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 James Barnden PC 605KG .................... URN: ..............................................
Age if under 18 Over 18.............. (if over 18 insert ‘over 18’) Occupation: Police Officer p233842 ............

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: James Barnden PC 605KG ......................... Date: ....................................................

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

On SATURDAY 17th OCTOBER 2015 at 0001 hours I was on duty in full uniform in a marked police vehicle callsign KG81N with PC 237KG WILTSHIRE. At 0207 hours a call came out over PR that security had a male detained on the floor at the THATCHED HOUSE PUBLIC HOUSE. CAD 951/17OCT15, We took this call, whilst we were en route we were made aware of a linked CAD stating someone had been assaulted by having acid thrown over them at the location.

I arrived on scene and got out of the vehicle, there were a lot of security guards outside the pub (about 20) who did not seem to be doing a lot no sign of anyone detained on the floor. One of the security guards ambled over slowly and told me “We let them go, we were waiting for you for about ten minutes.” I asked him why and he stated “No one wanted us to call police what we do is ask both guys involved if they want police and if no one does we let them go when they’re calm.” I asked him about the second call regarding acid and he said he knew nothing about that. I asked to speak to the head of security who arrived in a similarly unhurried fashion shortly afterwards

He also knew nothing about any acid having been thrown. I updated the CAD with all this information and then told the head of security that I wanted them to check the venue for anyone injured or possible victims of an acid throwing attack. After another minute or so another security guard approached me handed me a lucozade bottle and said “I took this off one of them I just thought it was water,” and then walked off before I could ask him any more questions. I sniffed the bottle and there was a strong chemical smell that I believed to be ammonia. I was about to try to locate the security guard who had produced the bottle when the head of security came back with an IC3 male who was holding his eye stating he had had acid thrown at him! I called Las for the male. PC WILTSHIRE tried to speak to the male and get a basic first account form him, security kept interfering asking questions and interrupting. A second male also came forward and stated he had been splashed by the ammonia. Other units arrived and security then went back to hanging around ineffectually outside the pub. Whilst we were
dealing with this incident a fight started just outside the cab rank about 20 m from where we were standing. I stayed with the Ammonia GBH whilst the other units dealing went to deal with this other incident.

I later went up to the hospital to seize clothing from all the males assaulted. Of the two males who had ammonia thrown over them the first male who came forward and agreed to go to hospital was quite drunk, the male who was assaulted whilst police were on scene appeared to be very drunk he could not speak coherently and it was very difficult to explain to him that I needed to seize his clothing. There were several quite drunk people outside the bar going in and out through the potential crime scene and talking very loudly. There was one drunken female (who I believe was the partner of the second male assaulted) who was wandering around after the assault shouting loudly at police the LAS and other customers of the pub. I believe she could have been arrested for drunk and disorderly conduct if there had been enough officers available to do this.

I believe the security are not only incompetent but were actively trying to put off a police investigation, I think their attitude is that they have a small army of security at the venue to kick any troublemakers out and to try to discourage involved parties from calling police as this will cause them unwanted attention and work. This is based on the various comments of security at scene and their general unwillingness to help. This is not a venue I deal with on a regular basis; I believe this is because security and staff try to suppress any incidents which do occur.
Witness contact details

Home address: ........................................................................................................................................................................
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Postcode: ........................................................................................................................................................................

Home telephone number ............................................................ Work telephone number ............................................................

Mobile/pager number .............................................................. Email address: ......................................................................................

Preferred means of contact: ....................................................................................................................................................

Male / Female (delete as applicable).......................................................... Date and place of birth: ............................................................................................................................

Former name: .................................................................................... Ethnicity Code (16+1): ......................................... Religion/belief: ..........................................................................................................................

Dates of witness non-availability ..................................................................................................................................................

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Witness care

a) Is the witness willing and likely to attend court? Yes / No. If ‘No’, include reason(s) on MG6.

b) What can be done to ensure attendance?

c) Does the witness require a Special Measures Assessment as a vulnerable or intimidated witness? 
   Yes / No. If ‘Yes’ submit MG2 with file.

d) Does the witness have any specific care needs? Yes / No. If ‘Yes’ what are they? (Disability, healthcare, childcare, transport, , language
difficulties, visually impaired, restricted mobility or other concerns?)

Witness Consent (for witness completion)

a) The criminal justice process and 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 police — what happens next?’
   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 proceedings e.g. child
care proceedings, CICA
   Yes ☐ No ☐

g) The information recorded above will be disclosed to the Witness Service so they can offer help and support, unless you ask them not to. Tick this box to decline their services:
   Yes ☐ No ☐

Signature of witness: .................................................................................................................... Print name: ............................................................................................................................

Signature of parent/guardian/appropriate adult: ............................................................ Print name: ............................................................................................................................

Address and telephone number if different from above: ........................................................................................................................................

Statement taken by (print name): PC 605KG p233842 JAMES BARNDEN ..... Station: KW ............................................................

Time and place statement taken: ............................................................................................................................

RESTRICTED (when complete)