

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: PC Gaskin 181QA

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

This statement (consisting of [] 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.

Witness Signature [] Date: 24/03/2017

This statement refer to three incidents that occurred at McDonalds 361 Station Harrow town centre between 28th January to 7th February 2017.

On Saturday 28th January 2017 I was on duty in uniform driving a marked police vehicle call sign Q5 nights. I was in company with PC 706QA Herson. We received a call to attend McDonalds in relation to a fight at the location. On arrival PC 308QA Sambrook and PC 137QA Crowe had a male detained on the pavement outside the location. Myself and PC 706QA Herson went into the store to speak with staff and obtain details from potential witnesses. Whilst in store I spoke with the store manager [] and he began to show us some CCTV footage of the incident. There were two security guards on duty at McDonalds and it appeared that they were the main victims of this incident. It was a busy Saturday night and McDonalds was crowded. PC Sambrook took over from us in speaking with the manager as we had to leave to attend another call.

On Monday 6th February 2017 myself and PC 706QA Herson were again called to McDonalds by staff. The initial call stated that there was a male at the location attacking staff. The call was made at 00:30hrs. On arrival McDonalds was extremely busy. There were many people inside many of whom were drunk. There was no security present at the location. I spoke with a male who was the apparent suspect and had to physically walk him out of the store as he was screaming and shouting and causing a scene. I did not want the situation to get out of hand. When I got outside some more units arrived and I went back into the store to speak with the manager Mr [] He explained that the suspect had come into the store screaming and swearing at him and accusing him of being rude to his brother. He told me that the suspect said "I am going to fuck you up" and threatened to wait for him after work. He also explained that the suspect had pushed the doughnut stand that was sat on the counter sending it flying and crashing to the floor. This caused the stand to crack. He has also hit a UV lamp sending it flying. The manager was asked to provide a statement in relation to the incident and we went into the office and discussed it with him. He seemed hesitant but told us that he would give us a statement. PC 706QA left to go and arrest the suspect and I stayed and obtained details and viewed the CCTV. During this time the manager told me that he no longer wanted to provide a statement about the incident. I explained the process to him again and asked about his concerns in relation to giving a statement. The manager stated that he did not want any repercussions and was scared to give one. I tried to reassure the male and explained the importance of giving the statement and that we had arrested the male because he said he

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was going to give us a statement. The manager point blank refused to give one. I explained to him that this was the second time police had been called to the location in a short space of time and that he cannot call police and then change his mind after they have arrested someone. McDonalds had no security staff and they only have security on Weekends, yet they still have a late licence with many drunk people coming into the restaurant as its one of the only food establishments open at that time. It clearly becomes very busy when the pubs close and there are no security to control it and staff members that call police and then refuse to support police action. Therefore the situation is not in control and it is a problem.

On Tuesday 7th February there was another call to McDonalds in relation to another fight at the location. On arrival PC 292QA Hubert and 617QA Mc Cluskey were already on scene. There was an aggressive customer at the location who had apparently thrown food behind the counter, at staff and was verbally abusive towards them. The manager Mr [REDACTED] was again present at the location and once again had refused to provide police a statement about the incident. Again this was another incident where staff had called police because things have got out of hand with no security present and staff were no supporting police action. [REDACTED]

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