantial financial gain or is conduct by a large number of persons in pursuit of a common purpose.

Serious Disorder is not defined in legislation, and so bears its ordinary English meaning.

2. Briefly describe the circumstances giving rise to the opinion that the above premises are associated with serious crime, serious disorder or both.

West Midlands Police

CERTIFICATE UNDER SECTION 53A (1)(B) OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003

I hereby certify that in my opinion the premises described below are associated with serious crime and disorder

Premises: Zara's Bar

Premise Licence Number: 4052

Premise Licence Holder: Five Rivers 2 UK Limited

Designated Premise Supervisor: Miss Victoria Sherwin

I am a Superintendent in West Midlands Police.

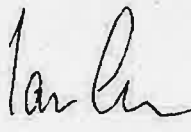
I am giving this certificate because I am in the opinion that the procedures under the Licensing Act are inappropriate in this case because the standard review procedures are thought to be inappropriate due to the seriousness of the disorder, and the serious management failings of the premises concerned.

The level and seriousness of the incident in terms of the serious disorder warrant the use of this power. I have considered the use of the normal review procedure but I do not feel this would be appropriate in these circumstances due to the above reasons, and the fact that to maintain the licensing objective of preventing crime and disorder the normal review procedure would not be sufficient.

The severity of the incidents is a matter that needs to be brought to the attention of the Licensing Committee immediately.

The concern of West Midlands Police is that if steps are not taken to consider the running of these premises they will continue to be used in the manner in which they were discovered on the weekend of 13th January 2019. I am conscious of the guidance on the use of "Expedited Reviews" and given the emphasis that is given to use of this power to tackle serious crime and disorder, my feelings that this process is deemed appropriate are further enforced.

Signed

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(witness)

Date

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

I am the above named person currently a serving Police Officer within West Midlands Police. I have been a Police officer for 27.5 years based in Birmingham City Centre. For the last 16 years I have been a licensing officer.

I hold qualifications in risk assessments, risk management, people movement, inspecting licensed premises and BII level 2.

This statement is in relation to my involvement with a premise called Zara's, 80 Broad Street, Birmingham, the incident that resulted in West Midlands Police applying for and an expedited review and also a précis of 2 (two) incidents that are detailed by other officers and in crime investigation logs and other police systems.

The licence for Zara's Bar was granted in 2013, I had knowledge of both the premise licence holder and also the DPS (Pete Sangha and Victoria Sherwin) from before. The original application did not meet with the approval of the Police and we objected to the application on the basis it was in a cumulative impact area and would add to crime and disorder. The licensing committee at the time agreed to grant the application, which was subsequently upheld by a magistrate's court as the decision was appealed by West Midlands Police.

This has been the one and only time that Birmingham Police licensing department have taken the extraordinary decision to appeal a decision of the licensing committee.

I can recall that I was called by my then Licensing Inspector (Tim Payne) who told me that the court had granted the application and that the premises had said they would give people toast and lollipops when they left to make sure there was no additional crime and disorder.

Apart from a small period of time where I was on another department I had always had a working knowledge of Zara's. I have dealt in the main with the DPS Vicki Sherwin for Zara's and also the other premises that they used to run called the "Tower Ballroom" and the "Tower mount".

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Zara's I would describe as a nightclub with a large outside area which has a canopy over it. I have recently confirmed that the premises no longer does food, although I am not sure when this stopped, and so it's main usage is that of a nightclub. Over the years I have had numerous conversations and interactions with the Premise licence holder and the DPS.

The following relates to the dealings in relation to the application made by West Midlands Police for an expedited review and also 2 other incidents that have been summarised in the additional representations.

On Monday 14th January 2019, I came into work and was informed about a serious incident that had happened at the front of Zaras, the incident related petrol bombs being thrown at the premises. I checked my email and found I had nothing from Zara's to indicate what had happened and so I emailed the premises and asked for a copy of the incident report and also the door staff register. I was also told by officers that there had been an incident an hour earlier and that there could be a link, so the CCTV request was for the two incidents and also the incident reports.

The incident reports for both events were sent to me. The incident report for the incident at 23.05 I noted was filled in by the liaison manager and also the meet and greeter. The report indicated that the following

- The liaison manager was on the front door awaiting doorstaff
- There was another member of staff with him and a male waiting to see another manager
- A group of 4-5 males and 2 females approached
- The group were refused entrance due to dress code
- One male claimed to be a doorman
- Another male in the group continued to be aggressive and intoxicated
- A second group of males came to the door to gain entrance
- One of these group made a racist comment
- The first group instantly turned on the second group, and more racist comments made
- Liaison manager tried to intervene, male who had been waiting to see manager then stepped forward
- Male from group one tries to kick and swing a punch at waiting male
- Male falls to floor
- Male gets up and then is struck by someone and falls

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- 2nd group then leave
- City pastors then arrive, and premises asks for police to be called
- Male then gets up and heads off
- Police then arrive

My interpretation of the incident report was that 2 groups had been involved and then when a male had been floored he was being assisted by City Street Pastors.

I did note that the incident report was filled in by the Liaison manager, who I know is not SIA registered or a member of security staff. It stated that he was waiting for door staff and yet the signing in sheet for security showed that the head doorman had been on from 10pm, so I was unsure as to why he wasn't on the front door as that would be his job.

The CCTV was sent to me, but was on an email and would not load so I made arrangements to go to Zara's, which I believe was either the 15th or 16th and get the CCTV. At the premises I spoke with Vicki and Jason, who I am aware was the deputy manager for the premises.

Vicki handed me the CCTV, and I asked them if they had watched the CCTV which they indicated they had. Vicky said to me that no one from the premises was involved and that I should watch it several times as I would see no one from the premises was involved.

I did ask them what had happened and was told roughly the same version of events that the incident report said. I came away from Zara's with the thought that the management had clearly seen the CCTV several times and was confident of their version of events.

With officers from my office, we then watched the CCTV and kept repeating the incident so we could get an idea of what happened; from watching the premises CCTV I noted the following

- The liaison manager (called Keiron) who is not SIA registered or authorised was at the front of the premises, he was searching people (this is a licensable activity under SIA legislation) as they entered the premises before and after the incident. He is very distinctive as he is very tall and wearing a flat cap.
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- 23.07:31s – the male then gets up, the promoter then throws a punch at the male
- As the male stumbles backwards the other male who is then seen to punch the male twice
- 23.07:35s – another male with security on his back appears again from inside the premises carrying a long stick behind his back but in plain view of the CCTV
- 23.07:40s – male is on his back on the floor and does not appear to be moving
- Security with stick put it by gate, which is then picked up by another person and taken to the hut

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- 23.07:47s – the staff start to retreat to the front of the premises. The second male who is seen to throw punches, puts his hoody back up – he is wearing a baseball cap as well, and retreats back behind the pillar.
- From what he was wearing and his positioning officers believe this to be the meet and greeter.
- No staff stay with the male of offer any assistance. It appears that the people he was with are around him
- There does not appear to be any "Street Pastors" with the male immediately although enquiries are continuing.
- The male is lying on the street, on his back for sometime

What was clear from watching the CCTV was that there was no arrival of a "second group" as identified in the incident report, the males that punched the individual to the ground do not walk away as described but instead withdraw back to the front gate of the premises.

I was also conscious to look at the male on the floor, who lies there for several minutes. The incident report indicated that the male was being attended to by the City Street Pastors.

The pastors have been in place for some time, and are very distinctive in what they wear; it's a white coat with a black circle on the back with City Pastor written on it.

I know what they wear and what they look like and I have no reason to believe that the staff and management at Zaras wouldn't have either. They constantly walk up and down the street and the fact they are mentioned in the incident report indicates they know who they are and what they look like.

From watching the premises CCTV it was very clear that there were no street pastors in attendance, you could see people around him who looked like his friends but no street pastors.

This gave me grave reasons to be concerned, we had been supplied with an incident report that was factually incorrect and was clear that they were apportioning no blame to the premises. The CCTV which had been viewed by the management contradicted this incident report but again when I had spoken to them, they were adamant that no one from the premises was involved.

I took what the incident report said and what the management had told me as a clear attempt to mislead me in believing what had happened, if it wasn't for the fact several of us reviewed the CCTV numerous times would we have seen what actually happened?

My Superintendent also saw the CCTV and was satisfied that the premise was associated with serious disorder. At this time the second incident where petrol bomb devices were thrown at the premises was believed to be linked although at that time I had little evidence in my possession to indicate as such.

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The expedited review application was limited to the serious disorder element.

The interim step meeting was arranged for Friday 18th January. Prior to this I was aware that there was CCTV from another premise that also showed the disorder. I did view this CCTV and it proved what we had seen from the premise CCTV that there was no second group, it was less clear who had done the punching that put the male on the floor, but it also confirmed that there were no Street Pastors in attendance.

During the interim steps meeting I made no mention of this additional CCTV or made any comments about it as we had not been given permission to use it. The decision to conduct and issue the expedited review had been made solely on the viewing of the CCTV from the premises.

The details of the interim steps meeting are detailed within the decision notices and the subsequent appeals that have been made.

What I will say is that the premises were aware of this incident and had access to the same CCTV footage and said they had seen it as well, but at the first meeting they indicated it had not happened, the first appeal they then said they had sacked the two door staff, and then at the second appeal that they had dismissed the two managers. I will confirm that at the 1st appeal the CCTV from the other premises was shown, but I am also aware that the premises had seen this prior to the hearing and yet it wasn't until the second appeal did they decide to sack the two managers.

It was clear from the premise CCTV what had happened and elements of this was then corroborated by CCTV from the other premises.

I have since reviewed the CCTV further and see that the two females and 1 one who are then seen in the footage as above do come into the premises about 10-15 minutes before, they are let in, with Keiron searching the males bag (again as stated previously this is a licensable activity under SIA legislation). For some reason they then leave, although they are not prevented from entering and would indicate they were not intoxicated.

Since the application and appeals officers who dealt with the incident have been sending in their statements to me, whilst they are included in the bundle I will summarise aspects of them

- Officers attended the venue after the 1st incident, as a 999 call had been made by a passing taxi driver
- Officers were told that it was friends that had been messing around and that one had fallen to the floor and then been helped up, could offer no descriptions
- This is corroborated by other officers who were also there and spoke to different staff to be told that there were no issues

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I have to comment that this is a clear attempt by the premises and management to hide from the Police what actually happened, and done in such a way that officers would not require further evidence.

We have to work on a basis of trust when dealing with licensed premises and what they tell us, I have to conclude that the position of trust has been abused by the premises.

It is clear that the premises and management were not promoting the prevention of crime and disorder and public safety objectives.

- Just after midnight officers were called to an incident where petrol bombs had been thrown at the premises
- Officers attended and spoke to premise licence holder and staff
- Person believed to be door staff then said that they believed the persons who had thrown the petrol bombs were the same ones involved in the earlier incident.

It must be pointed out at this stage officers were not aware that anything other than some friends messing around had happened earlier as this is what they had been told by the premises.

- Officers spoke to staff and premise licence holder to ascertain why they had been targeted, nothing was offered by the premises.
- Officers left with the feeling something wasn't right and they weren't being told everything
- As officers left they thought they saw a car that matched the offending vehicle and had the same males in it that they had seen on the CCTV
- Officers asked the vehicle to pull over, as they did so a member of staff believed door staff from Zara's said it was not the same vehicle
- Officers became to question their own judgement, vehicle then drove off at speed
- Officers returned to Zaras to question why staff had said what they did but could offer no further explanation
- Officers asked for consideration for premises to close but were told by premise licence holder it would cost him too much money
- Officers felt the staff and management were rude and flustered by police attendance and standards of the premises fell well below what was expected

This evidence was not in my possession for the interim steps meeting. At that meeting I indicated we thought there was a link between incident one and two, after reading these statements I am very confident

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in saying there was a link between the two.

I have to concur that the standards of the premise and the management fall well below what is expected, and they have shown disregard for the licensing objectives of the prevention of crime and disorder and public safety.

It is extreme that the premises are associated with such a violent incident where the initial victims then come back an hour later to throw petrol bombs at them, with little or no regard to the public and their safety, all of which started from an incident that the premise orchestrated and then hid from officers.

During the representation period I was made aware by officers from our CID department that they were dealing with several assaults from Zaras and were finding it frustrating in obtaining the CCTV, again these are detailed within the bundle.

One of those incidents relates to an incident on the 15th Dec. The details of this offence which is crimed as a Section 18 wounding with intent are as follows

- A male is detained in the toilets and ejected
- He claims to have been assaulted in the toilet by staff
- He remonstrates outside and then leaves
- He returns later and continues to remonstrate
- Initially the door staff and management deal with the incident calmly
- This can be seen from body worn cameras the premises were using
- The male is then seen to rack a "casco" type metal bar
- Door staff do not seem overly concerned
- Premise licence holder looks more shocked
- Body cam shows then door staff encouraging male to hit him
- Male is then detained by staff
- Body cam footage turns off during this part
- Premise CCTV shows Keiron (Liaison manager) putting male in strangle hold around throat
- Premise licence holder is also there
- Male is carried back into the premises by front gate

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- Male is dropped on floor, hitting his head, it appears he is dropped head first
- Male appears non responsive and not moving except for his chest moving up and down
- Another person tries to take photos
- Management stop him doing so and eject him
- Male continues from behind the fence
- Premise licence holder then kicks the gate where male is standing
- They go out to this male several times
- Male on floor receives some attention although it takes a couple of minutes for this to happen
- Male is detained and police called
- When in custody discovered male had 2 fractures to his skull

The crime update system indicates that officers had to go back for CCTV, and then told it had been deleted but system showed otherwise.

Whilst initially the door staff dealt with the male in a professional way, they could have easily withdrawn back behind the gates and called the Police. What is then clear is that one of the staff goaded the male; this was done in plain view and sight of the premise licence holder.

The methods used to detain the male were very dangerous, and done by Keiron who as stated before is not SIA registered. The strangle hold stays on as they bring him back onto the premise; there are more than enough staff to have safely detained the male.

The way he is dropped on the floor is very concerning, with no regard for his welfare/safety. It appears from the CCTV that the male is dropped head first onto the floor, he was clearly not struggling and so there seems to be little excuse as to why he was dropped head first onto the floor.

The way the premise licence holder reacted when someone was filming or attempting to film what happened shows a complete lack of professionalism, there was no threat from this male. Again this shows the lack of control the management have on the premises and that they have no regard for the promotion of the licensing objectives.

The last incident that is detailed in the bundle is an incident from the 7th October 2018. On this date officers were directed to Zaras as they had detained a male. Officers attended and saw an Asian male being restrained by staff.

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Officers requested the staff to release him and asked what had happened with staff indicating that the male had attempted to assault the door staff.

West Midlands Police had also received another call from a male stating his mobile had been taken by door staff, as officers were to discover the male they were dealing with was the same that had made the call.

Officers spoke to the male and he stated that his phone had been taken from him when he was filming outside. Officers returned to the premises and enquired about the phone to be told the male had thrown it at them, which they had picked up and returned to the office.

After the phone was returned it was checked for the recordings, the male could not find what he had recorded but officers were then able to trace the footage which was in the deleted section and it showed what had happened at the front door.

Officers managed to capture this on their body worn cameras. Officers describe the male demanding the names of the staff so he can complain, and then suddenly his phone is taken from him, it is not thrown as offices were told.

A licensing referral was sent to Licensing about this and I arranged to have a meeting with the DPS Vicky Sherwin about it, I did also ask to speak to the premise licence holder but was told he was tired as he had spent 3 days in London at the courts. This meeting happened on the 18th October.

I was provided with reports and CCTV which I reviewed. I concurred that the male had not thrown the phone as officers were told, I expressed my views to Vicky around her staff trying to mislead Police officers but left it at that.

Overall, what I have seen in the recent months where we have been able to ascertain independent evidence is that it is very clear that the premise have been covering up what has been happening. They have clearly tried to mislead officers as to what has been happening, which has now made us question the other crimes that are recorded against the premises but without the independence of CCTV evidence it is impossible to look back at those now.

The way the staff have reacted as well, both in terms of door staff, encouraging or goading customers that had been ejected, to the premise licence holder kicking the fence where a male was lawfully filming what was happening. All of this as well as the above incidents show that these premises are not promoting the licensing objectives.

Officers have commented on the lack of professionalism and rudeness of the management. As a very experienced licensing officer I have to concur with these assessments and this is not what we would expect

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from a well-run licensed premise.

West Midlands Police are seeking that the premise licence be revoked and that the interim steps of suspension remain in place.



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**Incident
12/13th
January 2019
Petrol Bombs
and
disorder**

INCIDENT REPORT**SHEET NUMBER:**

Date: 12/1/19	Time: 23:05	Location: FRONT GATE
Dealt with by: K. BERGIN (LIASON MANAGER) MEETER & GREECH		
Badge Number: N/A		

TYPE OF INCIDENT: (PLEASE TICK)

Accident		Drugs		Theft	
Criminal Damage		Drunkenness	X	Fraud	
Indecent/Sexual		Aggressive	X	Other	X
If other please state: DENIAL OF ENTRANCE.					

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT:

I K. BERGIN WAS STANDING ON FRONT GATE AWAITING ARRIVAL OF DOOR STAFF WHO WERE DELAYED DUE TOO TRAFFIC. PRESENT WITH ME WAS A COLLEAGUE WHO'S ROLE IS TO ASSIST WITH CLOAKROOM & GUIDE CUSTOMERS. THERE WAS ALSO ANOTHER MALE WHO WAS WAITING TO SEE JASON. A GROUP OF 4-5 ASIAN MALES & 2 WHITE FEMALES APPROACHED THE GATE, I SAY TO THE ONE ASIAN MALE (GREY JUMPER TOMMY UNIFORM TRACKSUIT BOTTOMS) "SORRY, NO TRACKSUITS ALLOWED" HIS RESPONSE WAS IMMEDIATE & AGGRESSIVE "WHAT YOU MEAN SORRY? AM I A DISGRACE?" HE THEN CLAIMED TO BE S.I.A. REGISTERED.

ACTION TAKEN: (Please Tick)

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Called By:		Time:	
Police attended		Eviction	
Ambulance Attended		Physical Intervention	
1 st Aid Administered		Verbal Intervention	
Radio Link Called			
Article(S) Confiscated			
Other			
Other/Article(s) Confiscated please state:			

CONTACT DETAILS OF PERSON INVOLVED:

Name:	Contact Number:
Male:	Female:
Refused Assistance/Ambulance: Yes / No	

So I responded "You should know better than." This male & one of his friends (large Asian male dark tracksuit, cap & pouch) continued to be aggressive & intoxicated.

At this point a 2nd group came to gain entrance (2-3 Black males) one of this group commented "It's the park clothes you want to worry about" This comment referred to one of the males from the first group who was dressed in traditional clothing with a hoodie & pouch.

The first group instantly turned their aggression on the 2nd group, calling them "Dirty Niggers" The situation began to escalate so I attempted to intervene, my colleague assisted. At seeing this the first group commented "Niggers sticking together"

The male who was waiting then stepped forward to assist myself & colleague. The large Asian male then swung a punch & a kick @ the waiting male, who caught the foot of the Asian male who then fell to the floor, the Asian male in grey then swings @ me & colleague, large male gets up & is struck by someone and falls again.

@ this point the 2nd group leave as do the white females & the Asian male in traditional dress. City pastors arrive & I ask them to radio police, 1st group help their friend up & leave in direction of Sainsburys, cross road.

Police arrive shortly after, I explain what happened & told officer descriptions, his response was "OK, as long as no one is dead, thanks."

Returned to vehicle & drove away.

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 Richard Adams

Age if under 18 Over 18 (if over 18 insert "over 18")

Occupation Police Constable

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: *Richard Adams* 22799

(witness)

Date 21/01/2019

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

I am Police Constable 22799 ADAMS of West Midlands Police based at Digbeth Police Station.

On Saturday 12th January 2019 I was on duty in full uniform working an 22:00 hours till 07:00 hours the follow date. I was tasked with policing the night time economy on Broad Street, Birmingham City Centre in company with PC 22954 HALES.

At 23:15 hours we were in a marked police vehicle at Digbeth Police Station at this time I was directed by our control room towards Zaras Bar and Grill, Broad Street to reports of a fight ongoing outside that location

On my arrival I parked outside the front entrance to zaras there was no ongoing disorder, I alighted the police vehicle and spoke to a member of door staff, I would describe this person as being a white male, about F600 tall, in his late 20s early 30s, stocky build wearing a suit, he spoke with a south african accent. He stated that a group of Asian males were messing around they all seemed to be friends one of the males in the group had fallen on the floor and the rest of his friends picked him up and carried him away. I asked for further details such as numbers in the group or a description of them however this could not be answered, he stated this happened outside the front entrance on the street and walked off towards the Novotel Hotel.

I then got in the police vehicle and drove around the area looking for this group however they could not be located.

Signature *Richard Adams* 22799Signature witnessed by *(26)*

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I then provided an update on the incident log.

I had no further dealings.

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**Incident 2788 of 12/01/2019**

URN	Date	Owner
2788	12/01/2019 23:15	BVRES1
Initial Classification	Response	Last Updated
MISCELLANEOUS	PI IMMEDIATE	12/01/2019

Reported by CALL 999 [REDACTED]
Brief Incident Details TAXI DRIVER REPORTING A FIGHT....

Location of Incident

Feature	ZARAS BAR GRILL CLUB,80,FORMALLY OLD ORLEANS
Street	CENTENARY SQUARE,BROAD STREET
Area	CITY CENTRE,BIRMINGHAM,WEST MIDLANDS
Postcode	B15 1AU
Beat	BWFD
OSGR	405912,286409

Caller Name	MR [REDACTED] Title
House	
Street	
Area	
Telephone Number	[REDACTED] Ex-Directory N

Warning Markers [REDACTED]
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Log updates

Date	Time	User	Terminal	Text
12/01/2019	23:16	59300	LHCHB2	Saturday 12 Jan 2019
12/01/2019	23:16	59300	LHCHB2	Location was !!! on 24/04/18
12/01/2019	23:16	59300	LHCHB2	Routed To Radio Operator(s)
12/01/2019	23:16	59300	LHCHB2	CLI data: 3G UK LTD,
12/01/2019	23:16	59300	LHCHB2	406033, 286309, 1200, 1200, 95, 90,
12/01/2019	23:16	59300	LHCHB2	OSGB36 ONE PERSON IS ON THE GROUND

12/01/2019	23:16	59300	LHCHB2	NO WEAPONS SEEN
12/01/2019	23:16	58065	BVRES1	Incident Transfer Accepted by terminal BVRES1
12/01/2019	23:16	59300	LHCHB2	ONE PERSON ON THE GROUND, NOW NOT FIGHTING
12/01/2019	23:16	59300	LHCHB2	THEY ARE ARGUING WITH THE DOORMEN
12/01/2019	23:16	59300	LHCHB2	ABOUT 6 PEOPLE INVOLVED
12/01/2019	23:17	58065	BVRES1	22799 Automatic STM Notification generated
12/01/2019	23:17	58065	BVRES1	22799 Despatched.
12/01/2019	23:17	59416	BVRES2	22954 Automatic STM Notification generated
12/01/2019	23:17	59416	BVRES2	22954 Despatched
12/01/2019	23:17	59300	LHCHB2	Caller Details Amended - NO PREVIOUS DETAILS
12/01/2019	23:17	59300	LHCHB2	ONTO AMBO
12/01/2019	23:18	59300	LHCHB2	View Street Index For Incident
12/01/2019	23:18	59300	LHCHB2	Resources Dealing with this Incident Enquiry
12/01/2019	23:19	59300	LHCHB2	AMBO ALREADY HAVE LOG OF UNCONCIOUS MALE
12/01/2019	23:19	59300	LHCHB2	AMBO LOG 3461
12/01/2019	23:20	59300	LHCHB2	OTHER AMBO LOG 3450
12/01/2019	23:20	59300	LHCHB2	AMBO HAVE ONGOING CALL AT PRESENT
12/01/2019	23:20	22799	Airwave	22799 Arrived at Incident
12/01/2019	23:20	22954	Airwave	22954 Arrived at Incident
12/01/2019	23:21	59416	BVRES2	SPOKEN TO DOOR STAFF
12/01/2019	23:21	59416	BVRES2	MADE OFF PRIOR TO ARRIVAL
12/01/2019	23:21	59416	BVRES2	APPARENTLY ALL FRIENDS
12/01/2019	23:21	59416	BVRES2	NO OFFENCES
12/01/2019	23:21	59416	BVRES2	All Resources Leave Scene/Dispatch Cancelled etc
12/01/2019	23:22	59416	BVRES2	Incident Closed By Terminal BVRES2
12/01/2019	23:22	59416	BVRES2	Incident End (Result / Close)

Incident Response THRIVE+ Assessments

Grade	Date	Time	Operator	Terminal
Original, Current P1 IMMEDIATE Decision	12/01/2019	23:16:05	59300	LHCHB2
THRIVE+ Assessment	12/01/2019	23:17:07	59300	LHCHB2
HIGH RISK OF HARM, FIGHT IN PROGRES, RISK OF FURTHER HARM				

Resources

Rank	Name	Collar No	Dispatched	Arrived	Left	Cancelled	Informed	Informed Cancelled	Dealt With	Call Sign
PC	ADAMS	22799	23:17	23:20	23:21					22799

PC HALES 22954 23:17 23:20 23:21

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PNC Results

No PNC checks have been made against this incident

Vehicle Recovery System

No Elvis records are associated with this incident

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Statement of Dean Russell Marriott

Age if under 18 Over 18 (if over 18 insert "over 18")

Occupation: Police Officer 7050

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Signature:  (witness)

Date 21st January 2019

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I am Police Sergeant 7050 Dean Russell Marriott of West Midlands Police currently stationed at Digbeth Police Station, Birmingham.

My role is that of a supervisor in charge of a team of Police Officers that cover Birmingham City Centre. In this capacity during a tour of duty I can be the lead on the night time economy, the lead during a public order situations or any other type of scenario that might identify threat, risk or harm to that of my team, those that engage with my team or indeed the general public.

I am a Police officer of 21 years and I have been involved in many types of public order situations including the Birmingham riots where I have deployed in situations where I have seen and faced various types of violent situations which can cause fear to those members of the public who witness it.

My role as supervisor on the night time economy is to post my team to various points on either Broad St or in the Arcadian Centre to ensure the safety of the patrons which can be in the thousands. I will link in with the pubs and clubs to identify if there has been any issues, are they expecting a heavy foot fall of patrons and their opening and closing times.

On Saturday 12th January 2019 I was on uniformed footpatrol in the City Centre in company with Police Constable 8213 Aujla covering Broad St and its immediate location. At just after 1100pm I became aware of an incident that had taken place at Zara's Nightclub which is located on Broad St towards Five Ways. I was informed that some sort of fight had taken place and that some of my officers were tasked to attend. Unfortunately fighting on Broad St is a regular occurrence, officers having to put themselves within harms way to protect the public.

I carried on with my patrolling of Broad St, still liaising with organisers and the public when not long after midnight a call came via my personal radio that a petrol bomb had been thrown towards Zara's nightclub. Due to the potential impact this may have on the night time economy, the potential for many people being

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hurt and to prevent any escalation of the incident I immediately made my way to the premises. Upon arrival I could see a number of what I believed to be door staff, the owner of Zara's, an asian male who I only know as Pete and other Police officers. I could also see markings on the ground that I would only account as being from some sort of fire.

Initially I began the conversation with Pete asking him what had happened to which his reply was somebody had thrown the petrol bomb towards us. I then went on to ask him if he was okay and did he know why someone would do this. Again his reply was that he couldn't understand why anyone would do this. At the same time from an unknown person a comment was made that it was the lads who were fighting in the street that threw the petrol bomb and they called us "black bastards". I asked this male who I believed to be a member of door staff what he meant by this to which he replied " There was a fight on the street between two groups and i reckon its those that are involved". I then turned to Pete and asked him if there was a reason why his venue had been targeted. He was unable to answer this saying he didn't know why they had been targeted. After this conversation Pete also spoke stating that maybe there had been an issue at another venue involving the group who had threw the petrol bomb, that they maybe had been kicked out from somewhere else as he still couldn't understand why they had been targeted.

There was still other conversations taking place between the door staff saying that it was two groups who were fighting outside Zara's and those involved were possibly the ones who threw the petrol bomb.

A short while later I viewed CCTV of the incident and noted that the vehicle involved was similar to a Grey Fiat Punto which had multi spoke alloy wheels which was possibly an  or  plate or similar however due to the picture quality it was very hard to make out. It was being driven by a young Asian male who had a dark beard and wearing a grey top. The front passenger in the vehicle looked as though they were wearing a hoody and was bending down in the vehicle. The CCTV is able to describe the actions of the vehicle, the way it drove past Zara's, turned around in the street and made its way back. After slowing down and stopping opposite Zara's it looks as though the driver is the person who then throws the item which I believe to be a petrol bomb towards the door staff who are stood in the street, near to the gated entrance.

Just watching the images show how little regard the occupants had for members of the public, other car users and the door staff present. In my honest opinion had someone been hit by the petrol bomb it might well have turned into a fatality.

The vehicle is then seen to be driven off at speed towards Five ways roundabout where it is lost from view.

After viewing the CCTV I returned to speak with Pete at Zara's asking if there was anything else they could tell me and I re-iterated the question as to why would they go after them. Again nothing was mentioned.

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We went down stairs into their CCTV room in Zara's. The conversation that we had just didn't feel right, as though there was something they as in the door staff were failing to tell us. When PC Aujla and myself were leaving Zara's at approximately 0130hrs we became aware of a grey Fiat Punto with a registration of [REDACTED] with three person on board driving past.

As we approached the vehicle the eye contact was very minimal with me which is normally the opposite of when Police officers approach. It was as though they were trying to avoid our attention / hiding their faces and to keep driving along Broad St.

As I got closer to the vehicle, the driver was very similar to the male driving the grey Punto on CCTV earlier. He was however wearing a different top. The vehicle was very similar to that which I saw by means of colour, the occupancy set up and the registration given the circumstances. PC Aujla requested the driver stop on Broad St, near to the junction with Sheepcote St. At the same time one of the members of staff from Zara's tried to tell us that this wasn't the car that we were after, that it was actually a silver Corsa. Due to viewing the CCTV it was my honest held belief that this was our car however due to the doorstaff saying this I questioned my own judgment. The vehicle remained locked so we were unable to open the doors and the windows were only lowered an inch or two almost to avoid any conversation. I believe the driver understood the command however he only drove very slowly towards the junction, turning left. Having done this, refusing PC Aujla's request he has then driven off at speed, driving on the wrong side of the road of Sheepcote St towards the ICC, overtaking traffic that were queued up. The driver had absolutely no regard for Pedestrians or other road users.

My concern was heightened by this latest event in the fact that I believed the vehicle had returned however it was caused to drive off at speed because officers became aware. For me safety was still paramount for all members of the public

I returned to Zara's and challenged the member of staff who stated he thought it involved a silver Corsa. I asked what made him think this to which he had no further answer, he just thought it was.

Other than reviewing the CCTV I had no further dealings.

It has later transpired that CCTV has been obtained showing a fight taking place with what I perceive to be the door staff of Zaras. Should this be confirmed then it is clearly showing a male being hit to the ground by a member of door staff. An asian male who is similar in description to the driver of the Punto attempts to pick the male up from the ground and to take him away from the incident.

At no point in our conversations did staff or the owner of Zara's explain to officers that an incident of this nature occurred involving their door staff. As a supervisor on the night time economy I need to understand

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from all the venues what is happening within their premises, whether there are any issues that may cause danger to my officers or to the public in general. As I am with my team I expect all DPS's to have knowledge of all incidents that take place at their venue.

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WITNESS STATEMENT

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Statement of Makhan Singh AUJLA

Age if under 18 over 18 (If over 18 insert "over 18")

Occupation Constable

This statement (consisting of six 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:  8213. (witness)Date 21st January 2019Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded ☐ (supply witness details on rear)

I am police constable 8213 Aujla of West Midlands police and currently stationed at Digbeth police station.

I currently work on Birmingham city centre team one, which looks after the four main areas of Birmingham city centre including the business district Southside covering the Arcadian Centre Westside covering Broad Street and east side covering east side park and Digbeth.

I've been stationed at Digbeth police station and worked this area for over six years now; during this time I recognised and helped establish a good relationship between West Midlands police and the businesses within the city centre that we serve. We work together to fundamentally provide members of the public the safest and best possible experience whilst in Birmingham city centre.

This relationship is paramount during the night time economy period when thousands of people visit the nightlife areas of Birmingham city centre working together with licensed premises forms the foundations for a safe environment for the community we serve, partner agencies working with us and ourselves the police.

On Saturday 12th January 2019 I was on duty from 21:00 hours to 07:00 hours the next morning, as it was a weekend night shift my team was tasked with night time economy; I was supervising at the time so I had posted my team to cover the relevant venues and areas of Westside covering Broad Street and its surrounding areas.

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I was working with PS Marriot that shift and we were on foot patrol, we left Digbeth Police station at around 23:00 hours and decided to walk through New Street and the business district to establish how busy it would be later on at the night clubs on Broad Street.

At around 23:20 hours on 12th January 2019, PS Marriot and I attended a backup call on Stephenson Place, where I detained two males for assault, whilst attending this incident I overheard an Incident of a disorder on my police radio, the location was given as Zara night club, Zara is a venue on Broad Street and I'd tasked PC's Begum and Francis to cover the location within their patrol for the night, I'd overheard their acknowledgement of the incident and they informed the controller they would make towards, moment later I overheard the incident had been resolved prior to officers attending and there was no one present on officers arrival.

Once we had dealt with the incident on Stephenson Place PS Marriot and I walked to Broad Street, whilst on route we were aware of two males arrested for being in possession of drugs, one was supplying the drugs and the other male was purchasing them off the first, it was clearly going to be a busy night despite the time of year.

At around midnight we arrived on Broad Street and liaised with the officer who had made the arrest for the drugs job, this was in zone one on Broad Street, this zone is nearest the ICC and the zones ascend along Broad Street with the final zone (zone four) covering up to Pryzum Night club.

Whilst speaking with the officers in zone one I overheard an incident in zone four, the incident was the report of a petrol bomb attack outside Zara night club. This is a very unusual type of incident and I have never heard of anything like this happening on Broad Street before, I overheard other officers attending and began making towards on foot with PS Marriot.

Whilst on route I was updated, a petrol bomb had been thrown and this was confirmed by the officers now at the location. On arrival I spoke with the officers present PC's Begum and PC Francis, also present was

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Statement of Makhan Singh AUJLA

Inspectors Minton and HILL. I was informed a petrol bomb had been thrown towards Zara night club from a moving car and it landed on the edge of the pavement, I approached the door staff at Zara with PS Marriot and asked if any of the incident had been captured on their CCTV system, I am aware Zara has a very good quality CCTV system with numerous cameras from dealing with incidents around the venue in the past, I was told the CCTV system at the venue does not cover the road outside the venue where the petrol bomb was launched from.

Directly across the road from Zara night club is Velvet rooms club, I tasked PC Francis to speak to the manager at Velvet rooms to ascertain is any of the incident had been captured by their CCTV system, from previous dealings I know the CCTV system at Velvet rooms does cover some of the road outside their venue.

I saw the remains for the petrol bomb in the street and what looked like burnt road markings on the double yellow lines outside Zara nightclub. PC Begum was tasked with photographing these remains. I attempted to speak to the several door staff stood at the gate entrance to Zara some two yards from where the petrol bomb had landed, none of them came forward to give me an account or description of the offenders and their vehicle.

PC Francis contacted me with an update, the CCTV system at Velvet rooms had captured the incident. Along with PS Marriot, I attended Velvet Rooms to view the footage, on doing so I could see a dark grey Fiat Punto drive into city down Broad Street from the direction of five ways, turn around just past Zara night club, the fiat then drives slowly drives back out of city but stops directly outside the gate entrance to Zara nightclub on the other side of the road. A petrol bomb is then thrown from the offside front window of the Fiat towards Zara nightclub door staff stood at the entrance gate, the petrol bomb lands around two yards in front of the door staff and explodes the vehicle then continues to drive out of city towards five ways.

From the CCTV I viewed I will describe the Fiat car as follows, dark grey, old shape around [REDACTED] displaying a vrm similar to [REDACTED] I couldn't be completely sure of the registration mark due to the distance and pixilation of the CCTV footage, I could however see tape holding on the rear registration plate so made the assumption the registration plate wasn't the correct one for the vehicle. The driver was an Asian male wearing a light grey jumper, the front seat passenger was also an Asian male, he was wearing dark

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Statement of Makhan Singh AUJLA

clothing, and I could also see one Asian male in the rear of the vehicle, again he was also wearing dark clothing.

Once a copy of the footage was collected I tasked PC Francis to visit other venues in the direction the vehicle had travelled, PC Begum was asked to visit Zara and attempt to obtain a statement from a member of staff that had witnessed what had happened. PS Marriot and I also attended Zara to update the staff and management.

On arriving at Zara we spoke to PC Begum who was obtaining a statement from a male member of security staff who I now know as JAMMEH, he described the offenders as I'd seen on the CCTV, however he described the car as silver Vauxhall Corsa. He said the male offenders in the car shouted "YOU BLACK BASTARDS" towards door staff at Zara before they through the petrol bomb. He was very vague with his version of events and PC Begum said she was struggling to obtain a statement from him due to this. I then questioned JAMMEH about the incident and he eventually said the males involved were outside the premises earlier and he recognised the occupants in the vehicle from that incident.

I asked JAMMEH what incident he was referring to and what happened? He told me, there was a group of Asian males and a group of black males in the street earlier on in the evening, they had a little fight between themselves then left. I asked if any of the males involved in the fight had been in his venue (Zara) and he confirmed they had not.

With PS Marriot I then went to speak to the manager and owner, I now know the owner as Pete, I don't know the name of the manager but he is a very large built white male, about 6 foot 2 inches tall with a shaved head. We spoke to these males in the CCTV control room of the venue which is in the basement of the premises, we asked if the petrol bomb incident had been captured on CCTV, the manager said look at the screens we don't cover that part of the road, he was very rude in the way he spoke and seemed very flustered by our presence. We then asked the owner what happened earlier on today, one of you door staff has just told me there was a fight and the same people were involved in the petrol bomb.

Pete said there was a fight outside the premises between two unknown groups of males, he added he didn't

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know where they came from but it wasn't from his venue. I asked Pete again if he was sure the males did not come from his venue as we could capture better images of them inside the venue, he confirmed they were not. PS Marriot asked Pete how he'd feel about closing early to safeguard his staff and passing members of the public in case the offenders returned, Pete objected to this and said it would cost him too much. The manager was now sat at a desk in the CCTV control room and I said to him, "CAN YOU COPY THE FOOTAGE OF BOTH INCIDENTS AND I'LL GET SOMEONE TO COLLECT IT" he said "YOU WANT A COPY EVEN THOUGH IT WONT SHOW ANYTHING" I replied "YES". PS Marriot and I then walked back upstairs and through the venue to the front smoking area, Pete the owner followed us out.

I continued my patrols but I tasked officers to pay extra attention to Zara, I asked for one of our marked Police vans to be parked outside the premises and for PC Khan to stay outside the venue to watch out if the offenders returned. Broad Street was quite busy and I feared another incident might occur causing someone some serious injuries.

At around 01:30 hours in the early hours of the 13th January 2019 I was stood back at Zaras night club and I saw a dark grey Fiat Punto drive towards Zara from the direction of five ways. I immediately thought it was the same vehicle as I'd seen earlier from the footage, I looked over towards the door staff at Zara and shouted "IS THAT THE CAR" I began walking towards the car at the same time which was now stationary in light traffic. The door staff said "NO IT WAS A SILVER CORSA" I could see JAMMEH walking in my direction shaking his head. I tried to open the driver's door which was locked, the driver who was an Asian male wearing dark clothing looked up at me and said "IS EVERYTHING OK OFFICER" the driver's window was open by about two inches. As the cars in front had slowly started moving but I wasn't completely happy with the vehicle and its three Asian male occupants I asked the driver to park up in the bus stop outside Zara night club. I noted the vrm was [REDACTED] clearly different to the one I'd viewed on CCTV but I couldn't see tape on this one.

The driver acknowledged and slowly began moving towards the kerb, I continued to walk behind, however the car continued to slowly travel down Broad Street and turned left into Sheepcote Street, I could see vehicles along Sheepcote Street in front of the Fiat beginning to move through traffic so I began running after it, I could see PS Marriot on the pavement also looking at the car and I shouted he's doing one. I continued to run after the Fiat along Sheepcote Street and it started to gain speed, I was running as fast as I

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could and as it approached the round-about I gained slightly and was around three meters behind it, the Fiat then made off at speed over the round-about onto the the other side of Sheepcote Street and went onto the wrong side of the carriageway, the Fiat then accelerated away and serious speed. Whilst I was chasing the car I could hear PS Marriot giving the registration of the vehicle and its direction of travel over the radio. It was followed on CCTV for a short while but then lost.

I returned to Zara with PS Marriot where we spoke to Pete and the head doorman Kieran, we suggested as the offenders had returned maybe they should close the venue early tonight, Pete replied "WHAT MAKES YOU THINK THEY WERE TARGETING OUR VENUE, THEY COULD HAVE ISSUES WITH ANYONE ON BROAD STREET" I said "ONE OF YOUR DOORSTAFF HAVE SAID THEY SHOUTED YOU BLACK BASTARDS AT YOUR DOOR STAFF BEFORE THROWING THE PETROL BOMB AND NOW THERE BACK DRIVING PAST YOUR VENUE". Pete then said he couldn't close early as he had a £5000 staff bill. I then asked why he's staff keep suggesting the vehicle involved was a light silver Vauxhall Corsa when the vehicle was clearly a dark grey Fiat, Kieran answered by saying "THE DOORMAN THAT SAID THAT IS NEW, HE DOESN'T KNOW WHATS GOING ON, HE CANT EVEN SPEAK ENGLISH" I replied he managed to have one with me perfectly fine. I then left the premises and did not return there that night.

The next evening when I returned to work I had received footage from Velvet rooms from the earlier incident at 23:12 hours on 12/02/2019 from this footage its clear to see a member of door staff punches an Asian male to the face knocking him out cold, this male is picked up by another Asian male wearing a light grey jumper whom I recognised as being the driver of the Fiat during the petrol bomb incident. The door staffs at Zara walk back into the premises following the incident.

The behaviour of the door staff and management fell well below the standard I expect from licenced premises in the second city, the manager and owner failed to disclose the incident at 23:12 hours involving a member of his staff on 12/02/2019 and actually lied to me saying it was between two unknown groups. I feel disappointed by the lack of responsibility and obstruction caused to the Police on that night and lack of concern for the welfare of my officers and members of public that could have innocently been caught up in the crossfire of this incident.

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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 Tarral FRANCIS

Age if under 18 Over (if over 18 insert "over 18")

Occupation Police Constable 22624

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: T.FRANCIS (witness)

Date 19/01/2019

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

I am PC 22624 FRANCIS of the West Midlands Police currently stationed at Digbeth Police Station attached to the City Centre NHT.

On Saturday 12th January 2019 I was on night shift duty working between 19:00hrs and 05:00 hours the next morning, as it was a weekend night shift.

At approximately 22:00hrs I attended our NTE (Night Time Economy) briefing at Digbeth Police Station, during briefing we were allocated to the Broad Street Area of the City and I was tasked to cover the area of Broad Street known as zone four which includes Zara's and Pryzum Night Club.

At approximately 23:15hrs myself and several officers were making our way to Broad Street, when at approximately 23:20hrs I received a report via my personal radio of a disorder on Broad Street believes to be at the location of ZARA'S night club.

However before our arrival other officers had attended the location, and as a result we were cancelled.

Upon our arrival at Broad Street I commence my duties in company with PC 22715 BEBUM, part of our duties is to liaise with management and staff of the clubs and to obtain details in relation to numbers of door staffs, closing hours and patrons attending the club.

At approximately 23:35hrs I attended ZARA'S in relation to obtaining the above details, I approached a doors staff who was standing at the front entrance to the club by the large metal gates and spoke to him, I now know this male to be Gregory PRICE born [REDACTED]. I asked him if everything was ok and if there were any issues, PRICE stated that there were no issues and that all was in order.

I then asked PRICE about the earlier incident, he refused to comment and said all's ok, I then continue with patrolling the area.

At approximately 00:19hrs Sunday 13th January 2019 I received another report via my personal radio of a

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Statement of Tarral FRANCIS

petrol bomb incident outside ZARA's Night Club, at the time of this report I was at the location of POPWORLD which is situated approximately four hundred metres from Zara's on the same side of Zara's.

Upon attending the location I noticed a group of people outside the main entrance to ZARA. I recognised one of the males as Gregory PRICE as I had spoken to him previously.

I approached "PRICE" to obtain information with regards to the recently report incident. He informed me that he had witness the incident.

PS AUJLA and PS MARRIOT attended the location, a few minutes later Inspectors Minton and Hill attended, PS AUJLA then tasked me to speak to the manager at Velvet rooms to ascertain if any of the incident had been captured by their CCTV system, I then attended Velvet rooms and View the CCTV from the CCTV I viewed I can describe the vehicle in the CCTV as a Fiat car dark grey in colour, old shape around 2006, displaying a registration similar to [REDACTED] I couldn't be completely sure of the registration mark due to the distance and pixilation of the CCTV footage,

At 01:00hrs I obtain the CCTV footage which was downloaded onto a DVD by Mr EMMISON Manager and CCTV operator at Velvet room, MG11 statement completed exhibiting the CCTV.


I had no further dealing with this incident

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WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B

Crime No. URN

Statement of Asma BEGUM

Age if under 18 Over (if over 18 insert "over 18")

Occupation Police Constable 22715

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: A.Begum (witness)

Date 21/01/2019

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

I am PC 22715 BEGUM of the West Midlands Police currently stationed at Digbeth Police Station attached to the City Centre NHT.

On Saturday 12th January 2019 I was on night shift duty working between 19:00hrs and 05:00hrs.

At approximately 22:00hrs I attended our NTE (Night Time Economy) briefing at Digbeth Police Station, during briefing we were allocated to the Broad Street Area of the City.

At approximately 23:15hrs myself and several officers were making our way to Broad Street to commence Night Time Economy. The duty we undertake as Police Officers during this specific time period is paramount in forming excellent relationships with the businesses, management and staff given thousands of people access the night time entertainment facilities in Birmingham City Centre and it is our prime aim to ensure they are safe, forming a safe environment for the community we serve and working with other partner agencies.

Part of our duties is to liaise with management and staff of the clubs and to obtain numbers of customers each club has, to the ratio of staff and also the hours in which they close.

On the night of 12th January 2019 I was in company with PC 2264 FRANCIS, at approximately 23:20hrs I received a report via my personal radio of a disorder on Broad Street believes to be at the location of ZARA'S night club. Me and my colleague arrived at approximately 23:35hrs to ZARA'S in relation to obtaining details for the above incident. I approached two of the security guards who identified themselves as LAMIN JAMMEH and GREGORY PRICE and asked them if everything was ok. Both stated there were no issues and that all was in order.

I also heard PC FRANCIS asking PRICE about the earlier incident which I heard him say 'ALL IS OK'. We both then continued with patrolling the area.

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Statement of Asma BEGUM

At approximately 12:10 hrs a further call was made via the airwave radio regarding a further incident again at ZARA'S Club. Upon attending the location I noticed a group of people outside the main entrance to ZARA. I recognised one of the male as the manager of ZARA as I had spoken to him in general previously. He had identified himself as 'KIERAN'. I approached 'KIERAN' to obtain information with regards to the recently reported incident. He informed me that a petrol bomb had been thrown towards ZARA from a vehicle travelling on the opposite direction, heading towards five ways. I asked if he had CCTV footage of the incident. His response was 'WE DON'T HAVE FOOTAGE WHICH COVERS THE FRONT ONTO THE STREET, CAN'T YOU GET IT FROM THE POLICE CCTV'. At this point Inspectors HILL and MINTON approached the scene. I contacted Police CCTV via my airwave radio to ask for coverage of the incident. They stated they did not have the camera facing ZARA's location at the time. I updated 'KIERAN' of this. 'KIERAN' then requested for me to speak to two of his security guards in order to obtain any information of what had happened as they had allegedly witnessed the incident.

I approached the security staff who identified themselves as LAMIN JAMMEH, date of birth: and GREGORY PRICE, date of birth: and obtained a witness statement from JAMMEH and PRICE in relation to the incident.

JAMMEH was the first person I took the statement from. He had inconsistency in his account by way of time provided. He also stated that he was aware of the disorder of earlier, and that the Asian men who had attended the club earlier and were involved in the disorder were the same men who had thrown a glass bottle with a lighted cloth towards ZARA's main entrance where there was a group of people, mainly black people. However when asked during my initial approach with my colleague PC 22624 FRANCIS further to the first call out he denied any knowledge of this when asked.

PRICE stated he had not witnessed the incident of earlier, but had seen something being thrown towards ZARA from a small car which he at first stated was a CORSA.

Upon obtaining the statements I had no further dealings in this matter.

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Abdool Rohomon

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 17 January 2019 13:48
To: Abdool Rohomon
Subject: Re: Zaras

Good Afternoon Abdool,

In regards to the previous email sent with the timesheet's from Saturday 12th January 2019 .

I can confirm that we provide only two door staff for Zara's the names are below & you will find the times on the time sheets.

*Gregory Pryce
Michael Ifill .*

Regards
[REDACTED]

More Secure LTD
Securing your company & personal needs

On 15 January 2019 at 13:03:04 -00:00, Abdool Rohomon <a.rohomon@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk> wrote:

More Secure,

We are told that you provided all the doorstaff that worked at Zaras on Saturday 12th January 2019. Can you please provide us the details of how many staff you supplied for the venue and what hours they were due to work

If this could be sent through to us quickly please as we are investigating a serious incident

Kind regards

Abs Rohomon

PC 4075 Rohomon

BW Licensing

Police headquarters

List of the Doorstaff that worked Saturday Night 12/01/2018

Head Door Man

G Pryce 35980

Door Staff

Michael Ifill 5458

Osman Ahmed 3090

Mohammed Ali 9061

Lamin Jammeh 2021

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ZARA'S BAR SECURITY SIGN IN SHEET

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INCIDENT REPORT**SHEET NUMBER:**

Date: 13/1/19	Time: 12:06	Location: FRONT GATE
Dealt with by: V. BERCIN		Badge Number:
NUMEROUS D.S.		

TYPE OF INCIDENT: (PLEASE TICK)

Accident		Drugs		Theft	
Criminal Damage		Drunkenness		Fraud	
Indecent/Sexual		Aggressive		Other	X
If other please state: FIRE BOMB					

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT:

A SMALL DARK CAR (NOW KNOWN TO BE A FIAT PUNTO) STOPPED IN OPPOSITE LANE, SHOUTED "FUCK YOU NIGGERS" & THREW TWO 'PETROL BOMBS' @ THE FRONT GATE & SPED OFF TOWARDS CINEMA. INUGLE TOOK A LEFT, THE STREET WAS OVER THE ROAD AND CAME OVER DOORSTAFF did try and chase the car but the car speeded off, street wardens called the police through
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ACTION TAKEN: (Please Tick)

Called By: V. BERCIN		Time: 12:00 am			
Police attended	X	Eviction		Radio Link Called	X
Ambulance Attended		Physical Intervention		Article(S) Confiscated	
1 st Aid Administered		Verbal Intervention		Other	
Other/Article(s) Confiscated please state:					

CONTACT DETAILS OF PERSON INVOLVED:

Name:	Contact Number:
Male:	Female:
Refused Assistance/Ambulance: Yes / No	

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Offence WOU 18 CAUSE GBH W/I TO DO GBH

Address ZARAS BAR GRILL CLUB, 80, BROAD STREET,
CITY CENTRE, BIRMINGHAM, WEST MIDLANDS B15 1AU

Committed 15/12/2018 04:00:00 15/12/2018 05:00:00

Neighbourhood BW WESTSIDE

CRIMES SERVICE TEAM LOG ENTERED BY BLURTON_59002, ON 15 DEC 2018 AT 12:06:19:

INCIDENT 611 OF 15/12/2018 REFERS

GENERAL LOG ENTERED BY LISSEMORE_0957, ON 15 DEC 2018 AT 13:22:59:

THE IP IN THIS MATTER WAS IN ZARA'S NIGHTCLUB BROAD STREET BIRMINGHAM. HE HAD
ENTERED THE CLUB WITH HIS FRIEND [REDACTED] AT ABOUT 01:00HRS. HE HAD BEEN
IN

THE CLUB A COUPLE OF HOURS WHEN HE WENT TO THE DOWNSTAIRS TOILET, IN THE
TOILET HE SPOKE TO THE ATTENDANT WHO HE STATES HE ALWAYS TALKS TO. A MEMBER
OF DOOE STAFF HAS THEN QUESTIONED HIM ABOUT SPEAKING TO THE ATTENDANT. THE
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THEN STATES THIS BOUNCER HAS PUNCHED HIM 4 TIMES IN THE FACE. THE BOUNCER
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THEN GRABBED HIM AROUND THE TOILET AND OUT OF THE CLUB, POSSIBLY ASSISTED BY
OTHER STAFF.

OUTSIDE THE MAIN GATE THE IP HAS TRIED TO PROTEST HIS INNOCENCE HOWEVER THIS
HAS RESULTED IN OTHER DOOR STAFF RESTRAINING HIM AND HIM BEING ASSAULTED
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POSSIBLY BEING PUT IN A CHOKE OR NECK HOLD. THE IP THEN STATES HE CAN'T
REMEMBER ANYTHING THEN UNTIL A NUMBER OF HOURS LATER IN HOSPITAL.

THE IP WAS ARRESTED AT THE SCENE BY NTE OFFICERS THEY HAD REPORTS OF A MALE
ARMED WITH A METAL BAR OUTSIDE ZARAS AND THE IP WAS IDENTIFIED BY DOOR STAFF
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THE IP WAS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY ON SUSPICION OF POSSESSION OF AN OFFENSIVE
WEAPON. BUT DUE TO A FACE INJURY TAKEN TO CITY HOSPITAL. CT SCAN SHOWED HE
HAS

2 FRACTURES TO HIS SKULL ON THE LEFT SIDE.

ON THE ADVICE OF BOURNEVILLE CID THE IP WAS RPI'D TO ALLOW MEDICAL TREATMENT/
A VERY BRIEF STATEMENT HAS BEEN TAKEN FROM THE IP. HE STATES HE CAN'T
REMEMBER

LARGE PARTS OF THE INCIDENT, HE CAN'T OFFER DESCRIPTION OR TIMES.

OFFENCE / INCIDENT DETAILS

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[REDACTED] THE IP HAS
BEEN
[REDACTED]

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IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE IP IS ONLY PROVIDING THE PARTS OF THE STORY HE WISHES TO,
HE WALKED INTO CUSTODY AND HOSPITAL BUT STATES HE CAN'T REMEMBER.
LINES OF ENQUIRY
CCTV TRAWL IN ZARA'S AND BROAD STREET.
SPEAK TO TOILET ATTENDANT.

[REDACTED]
SPEAK TO DOOR STAFF.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] AND WILL BE FOR AT LEAST ANOTHER 24
HOURS. HIS INJURIES ARE NOT THOUGHT TO BE LIFE CHANGING OR LIFE THREATENING AT
THIS TIME. HE HAS A CONFIRMED FRACTURED SKULL BELIEVED TO BE AS A RESULT OF
THE
ASSAULT.
CCTV - ZARAS IS NOT OPEN UNTIL 1900HRS, CCTV IS BEING SOUGHT FROM THIS
LOCATION.

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STAFF - A LIST OF ALL MEMBERS OF DOOR STAFF AND TOILET ATTENDANTS FROM ZARA'S
IS
TO BE REQUESTED WHEN CCTV OBTAINED LATER TONIGHT.

[REDACTED]
23163.

GENERAL LOG ENTERED BY PROCTOR_23163, ON 15 DEC 2018 AT 21:42:48:
THE USB OF BODYCAM FOOTAGE FROM CCTV AT ZARAS HAS BEEN VIEWED.
IT SHOWS IP OUTSIDE THE VENUE HAVING BEEN EJECTED FOLLOWING THE ALLEGED
ASSAULT IN THE TOILETS (NO CAMERA FOOTAGE)
AFTER A WHILE THE IP WALKS AWAY, BEFORE LATER RETURNING. THERE IS FURTHER
CONVERSATION BETWEEN IP AND Bouncers AND THEN IP PRODUCES A RED METAL BAR
(THIS IS WHY HE WAS ARRESTED)
SECURITY THEN SEEN AND HEARD TO SAY SIMILAR TO "IF YOU WANT TO, THEN DO IT
NOW.
COME ON THEN DO IT NOW" AND THE IP IS THEN TAKEN TO THE FLOOR BY SECURITY. AT
THIS TIME, THE BODYCAM IS TURNED OFF.
VICKY SHERWIN OF ZARAS WILL COMPILE A LIST OF ALL STAFF WORKING LAST NIGHT,
INCLUDING THE TOILET ATTENDANT. [REDACTED]
IN IP'S MG11 IT STATES THAT THE TOILET ATTENDANT WAS TELLING THE DOOR STAFF NOT
TO ASSAULT HIM INITIALLY, SO THEY ARE A KEY WITNESS WHO NEED SPEAKING TO.
LANCASTER HOUSE CCTV DOES NOT CAPTURE ANYTHING.

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GENERAL LOG ENTERED BY FISHER_20042 - SUPERVISOR, ON 17 DEC 2018 AT 01:25:39:
PAUL,
CONTACT IP AND OBTAIN UPDATE OF THE LEVEL OF INJURIES [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
OBTAIN CCTV FROM THE CLUB AND ANY OUTSTANDING BODY CAM FROM THE OTHER PEOPLE INVOLVED.

CCTV TRAWL.

INTERVIEW OFFENDERS

INFORM LICENCING OF THE INCIDENT.

GENERAL LOG ENTERED BY MINSHULL_7249, ON 18 DEC 2018 AT 22:31:50:

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[REDACTED] States that he should have gone to the
QE

Hospital on 22/12/18 for an Operation but couldn't make it. He is waiting for a new appointment. He states that he has suffered 2 x fractures to his skull and a fracture under his left eye socket. he will contact me and let me know when his operation is.

GENERAL LOG ENTERED BY LAIGHT_22747, ON 31 DEC 2018 AT 14:29:19:

I HAVE ATTENDED ZARA'S CLUB THIS AFTERNOON RE CCTV/ ESTABLISH WHICH SECURITY STAFF WERE WORKING FOR THIS OFFENCE ALONG WITH SIMILAR CIRCS TO 20BW/292075G/18

HOWEVER, THE CLUB WAS CLOSED.

GENERAL LOG ENTERED BY LAIGHT_22747, ON 03 JAN 2019 AT 16:46:14:

RANG ZARAS CLUB AND SPOKE TO JASON (MANAGER) [REDACTED]. I HAVE REQUESTED THAT HE CHECKS IF CCTV IS STILL AVAILABLE FOR 09/12/18 0400-0500HRS AND 15/12/18 0400-

0500HRS. I HAVE ALSO ASKED FOR DETAILS OF THE DOOR STAFF THAT WAS ON DUTY THAT

EVENING. JASON STATES HE WILL CHECK THIS AND RING ME BACK. I RANG BACK 30MINS LATER NO ANSWER - VOICEMAIL LEFT.

GENERAL LOG ENTERED BY LAIGHT_22747, ON 13 JAN 2019 AT 14:37:34:

05/01/19 - I ATTENDED ZARA'S CLUB WITH PC 7469 HARMON. THE CLUB ONLY HAD ONE USB STICK TO DOWNLOAD FOOTAGE ON THIS OCCASSION. PRESENT WAS JASON

AND VICTORIA SHERWIN (MANAGERS)

WE REQUESTED THE FOLLOWING FOOTAGE:

-08/12/18 (RE THE CRIME PC HARMON IS OIC FOR) PC HARMON DISCUSSED THE HOURS NEEDED

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- 09/12/18 0400-0500 (20BW/292075G/18) - I HAVE LOOKED AT ALL OF THE CAMERAS AND ESTABLISHED THAT THE COAT AREA WHERE IP STATES HE WAS ATTACKED IS A SHED NEXT

TO THE FRONT GATES OF CLUB. I REQUESTED THE TWO CAMERAS WHICH SHOW THIS AREA,

ONE IS OF CLOSER RANGE.

-15/12/18 0400-0500HRS (20BW/292035P/18 OIC IS PC 7249 MINSHULL) - THE FRONT TWO CAMERAS WHICH SHOW THE GATE AREA WHERE THE INCIDENT TOOK PLACE, ONE IS OF CLOSER RANGE, AND THE BODY CAM FOOTAGE FROM THE SECURITY GUARDS. JASON WAS

ADAMANT THAT THIS FOOTAGE HAD ALREADY BEEN PROVIDED TO OFFICERS ON THAT NIGHT.

-I ALSO REQUESTED A LIST OF DOOR STAFF WORKING ON 09/12/18 & 15/12/18.

DUE TO ONLY HAVING ONE MEMORY STICK AVAILABLE THE BODY CAM FOOTAGE FOR 15/12/18 WAS DOWNLOADED, JASON STATED THAT THIS IS ALL OF THE AVAILABLE BODY CAM

FOOTAGE. I AGREED TO RETURN ON 10/01/19 TO COLLECT THE REST; THEY STATED THAT THEY WILL GET MORE USB STICKS TO DO THIS.

10/01/19 - ATTENDED ZARA'S NIGHTCLUB TO COLLECT THE REQUESTED FOOTAGE.

-RE 20BW/292035P/18 - SPOKE WITH CIRAN [REDACTED] AND VICTORIA SHERWIN (BOTH MANAGERS) I TOOK BACK THE MEMORY STICK THEY PREVIOUSLY GAVE ME AND TOOK A SPARE ONE. I REQUESTED AGAIN THE ABOVE FOOTAGE AND WATCHED AS THEY WERE SORTING THROUGH THE FOOTAGE ON THE SCREENS. THEY WERE AWARE OF AN INCIDENT

ON 15/12/18 RE A MALE WITH AN IRON BAR AND STATED THAT THEY WOULD ALSO DOWNLOAD

FOOTAGE WHICH TRACKED THIS MALE ROUND THE CLUB. CIRAN STATED THAT HE WAS WORKING THAT NIGHT AND WAS INVOLVED IN THE INCIDENT, HE STATED THAT THE MALE WITH THE IRON BAR WAS VERBALLY ABUSING A TOILET ATTENDANT AND HE ATTENDED THE

TOILET WITH ANOTHER DOOR STAFF MEMBER AND ASKED HIM TO LEAVE, HE STATES THAT

HE LATER "CHOKED THE GUY OUT" AS HE WAS SWINGING AN IRON BAR AT HIM, AND POLICE

THEN ARRIVED. CIRAN IS ADAMANT THAT HE PROVIDED A STATEMENT REGARDING THIS ON

THE SAME NIGHT, ALONG WITH PROVIDING THE CCTV FOOTAGE.

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-WHEN I HAVE RETURNED TO PERRY BARR IT HAS BECOME CLEAR THAT NOT ALL OF THE REQUESTED FOOTAGE HAD BEEN DOWNLOADED FOR 15/12/18; VARIOUS CAMERAS/TIMES HAVE BEEN DOWNLOADED BUT I DID NOT HAVE THE FULL TIME FOOTAGE FOR THE LONG DISTANCE FRONT CAMERA, AND DID NOT HAVE THE CLOSE UP CAMERA AT ALL.

I ALSO DID NOT HAVE THE CLOSE UP/FULL TIME PERIOD FOR THE INCIDENT ON 09/01/19 (20BW/292075G/18). I HAVE THEN EMAILED JASON [REDACTED] STATING AGAIN THE FOOTAGE THAT I NEED.

DOOR STAFF DETAILS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED ON THE DOWNLOAD AND JASON STATES THAT THEY ARE THE SAME DOOR STAFF THAT WORK ON 09/01/19.

-FOOTAGE WAS COLLECTED FOR PC 7469 HARMONS JOB.

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12/01/2019- ATTENDED ZARA'S NIGHTCLUB WITH PC 22689 PATERSON. PRESENT WAS JASON

AND CIRAN (MANAGERS)

RE 20BW/292035P/18 - I HAVE EXPLAINED THAT I STILL NEED THE FULL TIME PERIOD REQUESTED FOR 15/12/18 FROM THE CLOSE UP ENTRANCE CAMERA AS THIS IS THE MAIN CAMERA WHICH WILL SHOW THE INCIDENT. JASON WAS ADAMANT THAT THIS HAD ALREADY

BEEN GIVEN TO OFFICERS ON THAT NIGHT AND THAT AS IT WAS DOWNLOADED THAT NIGHT

IT WAS NOW NOT AVAILABLE AND WAS DELETED. I ASKED HIM TO SHOW ME THIS AND IT APPEARED THAT THE FOOTAGE WAS STILL AVAILABLE. THE DATES STILL AVAILABLE WENT BACK TO 01/12/18. FOOTAGE HAS NOW BEEN DOWNLOADED WHICH SHOWS THE INCIDENT.

-RE 20BW/292075G/18 & REQUIRED FOOTAGE HAS NOW BEEN DOWNLOADED. THIS IS THE CLOSE UP CAMERA OF THE COAT AREA/SHED.

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*** End of Report ***

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WITNESS STATEMENT

Crime Number: [REDACTED]

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B

Statement of: [REDACTED]

URN [REDACTED]

Age if under 18: 018

(if over 18 insert 'over 18')

Occupation: Unemployed

This statement (consisting of 3 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: [REDACTED]

Date: 15/12/2018

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

I am the above named person and I live at the address overleaf

I'm making this statement about what I was beaten up by the bouncers in Zara's nightclub in Birmingham.

On Saturday 15th December 2018 I went to Zara's nightclub on Broadstreet in Birmingham. I arrived there at about 01.00hrs. I was alone but as I walked in I saw a friend called [REDACTED] so we went in together. I'd been in the club for a number of hours without any problems, during that time I had 2 bottles of beer. At some point I went to the toilet downstairs. In the toilet is an attendant who I always talk to. I was just passing time chatting to him when a bouncer came into the toilets. He was asking me why I was in there. I told him to mind his own business as I was talking to my friend. This caused him to get angry and he began punching me. He hit punched me about 4 times in face.

Signature: [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by: [REDACTED] 27

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Continuation of Statement of: [REDACTED]

This knocked me to the floor, the bouncer then began dragging me around. I was then dragged out of the club by this bouncer and possibly another one. At the main gate of the club I began to speak to other door staff. I was upset so may have been pasting at them. I then got grabbed again I think by 3 bouncers. I was hit again and also put into a neck hold. I then can't remember anything until I was in the hospital sometime later.

I can't describe the door staff in detail only that they were all black and wearing dark clothing. I think the one that choked me is a door staff. I think he was the biggest he was white and big but all I can remember.

As a result of the matter I have 2 fractures to my skull on the left side. I consent to police having access to my medical records. I also have swelling and bruising to my face. I have no recollection of how long this incident lasted.

At the closest I was within arms reach of the offender.

Signature: [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by:

[Signature]

[Signature]

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Continuation of Statement of:

The visib. was good in the club but dark
outside with no obstruction
I've seen these door stuff before but
don't know them.

I wish to add that while being hit in
the toilet by the bouncer the toilet
attendant was telling him to stop [REDACTED]

Signature: [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by: [REDACTED]

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Abdool Rohomon

From: Paul Minshull
Sent: 28 January 2019 11:15
To: Abdool Rohomon
Subject: Re: Zaras

Abs,

I've just made a copy of the CCTV, which I'll pop up to you.

The circs of my incident are that the Victim is allegedly involved in a incident with a door supervisor in the toilet, where he states that the door supervisor punched him. CCTV shows the Victim enter the toilets. A few mins later he escorted out of the toilets by staff. Nothing underhand appears to go on at this point.

The Victim is then taken outside where he states his case to the door supervisors outside. To be fair to the staff, they just listen to him and deal with him professionally. The Victim returns a few mins later and starts telling the door staff that he wants to speak to the doorman that hit him. He goes onto say that he is a member of the Johnson Gang from Nechells, and does say that he will light up the place.

The Victim then racks a baton out and starts to wave it around. Even then the doormen remain calm, but one of the doorman does say, "If your going to do, do it". (Basically he's had enough of the Victim).

The struggle begins and after you hear, "Drop him", the Doormans bodycam switches off.

The Victim is then bought into the patio/waiting area by the front security gates of the club and it appears that he is dropped to the floor.

He is left lying on the floor, with security staff just standing around him. You can see the Victim's chest rising.

A male that was with the Victim is ushered out, and finally the Victim is rolled onto his side.

03:50:27 - Victim is dropped on the floor.

03:51:51 - Male gets ushered out.

03:52:01 - Victim tries to get up.

03:52:10 - Victim is rolled onto his side.

03:52:57 - Victim tries to get up.

03:53:08 - Victim is sat up by staff.

03:55:40 - The Victim is lifted up and taken away by staff.

The above is shown on Disc 2 - CH01 - Number ending: 33704.

Regards,

ZARA'S BAR INCIDENT REPORT FORM

SHEET NUMBER:		DATE: 15/12/18	TIME: 03:45 →	LOCATION: TOILETS / FRONT DOOR
DEALT WITH BY: NUMEROUS STAFF				
POSITION: Various Positions.				

TYPE OF INCIDENT (PLEASE TICK)

ACCIDENT		DRUGS		THEFT	
CRIMINAL DAMAGE		DRUNKENNESS		FRAUD	
INCIDENT/SEXUAL		AGGRESSIVE	X	OTHER	

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT:

RADIO CALL CAME FROM MALE TOILETS, MYSELF & COLLEAGUE WERE ALREADY ON OUR WAY IN THE DIRECTION & HEARD CALL, ON ENTERING TOILET WE FOUND 1 BLACK MALE (G-RAT TOP, LIGHT COLOURED JEANS & BLACK TRAINERS, HE WAS BEING VERY AGGRESSIVE TO ANOTHER BLACK MALE (BLACK TOP & BOTTOMS).

HE WAS ATTEMPTING TO STRIKE MALE (2) & MAKING THREATS. THE TOILET ATTENDANT WAS ATTEMPTING TO CALM SITUATION, A MEMBER OF SECURITY (DANGER) ENTERED & ESCORTED THE MALE OUT OF THE TOILETS, MYSELF & COLLEAGUE FOLLOWED, FOR THE MALE WAS WALKING OUT WITH OUT PROBLEM, HE ATTEMPTED TO TURN BACK @ ONE POINT, BUT THEN WALKED TO GATE, @ THIS POINT HE SAID 'I'M A JOHNNY & A GUN MAN'.

ONCE OUTSIDE HE BEGAN MAKING "CALLS" & I.D.'d HIMSELF AS 'SLICK MAN' FROM 'JOHNSON GANG' & SAID 'I'LL LIGHT UP THE CLUB'.

HE LEFT THE FRONT DOOR & RETURNED AROUND 5 MINS LATER, HE WAS BEING VERBALLY AGG., THEN HE SAID SOMETHING LIKE 'I HAD A FIGHT & HE WON, BUT I'M NOT A PRICK.' THE VERBAL

ACTION TAKEN (PLEASE TICK)

CALLED BY: RADIO LINK		TIME:	
POLICE ATTENDED	X	EVICTED	X
AMBULANCE		PHYSICAL INTER	X
FIRST AID		VERBAL INTER	
CONFISCATION PLEASE STATE ARTICLES:		BAR.	

CONTACT DETAILS OF PERSON INVOLVED:

NAME:	CONTACT No:
MALE:	FEMALE:
REFUSED ASSISTANCE/AMBULANCE: YES/NO	

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X MADE FURTHER THREATS, & SWUNG THE BM @ THAT POINT
HE WAS RESTRAINED & DISARMED & BROUGHT BACK INTO THE
VENUE FOR POLICE TO ATTEND.

POLICE ATTENDED, ARRESTED MALE & TOOK THE WEAPON AS EVIDENCE.
P.C. 5407 CAME TO OFFICE & TOOK STATEMENTS & COLLECTED
CCTV EVIDENCE.

Incident 7th
October 2018
Mobile phone

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WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B

Crime No.

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Statement of Munir Hussain

Age if under 18 Ov 18 (if over 18 insert "over 18")

Occupation Police Officer

This statement (consisting of Two 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: M. Hussain (witness)

M. Hussain PS 5359

Date 29th January 2019

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

I am PS 5359 Hussain of the West Midlands Police. I am currently based at Oldbury Custody block.

This statement is in relation to an incident I attended at Zara Bar, Broad Street, City Centre, Birmingham, on 7th October 2018.

At about 02:47 hours on 7th October 2018, I attended a call to service from Zara Bar, this was in relation to a male they had detained. I attended with other officers and I went inside the gate area, where door staff were holding down a Asian male. I ask them to release him, to which they did and I asked what happned, they stated he tried to assault door staff and hence he was detained. We also had a call from a male, who stated his phone had been taken by door staff, the male detained was in fact the same male.

I escorted the male onto the police van, to establish the circumstances of the incident. The male stated he phone was snatched from him as he was filming them from outside the club.

I have then attended and asked the door staff about the mobile phone, which I was told that the male threw the phone at them which they picked up and taken to the office, which I found strange.

I asked them to return the phone, which they did after a short delay. I handed the phone to the male and asked him to show me the recording he had made prior to being detained. The male stated the recording wasn't on the phone. I have checked the male phone and managed to recover the video which had been deleted but was still in the deleted section. I have viewed the deleted video, which shows the male confront door staff and ask fot their names, which he is demanding so he could make a compliant.

Signature *M. Hussain PS 5359*

Signature witnessed by

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Statement of Munir Hussain

The video shows the manager called Jason [REDACTED], grab the phone out of the males hand, therefore assaulting him and taking his phone without his consent. The video is totally opposite what the door staff were alleging. The door staff were very unprofessional in their manner and by deleting the video they have perverted the course of justice.

The detained male did not wish to make a complaint and he was escorted away from the location. I have recorded the deleted video from the male phone onto my device. I have uploaded this video on evidence.com. I will refer to this as (Ref No: MH/01) (Exh No:).

I had serious concerns for the actions of the door staff so I made a referral to our licensing team.

M. Hussain PS 5359

Signature *M. Hussain* PS 5359

Signature witnessed by

03/2016

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Licensing Referral Form (Disclosable)

Referring Officer	PC 5359 Hussain
Reference number	
Venue	Zara Broad Street, City Centre
Point of contact at venue	
Was DPS present at venue?	Yes
Incident Details	<p>Officers called to a male detained by the door staff, on arrival a male who had been detained by door staff, was spoken to and he made allegations that he was detained and assaulted by door staff and his phone had been taken off him as he was recording the incident on his phone. I then asked the door staff about the phone and they stated that the male threw the phone at them and the phone had been taken to the office. They were unable to offer an explanation why the phone had been taken to the officer. I requested they return the phone which they did after a short delay. It appears they had deleted the video recording the male had made. I am aware there have been previous reports of this sort of behaviour by the door staff.</p> <p>I have checked the male phone and managed to recover a deleted video, which shows the door staff not being very professional when he confronts them, they refuse to give their names which he was demanding so he could make a complaint.</p> <p>The deleted video shows, manager called JASON [REDACTED] grab the phone out of the male's hand, therefore assaulting him and taking his</p>

	<p>phone without his consent (Robbery). The video is totally opposite what they are door staff was alleging. The door staff were very unprofessional in their manner and by deleting the video they have perverted the course of justice and the trust and confidence in a relationship between police and club. There have been previous allegations of this nature but the police always sided with the door staff/ club.</p>
<p>Which of the licensing objectives do you believe are applicable?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevent crime and disorder • Prevent public nuisance • Prevent harm to children • Promoting public safety 	<p>Prevent crime and disorder and promoting public safety.</p> <p>I have very serious concerns of this club and it requires a complete new security and management team.</p>

Christopher Jones

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@sns-g.co.uk>
Sent: 28 July 2021 16:47
To: bw-licensing
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: [External]: Zaras - SNSG withdrawal

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Hi [REDACTED]

I have just left a voicemail.

Could you please call back at your earliest opportunity to discuss the above, and our decision to withdraw service provision with immediate effect.

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]
Commercial Director

DD: [REDACTED]
M: [REDACTED]
E: [REDACTED]
W: www.sns-g.co.uk



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Chief Executive



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Christopher Jones

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@[REDACTED]>
Sent: 02 August 2021 17:30.
To: bw licensing
Subject: [External]: SIA
Categories: No Risk, DONE

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FAO Chris,

Hi Chris, sorry I missed you this afternoon, that was along half an hour wait wasn't it !! ☺

The answer to one of your questions is as follows:

Your guy cannot employ guards that are not SIA licence holders due to the type of venue i.e alcohol being served. Whilst he can decide to employ in house, he then becomes the security provider and would need to ensure full adherence to SIA rules i.e signing in log books, H & S Checks, He would have to conduct his own licence checks on the guards and demonstrate that he is doing this on a regular basis. He would also need to be a licence holder himself.

He is not able to opt out of being regulated.

Re the shortage of Security guards, It's not something I am aware of specific to Birmingham. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Lynne

[REDACTED]
Investigations Officer
West, South West & Wales Team
Security Industry Authority

Phone Number [REDACTED] / Mobile Number: [REDACTED]

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Aventail Security Limited	O/C/S
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G4S Secure Solutions (UK) Limited	C/O
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Gallowglass Security Partners LLP incorporating Gallowglass Security Limited	C
Gold Standard Security Limited	O
Grosvenor Corporate Security Limited (incorporating Charter Security Limited)	C/S
Guardforce Security Limited	C/S
Gurkha Security Services Limited	C/O
Incentive Facilities Management Limited	C
Innovative Security Solutions Limited	C/O
Inter Europa Limited	C
Interr Limited	C/S
MitieFM Limited (Incorporating Mitie Security (Knightsbridge) Limited and Mitie FS (UK) Ltd)	C/O
Mitie Security (First) Limited	C
ISA Support Services Limited	C/O
ISS Facility Services Limited (trading as ISS Facility Services ♦ Security)	C
Joint Security Services Ltd	C

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London Security Services (UK) Limited	C
Main Event Security Limited	C/S
Mitie Group Plc (including) Mitie Security Holdings Ltd	C
MJ Events Support Limited	C
MPW Security Solutions Ltd	C
Nationwide Enforcement Services Limited	C
Novus Altair Limited	C/O/S
OCS Group (UK) Limited (incorporating Legion Group)	C/O
Octaga Security Services Limited	C
Outmanage Limited (trading as Phaseone Service Group, Securco, and Keysure)	C
Positive Protection Solutions Limited	O
Profile Security Services Limited	C/O
Repton Security Limited	C
Rock Security Solutions Limited	C
Scope Security Limited	C
Securigroup Limited (Incorporating Securigroup Services Limited)	C
Securitas Services Holding UK Limited t/a Securitas	C/O/S
Security and Event Solutions limited	C
Sentry Security Limited	C/S
Senturian Security Group Limited	C/O
SES Group Limited	C/S
Showsec International Limited	C/O
Shreeve Protection Services	C
SNSG Limited	C/O
Sodexo Limited	C
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