

WITNESS STATEMENT

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

Statement of **Steven HARRINGTON PC 425 NI** URN:

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Age if under 18 **Over 18**..... (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: **Police Officer 193779**

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Signature:  PC425NI Date: **2ND September 2016**

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My name is Steven Harrington and I am a Police Constable with the Metropolitan Police Service. I currently work as a Licensing Officer at Islington Police Station. I have been given this specific responsibility by the Borough Commander who is acting under the written delegated authority of the Commissioner of Police for the Metropolis. A copy of this authority has been lodged with Islington Council Legal Department.

This statement details minor typing errors in my statement dated 1st September 2016.

Entry 04/07/2015 - 05/07/2015 - The crime number should read 2717341/15 and not 2717341/16

Entry 24/06/2016 - should read 24/06/2016 - 25/06/2016 and not 25/06/2015

Second Entry 24/06/2016 - should also read 24/06/2016 - 25/06/2016 and not 25/06/2015

Signature:  PC425NI Signature witnessed by:

Witness contact details

Home address:
 Postcode:
 Home telephone number Work telephone number
 Mobile/pager number Email address:
 Preferred means of contact:

Male / Female (delete as applicable) Date and place of birth:
 Former name: Ethnicity Code (16+1): Religion/belief:

Dates of witness non-availability

Witness care

- a) Is the witness willing and likely to attend court? **No.** If 'No', include reason(s) on **MG6**.
- b) What can be done to ensure attendance?
- c) Does the witness require a Special Measures Assessment as a vulnerable or intimidated witness?
No. If 'Yes' submit **MG2** with file.
- d) Does the witness have any specific care needs? **No.** If 'Yes' what are they? (Disability, healthcare, childcare, transport, , language difficulties, visually impaired, restricted mobility or other concerns?)

Witness Consent (for witness completion)

- a) The criminal justice process and Victim Personal Statement scheme (victims only) has been explained to me Yes No
- b) I have been given the Victim Personal Statement leaflet Yes No
- c) I have been given the leaflet 'Giving a witness statement to police — what happens next?' Yes No
- d) I consent to police having access to my medical record(s) in relation to this matter: (obtained in accordance with local practice) Yes No N/A
- e) I consent to my medical record in relation to this matter being disclosed to the defence: Yes No N/A
- f) I consent to the statement being disclosed for the purposes of civil proceedings e.g. child care proceedings, CICA Yes No
- g) The information recorded above will be disclosed to the Witness Service so they can offer help and support, unless you ask them not to. Tick this box to decline their services:

Signature of witness: Print name:
 Signature of parent/guardian/appropriate adult: Print name:
 Address and telephone number if different from above:

Statement taken by (print name): **PC 425 NI 193779 Steven HARRINGTON...** Station: **ISLINGTON.....**

Time and place statement taken:

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Statement of PC Daniel McCarthy 179NI URN:

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Signature: *DM 179NI* Date: 28/08/2016

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This statement is in reference to FABRICs nightclub and its surrounding areas since its temporary closure.

On Thursday 25th, Friday 26th and Saturday 27th AUGUST 2016 between the hours of 1900 and 0500 I was on duty in full uniform posted to Operation NIGHTSAFE. Operation Nightsafe deals with licensed premises and the night time economy in the ISLINGTON area on Thursday, Fridays and Saturdays. In the course of my duty on these evening we included FABRICs nightclub and its surrounds on our patrols. FABRICs has recently been temporarily closed. While patrolling the areas I noticed a change in the area from the nights when FABRICs would have been opened. The immediate area and surrounds were a lot cleaner and there was no smell of urine, which would usually be apparent. There were less people and no signs of anti social behaviour. There were still people making use of the other clubs and bars in the area however, there was a noticeable decrease in the levels of intoxication that would be the norm on a night when FABRICs is open. While patrolling the area there was little to no evidence that there was any drug use or drug dealing in the area which would usually be apparent if FABRICs was open for business. In the course of my duties before these dates I have attended FABRICs nightclub on several occasions for varying issues including drug dealing and usage, antisocial behaviours, violence and disorder. With FABRICs closed there is a marked improvement to the area and less need for police presence in the area.

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Signature: *DM 179NI* Signature witnessed by:

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Statement of Kaal MIDDLETON..... URN: [] [] [] []

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Signature: PC345 MIDDLETON..... Date: 20/08/2016.....

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I am the above named person, a police officer attached to ISLINGTON Police Station, Bunhill NPT. On FRIDAY 19 AUGUST 2016 I was on duty in full uniform on OPERATION NIGHTSAFE tasked with attending violence with injury incidents, conducting licensing visits along with High Visibility Patrols in certain areas of Islington. KM

At approximately 0250hrs as part of NIGHTSAFE we attended CHARTERHOUSE STREET, EC1. Situated on this street is FABRIC Nightclub, which recently has been closed in agreement between Police and Owners of the Nightclub due to a number of deaths as a result of drugs this year. Present with myself at the location was PS15NI SPENCER along with other officers. CHARTERHOUSE STREET, EC1 is covered by the CLERKENWELL ward, which neighbours BUNILL the neighbourhood ward which I am currently aligned to. CHARTEHOUSE STREET, EC1 and the immediate vicinity was relatively quite in comparison with other FRIDAY nights for which I have been present when FABRIC nightclub has been open for business. There were not many large groups present at the location and there were no signs of street drinking from revelers. There was a small queue of people outside Club Reina which is situated a couple of doors down from FABRIC they all appeared to be well behaved and of a good nature. Vehicular traffic was very light around CHARTERHOUSE STREET, EC1 and appeared reduced in comparison to when FABRIC is open. St JOHNS STREET, EC1 j/w CHARTERHOUSE STREET, EC1 on the corner outside of JASMINE NEWS is usually congregated by Nitrous Oxide balloon sellers, these individuals were not present at the time of attendance. There appeared to be no sign of drug use of paraphernalia. KM KM

CHARTERHOUSE STREET, EC1 and the immediate vicinity appeared to be less densely populated than usual since the closure of FABRIC, the usual balloon sellers, individuals dealing drugs were not present this is likely to be as of a direct result of FABRIC's closure. KM

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Signature:  Date: 1st September 2016

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This statement details, in chronological order, reported incidents of Drug related collapses and Deaths at Fabric since 2011.

- 30/07/2011 - 31/07/2011 - Friday/Saturday 0336hrs - 2719820/11 - Drug related collapse
- 01/08/2011 - 02/08/2011 - Sunday/Monday - 0030hrs - 2720005/11 - Drug related collapse
- 28/01/2012 - 29/08/2012 - Friday/Saturday - 0550hrs - 2702344/12 - Drug related Death
- 29/07/2012 - 30/07/2012 - Saturday/Sunday - 0510hrs - MERLIN 12FOU006877 - Drug related Collapse
- 21/10/2012 - 22/10/2012 - Saturday/Sunday - 0525hrs - MERLIN 12FOU009473 - Drug related Death
- 17/08/2013 - 18/08/2013 - Friday/Saturday - 2000 - 0626hrs - 2718173/13 - Drug related Collapse
- 26/07/2014 - 27/07/2014 - Friday/Saturday - 0240hrs - 2717261/14 - Drug related Death
- 14/09/2014 - 15/09/2014 - Saturday/Sunday - 0100hrs - 2721386/14 - Drug related Death
- 01/01/2015 - 02/01/2015 - Wednesday/Thursday - 0100hrs - 2700727/15 - Drug related Collapse
- 23/03/2015 - 24/03/2015 - Saturday/Sunday - 0300hrs - 2707008/15 - Drug related Collapse
- 04/07/2015 - 05/07/2015 - Friday/Saturday - 0230hrs - 2717341/16 - Drug related Collapse
- 05/09/2015 - 06/09/2015 - Friday/Saturday - 0115hrs - 2723782/15 - Drug related Collapse
- 17/10/2015 - 18/10/2015 - Friday/Saturday - 0200hrs - 2725487/15 - Drug related Collapse

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24/06/2016 - 25/06/2015 - Friday/Saturday - 2200-0203hrs - 2715483/16 - Drug related Death
24/06/2016 - 25/06/2015 - Friday/Saturday - 0305hrs - LAS CAD 661/25JUN16 - Drug related Collapse
06/08/2016 - 07/08/2016 - Friday/Saturday - 0655hrs - 2719624/16 - Drug related Death

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Statement of: Superintendent Nicholas Davies

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Witness Signature: N. Davies Date: 02/09/2016

I am Nicholas Davies a Superintendent for Islington Borough Police within the Metropolitan Police Service. One of my primary duties is the borough senior management lead for licensing matters. This statement is made regarding the impact of Fabric, a licensed nightclub at 77a Charterhouse Street EC1M 3HN.

Islington has a vibrant and extensive night time economy with licensed premises throughout the borough. Fabric is one of many licensed venues and nightclubs in the area. These venues are used and enjoyed by a large number of people. Inevitably, this brings with it a certain amount of criminal activity.

Each licensed venue is expected to do all that they can to support the licensing objectives in order to create a safe environment. Police work in partnership with the Local Authority to promote the licensing objectives which are the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety, prevention of public nuisance and the protection of children from harm.

The evidence presented to the committee is made with regard to serious crime in the form of drug supply inside Fabric. The tragic outcome of this has been the death of two eighteen year olds on the 25th June and the 6th August 2016.

There have been six drug related deaths at this one club in the past five years, each a deeply traumatic incident for their friends and families. These cases are investigated by the police who are responsible for preparing a report for the Coroner in addition to investigating any criminal allegations. Family Liaison Officers are assigned in each case. The primary purpose of each investigation is to provide an explanation to the bereaved regarding the last

Witness Signature: N. Davies

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hours of their family member's life and to assist the Coroner and other public authorities to learn how to try to prevent similar occurrences. The families of both the young men who have died at the club this year are being kept informed of developments.

This summary review application was made following these two latest tragedies. A previous review was made in 2014 at which the decision of the committee was to support the addition of a number of conditions to the club's licence. An appeal was made to the Magistrate's Court and conditions regarding the use of drugs dogs and an ID Scanner were overturned.

We have attempted to work with the management of the club but do not have confidence that further conditions added to the licence by the committee will be adhered to or will prevent serious crime occurring inside the venue and promote the licensing objectives regarding 1) the prevention of crime and disorder and 2) public safety. Given the management failures, the police ask the committee to give the most serious consideration to revocation of the premises licence.

N. R.

Witness Signature: *N. R.*

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