

SECTION 9

WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B & the Criminal Procedure Rules

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Statement of: **PC 5342 Lee Parden**

Age **Over 18**

Occupation

Police Constable

This statement (consisting of 1 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.

Signature L.Parden Date: 27/09/2020

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

I am Police Constable 5342 Lee Parden of Staffordshire Police currently based at Burton Police Station on the neighbourhood Policing Team. At approximately 00:03 hours on Sunday the 26th of July 2020 I was on duty in full uniform when I attended a licenced premises called the Locomotive which is located on Station Street, Burton on Trent. At this time the premises was in the process of closing and members of the public were starting to leave the premises. I could tell that there was a large number of people within the premises still and all of the doors to the venue were open to allow people to leave quicker and easier. It was very quickly observed that there were large groups of people that were clearly under the influence of alcohol and were showing no regard for social distancing guidelines in relation to distancing themselves. On a number of occasions I had to shout out to people to move out of the road as they were blocking the road and junction and preventing vehicles to pass by and one female I had to physically move out of the way as she was clearly drunk and unsteady on her feet and totally unaware of a large goods vehicle which was yards from here and trying to pass by. Once people were out of the premises and on the footpath outside of the locomotive I saw no security staff trying to encourage people to move on and get a taxi, however an Asian male who appeared to be a member of staff at the Locomotive shouted at people to move away from the premises and off of their property causing a mass of people to step into the road causing a number of people as outline before to be causing an obstruction within the highway. From observing and speaking to a number of the people who were in the street causing the obstructions I would say that they were drunk and appeared to be unsteady on their feet and acting silly and had no apparent concern for their own welfare by being in the road. Eventually the area was cleared as people were told to disperse and the event was captured on my Bodyworn camera which can be evidenced as Exhibit LWP/1 if required.

Signature: L.Parden

Signature Witnessed by: _____