

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

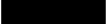
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Statement of: Ellie IVANOVA
Age if under 18: Over 18
Occupation: Police Officer p237243

This statement 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.

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Date: 08/03/2024

I am the above named person and I am an officer attached to the Euston Town Centre Team 1.

The team was established in 2022 and that was the time I joined however prior to this I have always worked in Camden since 2014.

In my experience as a Police officer I have always known the area of BIRKINHEAD STREET, NW1 and to be a drug hotspot. One of the reasons for this I believe is the hostel (St Mungo's) which is home for a number of Camden's drug/service users. The residents of St Mungo's are known to loiter and congregate in the area for the pure reason of begging or committing crime to feed their drug addiction, using and selling drugs, ad causing general ASB.

This is not a problem only at that location, but is rather spread across the whole of Camden. This location in particular is very busy due to KING'S CROSS STATION. There are numerous links to transport and there is constant traffic of vehicles as well as pedestrians which make the area ideal for begging and getting around.

REEL TIME AMUSEMENTS which is on the corner of BIRKINHEAD STREET, WC1 and EUSTON ROAD, NW1 is known to me. Since joining the Euston TCT, as a team we frequently patrol this location. Outside of REEL TIME AMUSEMENTS and the surrounding area is a drug hotspot and it is fair to say that most of the time we have been to the location, there have been individuals either stopped, searched or arrested. There is a heavy presence of drug users in this area and also numerous reports indicating that particular individuals are dealing drugs outside of the venue. There are reports indicating that drugs are being store outside of this location by the rental bike stand and a BT phone cable box. There is information which has been reported to Police that individuals concerned in the supply of drugs use a machine inside the venue which converts coins into bank notes free of charge. There are also numerous reports made to Police stating that REEL TIME AMUSEMENTS operate 24/7 and there is drug activity in and out.

There is also CCTV footage which has been viewed by BTP officers showing individuals actively dealing outside of the venue and surrounding area.

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From experience in working night shifts, areas which have no business premises open at night tend to be quieter and to not attract ASB and criminality, whereas venue which operate 24/7 such as some shops for example tend to have people gathering outside, especially during weekends. I have been asked to assist by putting together a list of reports to assist with objecting the venue's request to operate 24/7.

Below is a list of reports for the past 12 months which have been reported to Police and directly linked to the venue. There are only reports which are directly linked to REEL TIME AMUSEMENTS. There are numerous other stops and reports from nearby relating to drugs:

On 13/04/2023 an officer who was on CCTV duties has created a report detailing that they have observed drug activity in the area of KING'S CROSS but also users and dealers going in and out of REEL TIME AMUSEMENTS. This has been reported on CRIMINT with reference EKRT00626853.

On 16/04/2023 officers received information that there is an increase of drug dealing/using in and out of REEL TIME AMUSEMENTS. This has been recorded on CRIMINT with reference EKRT00626978.

On 06/06/2023 officers received information about a male dealing drugs from REEL TIME AMUSEMENTS. This has been recorded on CRIMINT with reference EKRT00628877.

On 16/06/2023 officers were on patrol when they came across a group of males loitering outside of REEL TIME AMUSEMENTS. The group were all detained and searched for drugs. This has been recorded on CRIMINT with reference EKZS00144526.

On 18/06/2023 officers received intelligence regarding REEL TIME AMUSEMENT causing issues late at night and drug activity both inside and out of the venue. This has been recorded on CRIMINT with reference EKRT00629317.

On 23/06/2023 it was reported that a male known to Police is actively dealing drugs outside of REEL TIME AMUSEMENTS. This has been recorded on CRIMINT with reference EKRT00629548.

On 05/07/2023 officers spoke with an informant who was reporting knowledge of certain individuals and their partners dealing drugs outside of REEL TIME AMUSEMENTS. The informant also told officers that the drug dealers heavily frequent the venue to use a coin machine. This has been reported on CRIMINT with reference EKRT00629978.

On 21/07/2023 whilst on patrol officers were approached and shown CCTV footage of drug dealing taking place outside of REEL TIME AMUSEMENTS. This was taking place in the early hours of the morning and the drugs were being hidden outside of the venue. This has been recorded on CRIMINT with reference EKRT00630600.

On 16/08/2023 the local PCSO was on patrol when he was approached and informed that REEL TIME AMUSEMENTS remains open 24/7 even though according to GOOGLE they close at 0200 hours. The informant also said that there is drug dealing/taking both inside and outside and that local

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residents are unable to sleep due to the ASB and noise from the venue. This has been recorded on CRIMINT with reference EKRT00631432.

On 21/10/2023 a male known to Police was observed looking through the door into REEL TIME AMUSEMENTS. He was observed to enter the premises and leave a short time after. The male was searched by officers. This has been recorded on CRIMINT with reference EKZS00146800.

On 06/12/2023 a male known to Police has made a report that his drug dealer has made threats to kill him as he owes him £80. The alleged drug dealer is a male who is known to operate outside of REEL TIME AMUSEMENTS and these threats were made at that location. This has been reported to Police on CRIS with reference 2300612/24.

Intelligence report with reference EKRT00636133 was created on 10/01/2024. This report is in relation to a known drug user being stabbed in the early hours of the morning. This report suggests that the individual in question is linked to REEL TIME AMUSEMENTS and is suspected of low level dealing at the location and surrounding area. There is no information on what the link is.

The two males who were actively dealing drugs in and around REEL TIME AMUSEMENTS have been arrested and are currently in prison. They were arrested on two separate occasions with approximately 100 wraps of Crack Cocaine and Heroin each. They were both arrested outside of REEL TIME AMUSEMENTS. I was not present during the arrests and have no involvement in the investigations however I was informed by PC BOUNDY that while one of the males was in court for his trial he said during his defence account something along the lines of "I WAS IN AND OUT OF REEL TIME AMUSEMENTS AT ALL TIMES. I WAS BEING GIVEN FREE MONEY TO BET WITH AND WAS PAYING STAFF CASH".

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