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**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 1260 Stacey DYSON

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

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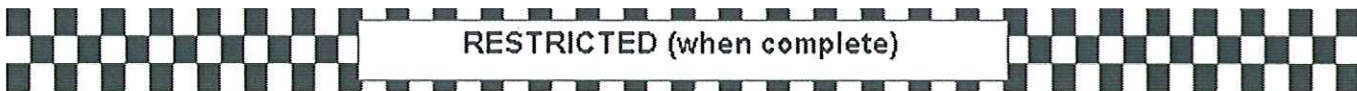
Signature: Stacey Dyson 1260 (witness) Date: 16/04/15

I am PC 1260 DYSON of LANCASHIRE CONSTABULARY currently based at BLACKPOOL CENTRAL POLICE STATION, where I have been an immediate response officer for the past seven years.

I am writing this statement in relation to issues that police officers are regularly faced with in the area of DICKSON ROAD BLACKPOOL in the early hours of the morning. There are several late night establishments in the area of DICKSON ROAD/ TALBOT ROAD that remain open later than the majority of other town centre venues. We are often called to incidents at these venues, namely FLAMINGOS and others, but usually the issues are dealt with internally by staff, however once the public leave the venues the problems continue and often worsen, becoming a major policing issue.

The main cause of these issues seems to be that the revellers remain in the area for lengthy periods of time after the clubs close due to there being an array of late night take away food establishments in the area to distract them from heading home. The problems arise when members of the public are at high levels of intoxication from several hours of drinking alcohol in the clubs and then linger in the area mixing with other groups and often become agitated, disorderly and violent. Disturbances arise over disputes regarding queuing time and positions for food in the eating establishments, or simply because of disagreements with other people/parties within the area that cannot be diffused by staff or doormen prior to them escalating. Such large numbers of people all exiting the venues at the same time and suddenly being condensed into much smaller venues such as the take aways creates tension and disorder. There are regularly hundreds of people standing around on the street and inside the eating establishments whilst waiting for somebody in their group to be served food and this is when the problems arise.

Signature Stacey Dyson 1260 Signature Witnessed by .....



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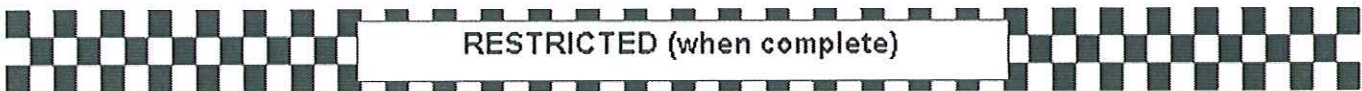
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A full team of police can ordinarily manage the entire town centre comfortably most nights without any major issues of concerns, but this one particular area of town can often become out of control after 3am and requires most or all of our policing resources on busy mornings to show a presence in an effort to keep the peace, and if and when incidents do break out it can become resource intensive due to such large numbers within the crowds. This hugely impacts on the wider community as all available resources will be dedicating their time to monitoring these crowds in and out of the take away establishments and encouraging them to head home without incident. I strongly believe that if there was nowhere for these people to go after the venue closed they would have no alternative but to head home much sooner rather than loiter on the streets, and extend their night out in the unsuitable environment of eating establishments.

I and other members of my team have often been called into this area to assist with diffusing situations and deal with incidents, leaving the rest of Blackpool town centre area uncovered, and causing delays to any responses required elsewhere within the division. This has a huge negative impact on the wider community, not to mention the people who live directly in the problem area who are faced with loud disturbances on the streets in the middle of the morning, and being woken by police sirens and understandably feeling unsafe to leave their address during this time due to the vast amount of drunken people encouraged to remain in the area by the establishments that chose to remain open after 3am. If all of the take away establishments were closed prior to 3am this would encourage FLAMINGOS customers to leave the area much sooner and would significantly reduce demand on policing and the negative impact it has on the community.

*Juliana* 1260

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Statement of: Cara Victoria Leadbetter

Age if under 18: over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18')

Occupation: police sergeant

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Signature: [Handwritten Signature] (witness) Date: 17/04/15

I am Cara Victoria Leadbetter, police sergeant 2796, currently stationed at Blackpool police station.

I am a uniformed police sergeant and cover immediate response duties in the Blackpool area and one of my responsibilities is policing the nighttime economy; the pubs and clubs and takeaways and refreshment houses, particularly when on night duty over the weekend.

A challenging time tends to occur in the early hours of the morning on Dickson Road when Flamingos and Kaos clubs are finishing, around 5am and there can be easily upwards of 150 people in the street.

Invariably these intoxicated revellers will hang around the area for a couple of hours using the late night refreshment houses and takeaways. They sit in, hang around outside, stand in the road outside the premises, generally causing a noise nuisance at the least, regularly a disturbance, shouting, arguing and sometimes fighting.

I always try to ensure my patrols are there to monitor the situation to stop any behaviour getting out of hand; however this has to compete with other priority jobs in the Blackpool area and tight resources.

This is the time of the morning, 5 / 6am when the trains are beginning to run for the day and other members of the public are up and out for work and trying to go about their business. The behaviour of these takeaways users can have an impact on these members of the public, making them feel intimidated and alarmed.

I believe the late finishing times for the clubs and later opening hours of the takeaways on Dickson Road is the reason these users stay in the area for so long with the associated problems and impact on members of the public and police.

Signature: [Handwritten Signature] Signature Witnessed by .....

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**Witness contact details**

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Name of witness: *Cara Leadbette*

Home Address: *c/o Blackpool ps.*

E-mail address:

Home Telephone Number:

Preferred means of contact (specify details for vulnerable/intimidated victims and witnesses only):

Gender: *F*

Former name: *NOORIE*

Postcode:

Mobile:

Work Telephone Number: *604290*

Date and place of birth:

Ethnicity Code (16 + 1): *01.*

**DATES OF WITNESS NON-AVAILABILITY:**

**Witness care**

- a) Is the witness willing to attend court? If 'No', include reason(s) on form **MG6**.
- b) What can be done to ensure attendance?
- c) Does the witness require a Special Measures Assessment as a vulnerable or intimidated witness? (youth under 18; witness with mental disorder, learning or physical disability; or witness in fear of giving evidence or witness is the complainant in a sexual offence case) If 'Yes' submit **MG2** with file in anticipated not guilty, contested or indictable only cases.
- d) Does the witness have any particular needs? If 'Yes' what are they? (Disability, healthcare, childcare, transport, disability, language difficulties, visually impaired, restricted mobility or other concerns?).

**Witness Consent (for witness completion)**

- a) The 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 the police..." 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, or other proceedings if applicable, e.g. child care proceedings, CICA Yes  No  N/A
  - g) **Child witness cases only.** I have had the provision regarding reporting restrictions explained to me. Yes  No  N/A
- I would like CPS to apply for reporting restrictions on my behalf. Yes  No  N/A

*'I understand that the information recorded above will be passed on to the Witness Service, which offers help and support to witnesses pre-trial and at court'.*

Signature of witness:

PRINT NAME:

Signature of parent/guardian/appropriate adult:

PRINT NAME:

Address and telephone number (of parent etc.), if different from above:

Statement taken by: *Cara Leadbette* Station: *Blackpool*

Time and place statement taken: *23.30 hrs / Blackpool ps.*