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# 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**     **Inspector Steven Wilson** ...................... URN:

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Age if under 18     **Over 18**.............    (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation:    **Police Officer 204827** ............

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: ......................................................    Date:   27/3/17 ..........................

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

On Tuesday 7th February I was the duty officer for Harrow BOCU between the hours of 2200 to 0700. I was aware of an incident in MCDONALDS at 25 STATON ROAD HA1 where the premises manager had requested the urgent attendance of police to deal with a male customer fighting with staff. A male was subsequently arrested for committing racially aggravated public order offences. The crew of QA13N had attended in the first instance to deal with the incident and I also attended a short time after their arrival. My reason for attendance, aside from this being a racial incident, was a complaint I had received from officers when on duty the previous night. PC GASKIN and PC HERSON had informed me that on a number of occasions they had responded to requests for police from McDonald's staff to deal with violence on their premises and following arrests of suspects the staff had then refused to substantiate the allegation, provide a statement and support a prosecution. They had cited the last occasion as the previous night duty when they had dealt with alcohol related disorder on the premises and following arrest the manager had refused to provide a statement. On attendance I spoke to the officers of QA13, PC MCCLUSKEY and PC HUBERT who relayed that they had made an arrest but the staff were then refusing to provide a statement as evidence of the offence. At this point PC GASKIN and PC HERSON had also joined us to assist. I then entered MCDONALDS and identified the manager, an IC4 male I now know to be Mr ██████████ ██████████ I requested a discussion with him in private whereupon we went into an office. I then challenged his and his staff's recent behaviour as described above. The manager stated he feared for his own safety and the safety of his staff and did not want to be attacked upon finishing work and leaving the building. I stated this was not a valid argument as his premises was constantly under the view of local authority CCTV, he was able to call 999 in the event of an emergency and if police had already attended, arrested the suspect and taken them to be held in police custody, the threat was effectively removed. Moreover, if he had already called police to deal with crime and then refused to a provide a statement he was preventing the police from achieving an effective disposal for the offence and failing to deter repeat behaviour. I then informed the manager that by refusing to assist police officers in dealing with crime on their premises he was placing their licence at risk. The manager then replied he

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was unconcerned about that and if it meant he was no longer required to work late hours then all the better for him. I then stated it was unacceptable for him and his staff to have a policy of not providing witness statements for incidents on their premises. I appealed for his co-operation in supporting officer's actions in response to their calls for police and stated his comments would be reported to the Borough licencing officer. The manager then stated he and his staff would provide statements for incidents that had occurred over the past 24 hours. I then left the premises and informed the officers on scene that statements would be provided.

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