

Licensing File Note

Premises : Q'S SPORTS LOUNGE, LYTHAM ROAD,
BLACKPOOL

Information/Complaint: CONCERNS RAISED REGARDING UNDERAGE
DRINKING AFTER HOURS

Log/Crime Number : LC-20160918-0167

Date premises visited : 17/09/2016

Persons Spoken to : DANIEL THOMSON

Action Taken: ATTENDED QS AT 23:30 AFTER RECEIVING INFORMATION THAT THE DPS WAS ALLOWING 17YEAR OLD GIRLS INTO THE PREMISES AFTER CLOSING AND GIVING THEM DRINK AND DRUGS RESULTS IN ONE REQUIRING HOSPITAL TREATMENT.

ON ARRIVAL THE FRONT DOOR WAS LOCKED BUT A LIGHT WAS ON UPSTAIRS. AFTER KNOCKING A MALE CAME TO THE WINDOW AND SAID THE DPS WAS COMING DOWN. THERE WAS A CONSIDERABLE DELAY BEFORE DANIEL THOMSON ANSWERED THE DOOR. HE IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS THE DPS. POLICE AND COUNCIL RECORDS SHOWED A MALE CALLED KARL BOWMAN AS DPS BUT DANIEL STATED THAT HE LEFT IN APRIL AND HE HAS BEEN IN CHARGE SINCE AND SHOULD BE SHOWN AS DPS.

WE ENTERED THE PREMISES AND WENT UPSTAIRS. IT WAS 23:45 BY THIS TIME. THERE WERE TWO MALES INSIDE SAT AT THE BAR FINISHING OFF DRINKS. ON BEING ASKED THEY CONFIRMED THAT NEITHER WAS A MEMBER OF THE CLUB.

WE CHALLENGED THOMSON ABOUT INFORMATION THAT HE HAD BEEN LETTING YOUNG GIRLS IN AFTER HOURS AND SERVING THEM ALCOHOLIC DRINKS, HAVING LOCK-INS. HE DENIED THIS STATING HE HAS NEVER HAD A LOCK IN AND IS USUALLY HOME AS SOON AFTER 11PM AS HE CAN AND DOESN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT YOUNG GIRLS BEING INSIDE

AS WE WERE SPEAKING THERE WAS LOUD BANGING ON THE DOOR OUTSIDE. PC PRITCHARD WENT TO THE WINDOW AND SAW 2 YOUNG FEMALES OUTSIDE THEY WERE DEMANDING THEIR MOBILE PHONE THAT WAS INSIDE. THOMSON CAME BACK UPSTAIRS AND STATED THAT SOME GIRLS WHO WERE IN THE PREMISES EARLIER WITH THEIR BOYFRIENDS HAD LEFT THEIR PHONE INSIDE.

DUE TO THE PREVIOUS INFORMATION WE HAD RECEIVED. I TOOK THE PHONE AND WENT TO SPEAK TO THE TWO FEMALES WHO WERE

ACROSS THE ROAD IN KFC BY THIS POINT. THE PHONE WAS CONFIRMED AS BELONGING TO THEM. BOTH GIRLS WERE CONFIRMED AS BEING 17 YEARS OLD. THEY STATED THEY HAD GONE IN TO CHARGE THEIR PHONE AND HAD ONLY BEEN IN THERE FOR ABOUT 10 MINUTES WHEN THERE WERE FORCED TO LEAVE BY THE BACK DOOR DUE TO POLICE TURNING UP AT THE FRONT DOOR AND THAT'S WHY THEY HAD LEFT THE PHONE INSIDE. THIS CORRESPONDS WITH THE DELAY IN OPENING THE FRONT DOOR TO POLICE AS IT DID TAKE SEVERAL MINUTES.

THE PHONE WAS RETURNED TO THEM AND GIRLS WERE ADVISED TO GO HOME. ON RETURNING TO THE PREMISES THOMSON WAS CHALLENGED ABOUT WHY HE HAD THEIR PHONE. HE CHANGED HIS INITIAL EXPLANATION AND STATED THAT HE LET THEM IN THE PREMISES AT 22:35 AS THEY WANTED TO CHARGE THEIR PHONES. HE ALLOWED THEM IN AS HE RECOGNISED THEM AS GIRLFRIENDS OF MEMBERS BUT COULDN'T GIVE THE MEMBERS DETAILS. HE CONFIRMED THE GIRLS THEMSELVES WERE NOT MEMBERS AND WE INFORMED HIM THAT BOTH WERE JUST ONLY 17 YEARS OLD SO SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED IN. THE GIRL'S PHONE ONLY HAD 8% BATTERY WHEN IT WAS RETURNED INDICATING THEY HADN'T BEEN IN THE PREMISES LONG. HE WAS TOLD NOT TO LET THEM IN ON THEIR OWN AGAIN.

ONCE THE PHONE WAS RETURNED AND THE GIRLS AND TWO CUSTOMERS WERE SENT AWAY WE SPOKE TO THOMSON INSIDE THE PREMISES. THOMSON AGAIN CONFIRMED HE HAD BEEN IN CHARGE SINCE APRIL WHEN KARL BOWMAN LEFT, HE THOUGHT THE PAPERWORK HAD BEEN COMPLETED BY HIS PARTNER PHILIP HUGHES BUT WE CONFIRMED THAT IT HADN'T. WHEN GOING THROUGH THE CONDITIONS IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT THERE WAS NO 'NON-MEMBERS BOOK' IN USE TO SIGN IN ANY GUESTS AND THAT GUESTS MUST BE PAID FOR BY THE CURRENT MEMBER THEY ARE A GUEST OF. THOMSON WAS NOT AWARE OF THIS. THERE WAS NOT A COPY OF THE LICENCE IN THE PREMISES AND CLEAR HE WASN'T AWARE OF THE CONDITIONS ON IT. ALTHOUGH IT IS NOT A CONDITION ON THE LICENCE, THE CCTV HAD RECENTLY BEEN REMOVED. THOMSON SAID IT WAS TO UPDATE IT BUT HAD NO IDEA BY WHO OR WHEN THAT WAS BEING SORTED. THOMSON ALSO ASKED HOW HIS CONDITIONS WORK IN RELATION TO VISITING POOL AND SNOOKER TEAMS AS COMPETITION IS A PROMINENT FEATURE OF THE CLUB. WE AGAIN POINTED OUT THE CONDITION THAT AS THEY ARE BONA FIDE GUESTS OF THE HOME TEAMS THEY SHOULD BE SIGNED IN AND DRINKS PAID FOR AT THE HOME TEAM'S EXPENSE.

IT WAS THEN STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT IF THIS ISN'T PLAUSIBLE THAT HE CONTACT THE COUNCIL TO CLARIFY AND LOOK AT SUBMITTING A VARIATION TO THEIR LICENCE. THOMSON STATED THAT HE WAS NOW CLOSING UP AND GOING HOME. POLICE LEFT AT APPROX. 00:40HOURS

Officer: PS 1747 PARKINSON

Further Action Required Yes

If 'Yes' Indicate details SERIOUS CONCERNS HOW THE PREMISES IS RUN.
FURTHER VISITS TO BE MADE AND CONDITIONS TO BE CHECKED.
CONTACT TO BE MADE WITH KARL BOWMAN REGARDING RESIGNING
AS DPS IF NO LONGER AT THE PREMISES.
CHECK NEW DPS APPLICATION HAS BEEN SUBMITTED
LIAISE WITH CID IN RELATION TO CONCERNS WITH YOUNG FEMALES.