

### WITNESS STATEMENT

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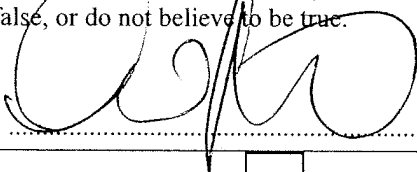
Statement of **Andrew Jackson** ..... URN: 

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Age if under 18 **Over 18**..... (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: **Police Officer 178779** .....

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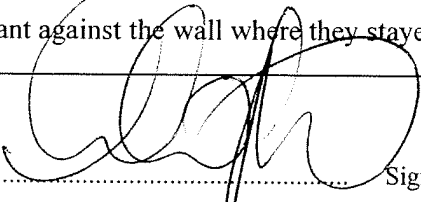
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I am a police licensing officer in the Borough of Tower Hamlets and it was in that capacity that I was in Three Colt Street E14 between 0045 and 0140hrs on Saturday 7th August 2010. I was in a police vehicle driven by Sgt Jane Burke and we were there monitoring noise and ASB in relation to customers at the Urban Bar. For the first 35 minutes we sat near the junction with the Commercial Road. Having been in discussion with the operator of the premise I was pleased to see that some of the methods I suggested to Mr Slankard (2 door staff and up to 8 smokers allowed outside at any one time) were in operation and with the car windows open I could hear very little noise. I have requested that the bar close at 0100hrs and at the time I thought that had been agreed so I was surprised to see that people were still arriving at the premise past 0100hrs. At 0120hrs we drove down the street behind a black cab. This cab stopped directly outside the bar blocking the road and 4 males and 1 female got out. All were smartly dressed but 1 male was very unsteady on his feet and was helped from the cab by another male. In his hand he had a bottle which was empty and he staggered over to the railings surrounding the churchyard and put the bottle through the railings. I observed the door staff whilst this was taking place and they seemed to be unaware of the drunk male who was a prospective customer. I later found out the alcohol had stopped being served at 0100hrs so at this time the bar was effectively shut. I would have thought that the door staff would be approaching any cars which arrived to communicate this fact. The cab pulled off and we drove down the road about 25 yards and parked at j/w Bale St. Shortly after people started to leave the bar. From down the road I could hear music still playing inside the bar and people were shouting as they left. On leaving the bar people then congregated outside the front where the noise level continued to be too high. As the security staff seemed to be just having conversations with people no one was moving away and going home or elsewhere. Very soon we got to a point that there were in excess of 30 persons standing outside the bar, all talking in a good natured but loud way. During this period a black male left as part of a group and walked down the road in our direction. I noticed that this black male had a glass in his hands which was half full of clear liquid. They stopped about 10 yards away from us and leant against the wall where they stayed for a while then walked past us. When I left at 0140hrs some

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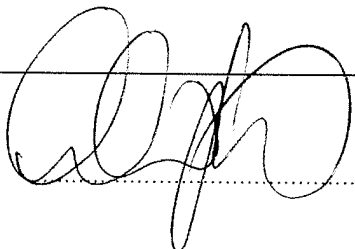


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people were still outside the bar talking. At no time did I see any staff or management (other than door staff) outside the bar to assist with the egress of customers. On Monday 9th August I attended a pre-arranged meeting with Mark Slankard and Ian Wareing of LBTH to discuss the upcoming review and I mentioned what I had seen a few days before. This is when I learnt that I had apparently misunderstood an agreement on hours of closure. On mentioning the amount of people who stood outside for a considerable time with out being moved on by staff I suggested that if the door staff couldn't get them to move that he, the owner go and speak to his customers who are apparently all aware of the review.

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Statement of Jane Burke ..... URN: [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

Age if under 18 Over 18 ..... (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: Police Sergeant 26HT 82/007648 .....

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Signature: E. Joe Burke P26 HT ..... Date: 16th August 2010

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I am a Police Sergeant based at Tower Hamlets Police in charge of the Licensing Unit for the Borough. I write this statement with reference to Urban Bar, Three Colt Street, E14.

On Friday 6th August 2010 I was on duty in plain clothes driving an unmarked police vehicle, in company with PC 124HT Andrew Jackson, a member of the Police Licensing Unit. We were conducting late licensing patrols to various venues in Tower Hamlets Borough. It was a clear night and the weather was fine and dry.

At about 0045hours on 7th August we went to Three Colt Street E14 and I parked the police vehicle near the junction with Commercial Road. The windows on the police car were down and little noise could be heard from the Urban Bar. I saw people continue to arrive at the premise and gain access. At about 0120hours I drove down Three Colt Street. The road was blocked by a black cab directly outside the venue. I saw four smartly dress males and one female got out of the cab. One of the males was helped out of the cab by one of the other males, he had a bottle in his hands and appeared unsteady on his feet. He staggered up to the church wall and placed the bottle behind the railings. After the cab had driven off we parked about 25 yards south of the venue. I could hear music coming from the venue. The security staff seemed to be talking to the customers and not moving them away from the venue. At some point there were almost thirty persons outside, all good natured but creating a loud level of noise. There was a white female sat on a small wall opposite with her head between her legs. I then saw a black male with his arm draped around a female come out of venue walking towards us. I noticed that the male had a glass, half full of liquid, in his hand. They stood near to the female with her head in her hands. We left the area at about 0140hours.

On 13th August 2010 I was again on duty in plain clothes driving an unmarked police vehicle, in company with PC 189HT Cruickshank, a member of the Police Licensing Unit. We were conducting late licensing patrols to

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various venues in Tower Hamlets Borough. It was a clear night however there was light rain on and off throughout the evening.

At about 0120hours we drove to Three Colt Street E14. The lights from the venue were on and there were approximately eight persons outside The Urban Bar, one of them appeared to be a male security officer. One of the group of people standing outside appeared to be drinking from a glass. We parked at the junction with Commercial Road E14. With the windows down loud voices could be heard coming from the venue, even from the top of the street almost 80 yards from the venue. I saw vehicles, which appeared to be private taxi's, pull up outside the venue to collect customers. We drove past the venue and there appeared to be a further twenty persons inside the venue, visible from the road. We left the area to make other visits.

At 0135hours we returned to the venue to see if the bar was still open. The lights were still on and there were still about eight persons standing outside. At 0142hours I saw the lights of the venue turn off and the persons started to walk away from the premises. The venue was dark and noone seemed to be inside. We left the area directly after this.

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