

**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 **PC HERSON 706QA**..... URN: 

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Age if under 18 **Over 18**..... (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: **Police Officer p234158**.....

This statement (consisting of: .... **2**..... pages 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 anything in it which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*..... Date: **24/03/2017**.....

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

I am the above named person and this statement relates to 3 separate incidents which have occurred at McDonald's, 361 station road, Harrow whereby police have been called to the location by members of staff.

On Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2017 I was an operator in uniform in company of Pc Gaskin 181qa in a marked police car (Q5N) we were assigned to a call at McDonalds, which is located in the Town centre. The call was regarding a male causing a disturbance in the establishment and fighting with security. On police arrival my colleagues Pc Crowe 137qa and Pc Sambrook 308qa were on scene and had apprehended the male and were required to go and speak with staff. I spoke with the victim and took his details, he was one of two security staff who work at the McDonalds and who had been victim to an assault. I was aware he was on duty and requested to provide a statement after work due to the business of the restaurant and it being a Saturday night. My colleague spoke with the manager, we were also shown CCTV of the event which took place and able to liaise with our colleagues regarding what had occurred.

On Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2017 I had started my tour of duty at 2200 hours. I was on duty with Pc Gaskin 181qa in a marked police car and were called to McDonalds by staff at the restaurant at 0027 hours. They alleged there was a male attacking the manager at the store. Upon police arrival there was a male who was shouting at staff, he was verbally aggressive and very volatile. He smelt of alcohol. His friends who were trying to restrain him were also what I would describe as drunk due to the mannerisms, their slurred speech and behaviour. He continued to shout at the staff from behind the counter, he was directing all his verbal abuse at one particular member of staff. I was aware this was the manager of the Restaurant, Mr [REDACTED] also known as [REDACTED]. The restaurant itself was busy with many customers within the store, milling around or eating their food. There

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was a visible disturbance within the store, the doughnut stand being knocked off and sprawled out on the floor the cooking side. The male was taken outside by my colleague whilst I spoke with staff and specifically the manager. He was standing around, I asked what had happened and asked if the stand was broken, and it was picked up off the floor and placed back together. I asked if he wanted to pursue the incident and he was very weary and stated he was unsure. I requested to see the CCTV, he took me into a small room to the side of the serving area and watched CCTV. The Manager relayed the events and the CCTV was requested, he stated he would provide a statement with regards to the events and at this point I arrested the male for the incident which occurred. Upon liaising with my colleague a short while later I was told that the manager was reluctant and refused to provide a statement and help police with the incident, asked why he had stated to my colleague that he was scared due to the repercussions of the incident.

On this occasion I noticed there was no security staff on the door however the restaurant was just as busy as the previous event on the Saturday night we had attended. However the members of the public where clearly drunk and rowdy and the restaurant was volatile to disorder. The restaurant is open till the early hours of the morning.

The following night on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2017 I was on duty with Pc Gaskin 181qa and we were again called to McDonald's in the evening. There was a disturbance at the location. Again police had been called and the manager was present. The manager had stated that he didn't and wasn't going to call police but then he did. There was no security present and the male detained and subsequently arrested by police was intoxicated and drunk. I had spoken to members of staff who refuse to provide statements due to the repercussions.

The manager was also there and I spoke with him, and asked about the security. The security staff are only employed at the weekends at peak hours and the restaurant have stopped with security during the week and in the early hours of the morning.

There were numerous calls within a short period time to the location, there was no security during the weeks and the staff were refusing to help or assist police.

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