

## Witness Statement

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Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27. 2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B

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Statement of: **Matthew Reed**Age if under 18 (if over insert "over 18"): **Over 18**Occupation: **Police Constable 1707**

This statement (consisting of .....2..... Pages(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: **M.Reed 1707**Date: **24/09/2019**

This statement is in relation to a Licenced premise called The Bunch of Grapes, High Street, Ilfracombe, Devon and incidents associated with it.

I am PC 1707 Matthew Reed of Devon and Cornwall Police and currently based at Ilfracombe Police station in the position of a neighbourhood beat manager.

As part of my role I am responsible for monitoring Licenced premises and policing the general night time economy that comes with it.

I have attended meetings at the premise with Licencing officer Paul Butler and been present when action plans have been agreed.

There are residential flats above all the shops and premises that are next to, opposite and surrounding The Bunch of Grapes.

I have attended incidents at the location where there has been disorder, anti-social behaviour and excessive noise.

On Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2019 at approximately 0100hrs I was on patrol and flagged down by staff at the above location. An incident had just happened outside the pub involving a male who is banned from the pub called

Once outside in the street: has had a confrontation with unknown women, who were in a vehicle. These women have apparently brandished some kind of weapon towards him and driven the car at him.

He had ran into a lane opposite the pub that leads to ) , he has picked up a child's bike and then thrown it at the car.

and all the women had left the scene when I was there and there were no allegations etc made, it was all people telling me what had happened at the scene; So was third hand information.

The occupants of had been woken by the disturbance and seen that it was their child's bike that had been thrown by

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These two from were very angry and upset and went into the Bunch.

This led to door staff laying hands on both, and ejecting them from the pub.

I tried to speak with these at the scene, but they flatly refused to engage.

There was incident log or crime number because of this but I was witness to the aftermath. There was considerable shouting and screaming in the street. This went on for at least 20 minutes.

In my opinion the noise caused by this would have been disruptive to any nearby residents and would have been enough to wake you had you been sleeping.

While I was on patrol on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August at 0131hrs there was a small scuffle at the doors of the Bunch with Adam Squires trying to remove people from the premises.

There was no log or crime generated for this either.

There was a lot of shouting and noise outside the premises, people were grappling with each other in the street and some minor altercations.

Again, this was in my opinion enough to disturb local residents.

There are many more occasions I have dealt with disorder outside of the premises since March 2019 that often lead to no offences being recorded. So many that I am unable to give exact dates as no details are recorded at the time.

This is often due to lack of officers to deal with the crowds. I have often been on my own trying to maintain the peace in the road outside of the Bunch and although people should have been arrested, I would have been endangering myself to attempt it alone. The best I have been able to do is separate people and try to stop situations from escalating.

There is no other premises in Ilfracombe that requires this amount of policing during opening hours or kick out time.

I can only imagine that as a resident living in the vicinity it must be very disruptive, intimidating and concerning to hear, shouting, swearing, smashing bottles and general disorder through the night.

The fact that some nearby residents have moved out of the area to escape the impact the pub has had on their lives speaks volumes.

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