

SECTION 7

WITNESS STATEMENT	
Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27. 2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B	
Statement of: Martin Banton	URN
Age (if under 18): N/A	Occupation: Police Officer

I am the above named police officer and currently serve with Staffordshire Police at Burton police station.

On Saturday the 21st of March 2020 at 0235 hours I was driving a marked police vehicle in Burton town centre when a call was received on my radio to attend the LOCOMOTIVE Bar on STATION street Burton with my colleague PC Craig GOULD 27005.

The report was received from a third party friend of a female called [redacted] born [redacted] who was receiving SNAP CHAT messages from [redacted] regards allegations of a rape.

We attended the LOCOMOTIVE bar at 0240 hours and the front doors were locked and secure and the premises looked closed, the interior lights were on. PC GOULD knocked on the door and a male came to the door who provided his name as being [redacted] born [redacted]

PC GOULD was able to view inside the location from the entrance door which had been unlocked by [redacted], when he returned to my vehicle he said there was a female inside and I queried who it was. PC GOULD returned to the door and was able to confirm that [redacted] was inside the venue.

Myself and 5 other officers entered the venue at 0243 hours, by the time we all entered [redacted] was now inside a cubicle toilet. The other persons inside was [redacted] born [redacted] who was not an employee. [redacted] born [redacted] who was also not an employee, this was confirmed by the manager [redacted] Both [redacted] and [redacted] were drinking alcohol as was [redacted] and [redacted] they were drinking pints of what looked like lager; there were only enough glasses out for the number of persons inside the venue.

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There was two persons dressed in Black clothing, this was [redacted] and [redacted] confirmed that he was able to operate the cctv and showed us the cctv from 0100 hours through until we all arrived at the venue. [redacted] told us that [redacted] does work for the venue but was not working on this night. He said that she was in the venue earlier in the night drinking alcohol and left and then returned again to carry on drinking alcohol.

From speaking to [redacted] I could smell intoxicating liquor on her breath and she was slurring her words, her eyes were glazed and unsteady in her feet. She was very drunk in my opinion.

Whilst at the venue I did not see any money exchange hands or anybody pay for the drinks they were consuming as there were no new drinks poured.

Having viewed the cctv, dictated by [redacted] changing her account of where the offence happened at least four times, her account could not be varified as the cctv at the venue covered all of the locations. The account was provided by [redacted] to SC CUZICK.

Having returned [redacted] back to her home address in the town centre I had no further dealings with this incident.

This statement 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.

Signature of witness:

Date: 26-03-2020

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Witness contact details

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Place of Work: burton police station

Dates not available: None recorded.

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