

### 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: Belinda Goodwin

Age if under 18: over (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: Police Officer

This statement (consisting of 2 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.

Witness Signature: *[Signature]* Date: 22/04/2016

I am the Police licensing officer for the borough of Havering and I have performed within this role for the last 11 months. Part of my role is to ensure that the licensees are working towards the licensing objectives within their venues and to enforce these objectives when necessary. On Friday 4th March 2016 at 12:32 hrs Police were called to the venue of BRADWELLS COFFEE & BAR 137 - 141 South Street Romford RM1 1PL by the bar tender who was on duty claiming that there was an aggressive female within the premises and was shouting at other customers and that he was on his own and needed police assistance to help getting her to leave. The female had left before Police arrival and there were no offences alleged. I obtained the CCTV on 11th March 2016 and viewed it on 15th March 2016 very quickly in order to make sure that this was the correct footage that I had asked for. Today 22/04/2016 I viewed the same footage again in normal speed. At 12:11hrs the footage shows a white female coming into the bar followed by a white male. There are already three white male customers in the bar and the male that follows the female in seems to know the two males who are drinking at the bar. I would describe the female as being around F5:05 tall, medium build, aged around 35yrs, with dark hair up in a pony tail, wearing a fur beige jacket and light coloured jeans and high heeled boots that come up to her knees. As she enters the premise she is clearly unsteady on her feet, she is swaying slightly and then walks up to the bar. The bar tender serves her a drink and she then sits on the stool. The male that followed her in then stands next to her and she starts to cuddle him. After the male pulls away she becomes unsteady on the stool and nearly falls off and the male has to grab her and help her to stay on the stool. The bar tender is behind the bar and is around three feet away from the female. The female then becomes very animated in her actions and is seen to wave her hands and kicking her legs about. At around 12:18 the female puts an item on the bar and gestures towards the bar tender to look after it and she gets off the stool, still unsteady on her feet and she then leaves her bag on the floor in the middle of the walk way and she leaves the bar with the male. One of the other males that is at the bar nearly trips over the bag that is left and is seen to mimic kicking the bag. At 12:23 the female comes back into the bar and then begins to cuddle one of the other males that is at the bar. The female is then pacing around between the bar and the table opposite the bar, the male that followed her in is now sitting down, and the female is still being animated and she is then leaning in towards the male and is getting into his face and he is trying to back off. This goes on for a while and the bar tender then grabs the phone and goes out the back of the bar, leaving the customers on their own in the bar and also the flap is left open enabling anybody to gain access to the back of the bar area. The bar tender then does not come back behind the bar for around five minutes whilst the female is causing a disturbance in the premise,

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is seen to just hide around the back and opening the door occasionally to see if the female is still in the premises. All this time the female is getting into the faces of the male customers and at one point she is seen to grab the males pint of lager off of the table, causing some to spill until the male then grabs it back off of her. The female then leaves at 12:37hrs and the Police arrive at 12:39hrs.

Upon viewing this footage it is pretty clear that the management of the venue at that time showed no responsibility to the safety of the customers. Not once can you see the bar tender approach the female in a way to ask her to leave or to let her know that the police were being called. The actions of the bar tender left the customers to defend themselves from the female and try and deal with her until the Police arrived. Having viewed this footage I feel that this was an incident that could have been avoided in the first instance. The female is clearly unsteady on her feet when she came in and the bar tender still served her a drink. The bar tender should have been more diligent in the circumstances, this was not a busy period there were only four other customers in the bar and there was also a male at the back with an apron on who seemed to be working within the kitchen area. The incident went on for too long and there was no robustness from the bar tender to try and deal with the situation, he just called the police and waited for them to deal which in my opinion was a waste of police resources. If it was seen that the female was refusing to leave then that is a call for Police but this was not the case.

I would also like to add that there was a safe and sound meeting held on 31/03/2016 at the Golden Lion PH at 1500hrs, it is a condition on the licence of BRADWELLS COFFEE & BAR to attend and they failed to do so on this occasion therefore breaching the condition of their licence below.

5. The premises licence holder or designated premises supervisor shall become a member of the Safe & Sound / Pubwatch scheme(s).

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