

Crime Ref:

Custody Ref

Not Disclosable

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:

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

Occupation: POLICE OFFICER

This statement (consisting of 4 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.

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Date: 18/1/2019

I am [REDACTED] currently stationed at North West Leicestershire Neighbourhood Policing Area.

My role is Dedicated Neighbourhood Officer with responsibility for Ashby town centre.

In order to keep up to date with and collate incidents that directly involve violence and relate to the Ashby Night Time Economy, I regularly check the Leicestershire Police IT reporting systems, and add these to a spread sheet.

I have researched the incidents from 7th January 2018 to 7th January 2019.

The total number of violent incidents reported are 64.

Having looked closer at these incidents, I can say that during this period, 13 of those were directly attributed to Manhattan's Night Club.

These are:

27/1/2018 – 01:09 hours – Female assaulted by being shoved in the back.

The suspect was identified and given a verbal warning.

11/2/2018 – 01:30 hours – Female assaulted by having her hair pulled.

Suspect identified and received a Conditional Caution.

17/3/2018 – Female alleges that she is ejected by the door staff and is assaulted by them in the process.

Incident investigated and the result was no further action.

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2/4/2018 – 02:54 hours – Complainant reports being assaulted by a member of the door staff. Incident investigated and the decision was that the door staff made a lawful ejection.

13/4/2018 – 23:08 hours – Male punched in the face, resulting in a bloody and bruised nose. The complainant failed to make a statement. The crime was closed no further action.

19/8/2018 – 01:00 hours – Male victim punched twice in the face. Bruising and swelling to his nose and face sustained.

The suspect was not identified and the crime was filed.

6/10/2018 – 23:24 hours – Group of males reported causing trouble at the entrance to the premises and door staff were struggling to contain them.

Officers attended and confirmed that some of the group had left the area and some had entered the club.

7/10/2018 – 03:53 hours – Male punched in the face. Fractured nose sustained.

Suspect not identified and the crime was filed.

28/10/2018 – 02:00 hours – Complainant punched in the face and grabbed around the throat.

Suspect not identified and the crime was filed.

25/11/2018 – 02:00 hours – A group of males were ejected from the premises after fighting in the premises. The fight continued in the street, which was reported to the police by a member of the public who witnessed the incident.

No victims or suspects were identified and the crime was filed.

8/12/2018 – Two females make a complaint alleging that they have been assaulted by an off-duty member of the door staff. Both sustained injuries.

Enquiries on-going.

23/12/2018 – 01:30 hours – Male victim is assaulted. He sustains a broken jaw which requires

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surgery.

Suspects not identified at present. Enquiries on-going.

27/12/2018 – 01:00 hours – Male punched in the face causing a loose tooth and a cut to his chin.

The suspect has been identified and an interview is pending.

In my opinion, I would say that a later closing time for Manhattan's would have a negative impact on Ashby Town centre, and there are a number of reasons for this, which are as follows:

A later closing time for Manhattan's would mean an increase in late night revellers.

The other night club in Ashby town centre, (this being Ciro's), close's in the early hours.

If both Ciro's and Manhattan's closed around the same time, this would result in large numbers of people who had been consuming alcohol coming together. This would potentially mean flash points and incidents of disorder.

The CCTV cameras are only monitored until 3am, when the controller then goes off duty.

If there are more people out after this time and there is an increase in disorder, the incidents will not be monitored and evidence will not be captured.

Taxi numbers in Ashby are limited and tempers can flare when revellers are queueing to get to their destinations.

This is also the case with the take-away food outlets, where tensions can increase with large numbers of people queuing/waiting in small spaces to be served with hot food.

A later closing time for Manhattan's will mean an increase in people drinking alcohol.

This, plus the issues I have previously mentioned in this statement will no doubt mean an increase in Night Time Economy incidents, and have an impact on local policing who's time will be spent dealing with crime, disorder, and Anti-Social Behaviour in Ashby town centre.

Ashby has also recently been awarded 'Purple Flag' status, which the local licensees, restaurateurs, and businesses worked hard to achieve.

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This award means that Ashby can now promote itself as being a safe place to visit when using the Night Time Economy, therefore increasing visitor numbers and revenue.

Part of the criteria the accessors scrutinise, is the number of reported crimes.

My concern is that a later licence is granted to Manhattan's, recorded crime will increase and then the Purple Flag status will be revoked at its annual review.

This would then have a detrimental effect on the Night Time Economy and Ashby town in general. [REDACTED]

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