

WITNESS STATEMENT

(Criminal Justice Act 1967, s.9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B;
Criminal Procedure Rules, Rule 16.2)

NICHE Ref. No:

URN:

Statement of: PC 4198 CLIFFORD

Date of birth:

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.

Signature: PC CLIFFORD

Date: 24/03/2022

Time and date statement taken:

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I am the above-named Police Officer, currently employed as a licensing officer for West Yorkshire Police. I am making this statement in support of the review application made by Entertainment Licensing for Madison Bar and Grill 486 Harehills Lane LS96NG.

On the 19th November 2019 I applied for a summary review at these premises, then known as Shaftsbury Pool Centre. This was due to serious crime and disorder linked to the venue. The licence holder at that time was Salman HAYDARAN. On the 17th December 2019 the Licensing Sub-Committee revoked the premises licence based on the evidence given by responsible authorities.

On 20th August 2020 an application was submitted for a premises licence at this venue under the name Madison Bar & Grill. At this time, I suspected the application was being submitted by Salman HAYDARAN, but using a third party to prevent any objections being made by responsible authorities.

I was unable to find any links at that time between the applicant and Salman. Should I have found a link, or should Salman have applied himself, there is no doubt I would have made representations against the application in full.

Due to there being no obvious links at that time, I negotiated with the applicant's solicitor and agreed conditions to be added to the premises licence.

It wasn't until May 2020 that links between Madison and Salman began to emerge. On 12th May 2020 there was an incident between Salman and a contractor at the premises where the police were called. On 26th May 2020, I attended Madison Bar & Grill in company with Carmel BRENNAND from Leeds City Council Licensing. I was very disappointed to see that the venue was almost exactly the same as it had been, even having the old venue name on the side of the building. I was further disappointed by the fact that the same member of staff, Irene LALLY, was working the day shift as was previously the case. Even worse was the amount of issues in relation to licence compliance which was endemic with the previous version of the bar.

Since May 2020, there have been a number of interactions between me, Entertainment Licensing and the venue, in order to gain compliance at the premises with the licence, which has largely failed. During our interactions with the venue over this time, it has become more and more apparent that it is linked to and in the control of Salman HAYDARAN. There are old staff members who worked at the premises under its previous licence, but are also closely linked to Salman currently still involved with its

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running, new staff members who are linked to Salman and even a local shop owner referring to Salman as "the boss".

The inability or reluctance of the venue to comply with its premises licence alone is a concern. Couple with it being so closely linked to and in my belief, controlled by the previous licence holder, I support the review submitted by Entertainment Licensing and would urge the Sub-Committee to revoke the premises licence.

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