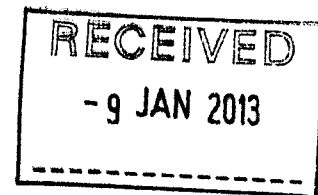


**Liquid Lounge Review
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Evidence

Ch Insp Banks overstatement

Ps Morgan Licensing Sergeant ~ statement & exhibits:

Letter to J Lanz,
Email from J Lanz,
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Facebook pages,
Action Plan

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Crime Investigation Form

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Email from premises to Pc Whitcombe

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Pc Walters

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Ps Fisher

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James Lanz

22 April 2012
Record of report to police

22 April 2012
Pc Dines

20 April 2012
Letter to P Mott from Sussex Police Licensing

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Witness
Pc Halfpenny
Pc Whitcombe

8 April 2012
Pc Swietlik

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Pc Whitehouse
Pc Adams
Pc Whitcombe
Ps Morgan

31 March 2012
Pc Hendey
Pc Bailey
Pc Whitcombe

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4 March 2012
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Pc Whitcombe

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PC Metcalfe

27 November 2011
Pc Corker

Pc Hubbard

13 May 2011

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Dr

Pc Dowglass

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Pc Leech

Pc Whitcombe

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Statement of: Catherine Joanne BANKS
Age if under 18: 0 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: Police Officer

This statement (consisting of 3 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: [Redacted] Date 3rd January 2012

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I am the Chief Inspector for Adur and Worthing and responsible for the policing of the District. Prior to taking over this role on the 3rd December 2012 I was the Detective Inspector for Adur and Worthing therefore I am fully conversant with the crime patterns across the area and the impact of alcohol related crime.

The principles of policing are now compromised by the ineffective management of the Liquid Lounge and the Light Bar and as such the impact on the public and police resources is of significant concern.

As the District Detective Inspector I saw first hand the impact of people being allowed to consume large quantities of alcohol and then being unable to manage their own safety and subsequently becoming incredibly vulnerable. On the 4th November 2012 a female was sexually assaulted in such circumstances being vulnerable through alcohol. She described being befriended by an unknown male and then being led away from the smoking area with him to a public place where the offence took place.

An investigation into an allegation of sexual assault is one that is resource intensive with specialist officers allocated to interview the victim, medical resources at a specially trained unit to forensically examine the victim and then CID officers to investigate the crime. Sexual assault crimes can be challenging to get to court and this particular investigation was further frustrated by the premises not using the I.D Scan machine they possess. Without this system it makes the initial part of the investigation difficult and delays the identification and early arrest of the suspect. The time period between offence and arrest is significant as the samples taken to prove or disprove an offence from the suspect deteriorate within a short time span.

The victims of sexual assault often suffer the effects of the crime for significant periods of their life and they are left with feelings of fear, guilt and hurt that are immeasurable to those who have not experienced this type of crime. The inability to identify the suspect then further impacts on the victim in that he or she will then not know the identity of the person responsible and further increase the fear they experience.

There are a significant proportion of incidents within the review which involve violent crime. Again these have a significant impact on the victims with some left visually disfigured from the

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assault. The victim will often have had to have time off work to recover from the assault which may effect their financial situation.

It is frustrating to the investigating team when evidence is lost either due to delay in reporting or because readily available systems are not used. The ID scanner is a significant evidential tool yet time and again it was not used. The Liquid Lounge and Light bar have the ability to record those attending the premises and therefore afford some protection to its patrons. The residents of Adur and Worthing and those visiting our night time economy are also put at unnecessary risk if the early identification of those previously known to be violent are not identified and stopped from entering the premises. On the 27th October this was highlighted when a friend of the victim contacted police to report the assault to his friend who as in hospital with a fractured jaw. The door staff ejected the suspect but did not inform police at the time or shortly after the incident when they attended to carry out a licensing visit. Evidence such as blood on clothing and swabs from hands was therefore lost. The officers have had to rely on CCTV stills to try and identify the male. This investigation is still active with a CID officer and ID is an issue in this case.

When a suspect requires medical attention and is taken to hospital an officer will remain with them thus removing a valuable front line officer from their duties. If the person is under the effects of alcohol then this also has an impact on the custody facility and increases the level of resources required to manage that individual. The incidents in the review reflect a culture of excessive drinking within the premises as often both the victim and the suspect are heavily intoxicated. This makes it difficult for officers to establish an account at the time and prolongs the initial investigation. As previously stated this raises the risk of loosing vital early evidence.

Each investigation whatever the crime type may take between 6 - 12 months to investigate and if charged heard before a court. The police will provide witness care resources and many hours of investigative and administrative work to provide the CPS with a finalised investigation. Within the review documents there are 5 GBH investigations which will mean that the victim has suffered significant injuries such as a broken bone or injury requiring a surgical procedure. There are a number of sexual assaults within the document and as a crime type this is often under reported so is unlikely to be a true reflection of the amount of offences.

The district currently operates a specific tone setting and high visibility style of policing designed to reduce Public Place Violent Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour. It focuses on the main night-time economies within the District, with intelligence led tasking focused on early intervention and reducing crime and incidents of anti-social behaviour. It is based on having a number of dedicated high visibility uniformed Police Officers patrolling predominantly on foot within the key locations and at times of the week when violent crime and anti social behaviour is most likely to occur. The aim to provide early intervention to stop disorder happening in the first place and if an incident does occur, be in a position to take positive action in an attempt to detect the offence and reduce re-offending. The policing of this operation involves a significant commitment of resources and I am concerned that despite officers being in the area of the premises there are a number incidents where police have not been informed. This delay in reporting will affect the outcome of the investigation with the loss of vital evidence and can lead to the suspect not being identified as happened on the 12th June 2011. Here the offence happened in the smoking area and the staff took the victim to hospital where he underwent surgery to a facial injury. The police were not informed at the time and no one has been identified as a suspect.

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Statement of: Simon Morgan

Age if under 18: Over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: Police Sergeant CM614

This statement (consisting of 5 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 anything in it, which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Signature: Date 28th November 2012

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I have been a Licensing Sergeant for West Sussex Division since July 2010. I have a continuing responsibility to ensure that Sussex Police respond appropriately and decisively to any relevant incidents at licensed premises in this area.

Since July 2010, I have monitored all interactions Sussex Police have had with the management of the Liquid Lounge and The Light Bar and likewise reviewed all incidents at the premises.

In July 2010, I was made aware that the Liquid Lounge premises 'complex' was subject to a Local Action Team (LAT) initiative. The 'Chatsworth Road' LAT had been set up in response to concerns over the high levels of violence and anti-social behaviour in Chatsworth Road and the immediate surrounding area. The first formal LAT meeting was held on 19th February 2010. It was agreed that the problems associated with this LAT stemmed primarily from the Liquid Lounge premises complex which, incidentally, had been identified as having the highest amount of incidents that month in the force area - (Counties of East & West Sussex).

The LAT concluded approximately seven months later when Sussex Police recorded, among other statistics, a decrease of 18% in offences against the person in Chatsworth Road. It was noted that despite this decrease, the incidents of violence against the person recorded specifically at Liquid Lounge had increased by 7%. As such, when I was appointed in my position as the Licensing Sergeant, I was aware of inheriting a 'problem premises' clearly responsible for generating a significant amount of Worthing's public place violent crime.

On 7th March 2011 I called a meeting at Centenary House Police Station with Peter Mott and James Lanz, (the Liquid Lounge and The Light Bar Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) and manager, respectively). The meeting was held to discuss the serious violent assault at The Light Bar - (Review Document The Light Bar 22/2/11 refers). I requested that the management implement effective measures in order to address the issues leading to this incident - focussing on drunkenness, poor staff-deployment and poor decision-making. I also stated at this meeting how encouraged I was to note the low amount of assaults recorded at these premises over the preceding few months.

On May 27th 2011, I called a meeting with the management of the Liquid Lounge. James Lanz attended and made apologies for Peter Mott. During this meeting I expressed my concerns after two further serious violent crimes had been attributed to the Liquid Lounge complex. In addition to this, I had received reports regarding incidents of drunkenness at the establishment. I informed James Lanz that the Liquid Lounge complex was now identified as having the highest amount of grievous bodily harm incidents in Sussex - an area containing over 6,500 licensed establishments. I made it clear that there was a correlation between drunkenness and the frequency and severity of assaults at the establishment. I told James Lanz that he now had to take



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immediate, positive action to remedy this situation - I suggested that effective staff training, ensuring drunks were not admitted and guarding against selling alcohol to drunks were starting points.

A letter I sent to the management regarding this meeting (**Review Document Liquid Lounge 27/5/11 and exhibit SM/1 refer**) states:

'This letter has been recorded on our system as a formal warning and should any further incidents occur involving serious assault and drunkenness, we will look to take further action.'

On Saturday 11th June 2011 I received an email response from James Lanz (**Exhibit SM/2 refers**). James Lanz stated:

'We take on board your concerns and appreciate you taking the time to talk to us about them before taking further action.'

I was concerned that James Lanz closed his email by stating:

'On a side note, the incident involving [name omitted for confidentiality] was outside the light bar on a night that the club was not open so I feel that this should be put down as a light bar GBH not the liquid lounge as they are 2 separate licences.'

On Monday 18th July 2011 I called a further meeting with the management of the Liquid Lounge complex at Chatsworth Road Police Station. Both Peter Mott and James Lanz attended (**Review Document Liquid Lounge 18/7/11 and exhibit SM/3 refer**). During the meeting, Sussex Police disclosed that since the last meeting on 27th May 2011, the Liquid Lounge had been recorded as having the highest amount of drunk and disorderly incidents in the force area. It was reiterated that the number of assaults and drink-related incidents linked to the premises had to be reduced.

On Wednesday 27th July 2011 Sussex Police received an email from James Lanz (**Exhibit SM/4 refers**) confirming receipt of the letter detailing the meeting on 18th July 2011. James Lanz stated this had prompted the management at Liquid Lounge to hold a meeting with their staff. James Lanz stated:

'We went through the issues and reiterated the importance of not allowing anyone in who is near to intoxication, not serving anyone who is close to intoxication and how to deal with these persons.'

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The Liquid Lounge and The Light Bar review documents submitted by Sussex Police on 22nd November 2012 contains three Rape investigations: (Sunday 4th November 2012, Tuesday 6th November 2012 and Friday 13th April 2012 respectively). Due to issues of confidentiality concerning these investigations, further evidence has been withheld from this review procedure. I will, however, exhibit in my statement pertinent extracts from the evidence in both cases:

Sunday 4th November 2012 - Liquid Lounge Rape Investigation

The victim was in company with a friend during the evening preceding the attack. This friend provided a witness statement to the police on 8th. November in which she states that prior to attending the Liquid Lounge (before 23:00hrs) she and the victim had been consuming alcohol at other venues. When they



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arrived at Liquid Lounge she states:

'I felt pretty drunk and in my opinion [the victim] was the same'.

The friend then describes that both she and the victim consumed alcohol inside Liquid Lounge, stating:

'I was smashed (very drunk). I could walk but am not able to remember the whole evening. I was ill at the end of the evening in that I vomited outside after [the victim] told me what had happened. In my opinion [the victim] was also pretty drunk, she looked the same as me'.

Tuesday 6th November 2012 - The Light Bar Rape Investigation

The victim provided the police with an account of events that night. (This account has been précised by the interviewing officer). The victim expressed her difficulty recalling the events of the night due to being excessively drunk. The victim describes leaving The Light Bar just before 01:00hrs. The interviewer's account states:

'She described herself as being very intoxicated having drunk beer.'

I have subsequently viewed the police CCTV footage of the victim, which shows her having to be supported whilst staggering along Chatsworth Road. She collapses a number of times before entering Chapel Road, where she collapses in a shop doorway for approximately five minutes before once again making her way out of the camera view where she states she made contact with a stranger who subsequently raped her.

Friday 13th April 2012 - Liquid Lounge Rape Investigation

The victim provided the police with an account of events that night. (This account has been précised by the interviewing officer). The victim stated that she and a friend had entered the Liquid Lounge before midnight and then consumed alcohol inside the venue. She then left the venue with a male who physically escorted her out of the venue, as she was unsteady on her feet, before raping her. After the attack, the victim describes her attacker then forcibly escorting her towards his home address. The interviewer's account states:

'She did not want to go with him, but she couldn't walk very well on her own, she didn't think she was capable. She told him she wanted to go back to her friend but he said no and that they were going back to his. They passed a few people on the way back to his flat, but she was not near enough to anyone to say anything and she felt really, really drunk. She was having trouble standing upright.'

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A condition on the Liquid Lounge premises licence states: 'The Licensee/DPS will maintain an active membership of club-watch and attend the regular meetings.'

I have concerns that, despite the premises management being represented at the local Pubwatch meetings, they have not taken adequate steps to nominated individuals for bans during these meetings. Pubwatch records show that only six bans were made by Liquid Lounge in the last four years, one in February 2011 (when a member of the door staff was assaulted) three in April 2011, (when three individuals were identified as being in possession of counterfeit money) and two in September 2011, (when two individuals were banned for an assault). The review document shows numerous violent incidents occurring at the premises and as such, I believe that the management have been negligent in adequately protecting the public who use the night time economy.



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I believe that the drunkenness at the Liquid Lounge complex has not only been tolerated, but actively encouraged by the management of the premises. Special Constable Manley's statement, (**Review Document The Light Bar 9/3/12 refers**) illustrates the culture of drunkenness fostered at the premises; clearly describing both drinking games and alcohol prizes occurring at the venue.

On their website and Facebook site, there is further evidence of this drunkenness culture. (**Exhibit SM/5 refers**). An entry on Friday 20th July 2012 describes The Light Bar's new 'club night' as:

'a depraved world of drink, lust and eroticism that will tickle every one of your erogenous zones.'

Their website describes one of the highlights at The Light Bar:

'no where else will you find the diversity of competitions for you to watch and take part in...Watch out for the shot wheel, take a spin and see what it lands on...There are 40 different shots, legend has it that only 1 man has taken on the challenge and completed the wheel in 1 night and survived! (this is not recommended)'

There are also numerous mentions of competitions allowing the participant to 'win the door money'; to win a £25 or £50 'bar tab'; to win rounds of drinks and 'round for a pound' promotions. The premises have also encouraged drunkenness by hosting 'beer-pong' drinking games.

Annexe 1, Part C of both premises licences describes the Mandatory conditions regarding irresponsible promotions:

'The responsible person must take all reasonable steps to ensure that staff do not carry out, arrange or participate in any irresponsible promotions. An irresponsible promotion is one which encourages the sale or supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises and carries a significant risk of leading to crime and disorder, prejudice to public safety, public nuisance or harm to children. Irresponsible promotions take a number of forms including drinking games, large quantities of alcohol for free or a fixed price, prizes and rewards schemes, sporting event promotions and posters & flyers'.

On Tuesday 20th November 2012, I received an action plan from the management team at Liquid Lounge. (**Exhibit SM/6 refers**). Three actions listed suggest that the premises had previously been breaching this mandatory condition on their licence:

- Drinking games stopped
- Stop bar tabs as prizes for game show evenings
- No bulk buying drinks deals

In my opinion, both the Liquid Lounge and The Light Bar pose a real risk to the public who use Worthing's night time economy - despite advice from Sussex Police, they have continued to show a flagrant disregard for the licensing objectives. I strongly believe that the management have purposefully avoided notifying the police of incidents at their premises and have continued to foster a dangerous culture of drunkenness. As a officer who has closely monitored the performance of these premises over the last two and a half years, I



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have concluded that, despite their best efforts, the Liquid Lounge 'complex' cannot operate a safe venue and that immediate action is required to ensure that these venues can no longer pose this risk of harm to the public.



Dear Mr. Lanz,

This letter is to clarify the points that were highlighted in our meeting on Friday 27th May 2011

The meeting took place at Worthing Police Station, Centenary House, between the two of us. You explained that the Designated Premises Supervisor, Mr. Mott was not currently available and agreed, as the Manager of the premises, to represent the establishment in his absence.

We discussed the incidents of serious assault that have occurred in recent weeks both inside and in the immediate vicinity of your licensed premises.

We discussed the incident on 13th May, during which two groups left the Liquid Lounge at approximately 03:30hrs and four members of your doorstaff were involved in controlling an element of disorder between the two groups, which you clarified as being, 'verbal'. I stated that a Police vehicle had passed during this intervention and had, according to the officers, been 'waved on' by your staff.

We can confirm that the same group were responsible for causing an assault involving grievous bodily harm barely out of sight from your establishment.

Evidence from the investigating officers states that firstly all the parties had come from Liquid Lounge, secondly that the argument from the two parties had originated inside and lastly that both the aggrieved and the offender were described as exceedingly drunk.

We also discussed the visit conducted by my team on 15th May. Two of my licensing officers described how they witnessed a large amount of drunk people coming out from the venue, five of which had vomited onto the pavement. They described that there was a 'tension' in the atmosphere outside the club and within the designated smoking area.

You acknowledge that one of your door staff was assaulted by a female who was drunk and had been asked to leave the area. You also acknowledged that by 01:30hrs you were operating a 'one-in-one-out' policy at the door and as such, were at full capacity. You took advice from my colleagues and stopped admission to the venue. You informed me that a team de-brief was conducted after this evening.

The final incident we discussed occurred on 21st May. This involved an altercation on the stairs and culminated in one male receiving grievous bodily harm injuries and a female receiving a serious internal injury. You acknowledged this incident and explained how a member of your doorstaff team attempted to control the situation before the assaults occurred. You explained that the club was running to capacity and that you had fourteen door staff working that evening.

Officers involved in the investigation once again explained that the parties involved in this incident were drunk.

The last time we met in person occurred on 7th March to discuss the events surrounding the grievous bodily harm incident at your establishment involving an off-duty member of your door staff. During this meeting in March I commended you on the low amount of assaults that had occurred at your establishment in the preceding months. Unfortunately, this situation has reversed and Liquid Lounge have been identified as recently having the highest amount of grievous bodily harm incidents in the entire county; constituting of more that 6,500 licensed establishments.

It appears to the Police licensing team that there is a correlation between drunkenness and the frequency and severity of assaults at your establishment. I have asked you to take immediate positive action to ensure that drunks are not admitted to your premises and secondly to ensure that no sales of alcohol are made to patrons who are drunk. This will invariably involve the training of door staff and bar staff.

This letter has been recorded on our system as a formal warning and should any further incidents occur involving serious assault and drunkenness, we will look to take further action.

As always, Sussex Police are keen to work closely with your establishment to assist you in promoting the licensing objectives. Should you wish to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Your sincerely,

Simon Morgan

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Morgan Simon CM614

From: Liquid [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday 11 June 2011 02:33
To: Morgan Simon CM614
Subject: letter

Simon,

Thank you for meeting with myself the other Friday. I have now received your letter from the meeting. We take on board your concerns and appreciate you taking the time to talk to us about them before taking further action. Please understand that we do take this very seriously and will do our up most to deal with the issues raised. We hope this will not effect the good working relationship that we have with Sussex Police.

There have only been two Saturday nights this year that we have had less than 1000 people through the door throughout the night. With most nights going to a one in, one out basis. So it is not an issue that we can't cope with the numbers, just that all the staff need to up their game again.

Below is the email I sent to PC James Heasman after the bank holiday weekend and after our meeting. I did not have your email at the time and i forgot to ask James to 'CC' you in on it, so i'm not sure if you've seen it already.

Further to my meeting with Simon on Friday.. I have had a meeting with all bar staff and door staff and have told them that we need to be more pro-active in dealing with customers who are close to intoxication and this should in turn reduce the amount of incidents we are getting... this weekend was extremely busy on all 4 nights with a lot more people being refused entry and more being asked to leave if they were a little unsteady which hopefully stopped any antisocial behavior although there were a couple of arrests over the weekend.. one was a 17 year old who hadn't been in the club and the other a large chap trying to dance with someone else's girlfriend.

On a side note, the incident involving D [REDACTED] was outside the light bar on a night that the club was not open so I feel that this should be put down as a light bar GBH not the liquid lounge as they are 2 separate licenses.

If you have any queries, pleas do not hesitate to contact me.

Many thanks

James Lanz

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Your Ref:

Our Ref: SM/PG

Date: 19th July 2011

Contact Name: S.Morgan

Tel. Extension:

Direct Dial No: [REDACTED]

Liquid Lounge
31 Chatsworth Road
Worthing BN11 1LY

Dear Mr Mott

Thank you for attending Worthing Police Station together with Mr Lanz, for a meeting with Pauline Giddings, Divisional Licensing Officer and myself.

The meeting was called in order to discuss further concerns in the increasing number of incidents reported in relation to the premises Liquid Lounge.

It was confirmed that the letter of 31st May 2011 from this office, had been received by you and its content was briefly reviewed with specific reference to the *correlation between drunkenness and the frequency of assaults at your establishment*.

You acknowledged the content of the letter and produced a List of Improvements that the premises has implemented over the past 3 weeks. These included encouraging earlier entry to the premises through pricing tariffs, altering the lighting & music, re-positioning the CCTV, staff training and importantly addressing the admission policy. You also provided copies of a report compiled from your incident log commencing 2nd April 2011 to be read after the meeting.

We proceeded to discuss the way that the police data was prepared and interpreted by the licensing team, and how Liquid Lounge consistently had the highest incidents reported to police in Sussex during the development period [i.e. since the previous meeting on 27.5.2011]. This included having the highest number of incidents of drunk & disorderly behaviour in the entire Force. This opportunity was used to discuss fully some of the incidents recorded and, where appropriate, the lessons learned. It was also possible to reduce some of the incidents recorded against the premises following a more detailed account from yourselves.

While the figures for June were unacceptably high; thus far the figures for July have been encouraging and it is hoped that this may be a result of some of the new measures in place. It was agreed that time would give a clearer indication of this and that the situation would be closely monitored.

It was reiterated that the number of assaults and drink related incidents linked to the premises had to be reduced. It was suggested that close monitoring of persons queuing/entering may be key to this. It was agreed that the licensing team would approach the Inspector for the area and request that patrols were directed to ensure that policing around Liquid Lounge was proportionate. Officers would endeavour to support door staff in the execution of their duty & assist in moving on individuals loitering in the vicinity.

Mr W.P. Mott
c/o Liquid Lounge
31 Chatsworth Road
Worthing BN11 1LY

c.c Mr J Lanz
[REDACTED]
c/o Liquid Lounge
31 Chatsworth Road
Worthing BN11 1LY

It was also suggested that the premises management may find it beneficial to occasionally conduct an observation of patrons leaving the premises, to gain first hand information of the levels of intoxication & conduct experienced once outside.

It was also explained that instances of drug seizure by staff or incidents relating to refusal of entry would not be recorded as negative factors against the premises.

Should you wish to discuss any of these matters further please do not hesitate to contact this office on the telephone number on this letter or via email [REDACTED]k

Yours sincerely

Simon Morgan
Neighbourhood Licensing Team
West Sussex

Morgan Simon CM614

From: Liquidw [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday 27 July 2011 10:29
To: Morgan Simon CM614
Subject: meeting

Simon,

Many thanks for meeting with myself and Peter on Monday 18th July. We have received your letter regarding the meeting also. Please be assured that we are making every effort to get ourselves off your desk!

Myself, Peter [redacted] had an in-depth meeting to discuss the points raised, we then called a meeting with [redacted] head doorman and all the door staff and bar staff.

We went through the issues and reiterated the importance of not allowing anyone in who is near to intoxication, not serving anyone who is close to intoxication and how to deal with these persons.

- We will continue to close the door earlier.
- We will have a stricter policy on who we let in.
- There will be a zero tolerance policy on any anti-social behaviour.
- We have produced a poster (attached) which be put up around all venues and played on all 26 screens inside the club warning customers that any anti-social behaviour will not be tolerated.
- I have investigated the incident in Tokyo, when one of your officers noted that 2 of the door team were over cellist and Ian had to talk to them. The 2 doorstaff in question have been found to not be acting in a manner that the club expects from its door staff and have been given a verbal warning.
- From this weekend we will be employing an extra doorman to assist in creating more of a presence in the smoking area as this does seem to be a bit of a hot spot.
- We will be using the police a lot more in helping the door team to get people away from the club have turned up intoxicated or close to intoxication.

Reference to this weekend... On Friday night there was an issue in the smoking area, myself and [redacted] (D/s) were dealing with, a female was brought out by [redacted], words were exchanged between them. A female officer spoke to the girl and then to [redacted] I felt [redacted] was rude to officer in the heat of the moment. He did go over and apologise to the officer a short while after. Never the less, [redacted] and I have spoken about the incident and have given him a final warning and we are considering [redacted]'s future with the company. I will keep you up to date with this.

On Saturday night we did notice the police were very good in working with the door team, they seemed to be moving around a lot more rather than just waiting outside the club. We found this a lot easier to work with.

Regards

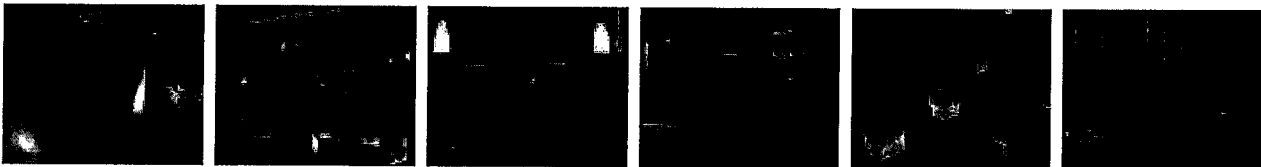
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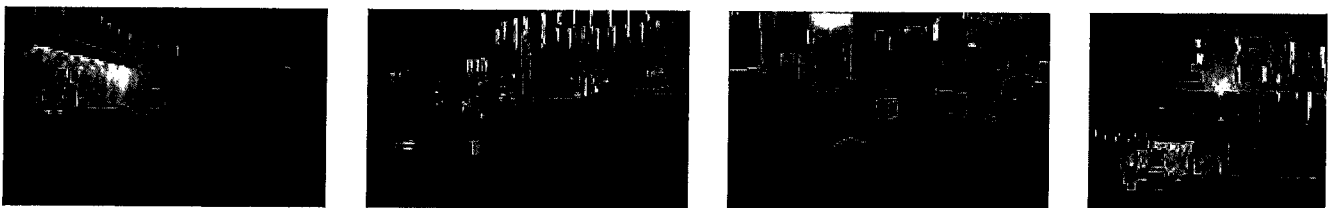
Open since 2001, Liquid Lounge is the longest standing nightclub in Worthing. Originally a 450 Capacity venue, the building has over the years expanded over 2 floors and 4 rooms with a capacity of 810.

Liquid Lounge also has two covered smoking terraces. One servicing Ice, Fire & Le Chic - the other servicing Light Bar



ICE BAR

This is possibly the coolest room on the south coast? Playing funky & chill out house on Thursdays and Fridays and becoming the mecca of music every Saturday with Franco & Nino. This is the smallest of all our rooms, but still has it going off every weekend! This room is available for private functions on the weekend until midnight. Email for more details... info@liquidloungeworthing.co.uk



FIRE ROOM

The main room of the club, intense feelings are aroused by the colours alone! as you walk in to this room the thumping base hits you and gets you dancing!

Phil C mashing it up every Monday, then becoming the urban room Thursdays and Fridays and the biggest dance and chart anthem party on Saturday..

This room has seen the likes of Tinie Tempah, Chipmunk, Faith SFX (international beatbox champ) Blackstreet, So Solid Crew, Stevie Hoang, Shea Soul, The entire Hollyoaks football team.... to name a few people who have graced the stage in the past 12 months.. So watch out for big events!

This room is available for private functions on the larger scale holding up to 650 people, email for more details... info@liquidloungeworthing.co.uk

TOKYO 31

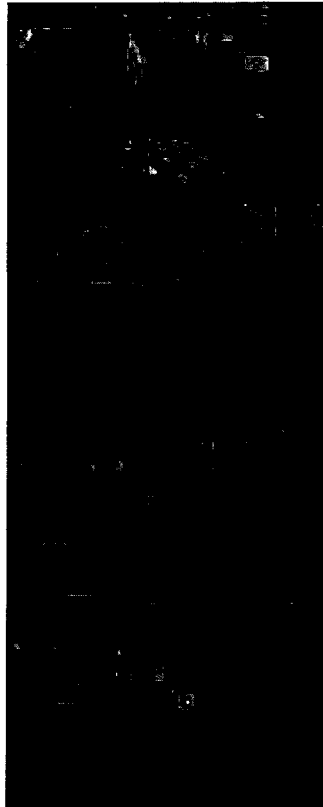
TOKYO 31

Our newest room, oozing style this room is aimed at the over 20's, offering a wide range of cocktails, aswell as the the giant fish bowls for up to 6 people!

This lavish room is open every Saturday night hosted by Arthur B playing a huge mix of music from every era.

With lots of different booths, we can cater for your own special night out VIP style with cocktails on arrival, your own reserved area and discount entry into Liquid Lounge...

Tokyo is available every night of the week for many different events, it holds 120 so not too big either!



LIGHT BAR

This is Worthings only Late night bar every night of the week! There is always something going on... Live football, karaoke, pub idol, dance idol, so you wanna be a lead singer... The Light bar has established itself as the no 1 entertainment venue in town, no where else will you find the diversity of competitions for you to watch and take part in...

Watch out for the shot wheel, take a spin and see what it lands on... There are 40 different shots, legend has it that only 1 man has taken on the challenge and completed the wheel in 1 night and survived! (this is not reccomended)

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Light Bar.

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Public event · By Special Treat

Friday, 20 July 2012 23:00 until 04:00

Welcome to our new club night... a depraved world of drink, lust and eroticism that will tickle every one of your erogenous zones.

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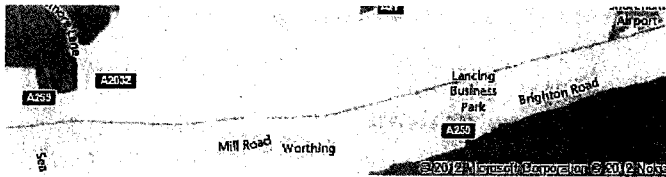
Sexy visuals

A Heavy Petting zoo

Dj'ing all night is a very sexy man indeed, Kit Bradshaw, who will be playing the sexiest songs you've ever had sex to. Please feel free to write any suggestions for sexy songs or songs you've had sex to on the wall, and we'll ensure they get played on the night

All of that until 4 in the morning - open longer and cheaper than Liquid Lounge, so why would you go anywhere else?

You know the kind of night, the one where the 'fit birds' get in free because they've got boobies. And whilst you enjoy boobies, you don't think you should have to grow a pair just to get into a club for free. We're offering anyone the chance to get money off; If you come in less than 30% clothing (for women: shoes, bra, panties, for men: shoes and boxers) you get in for 1/2 price.



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Tonight! from 11.30pm @ Light Bar! Who likes sex!? it will all happen tonight, Go Treat Yourself!

Like · Comment · Follow post · 20 July at 19:42 near Broadwater

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Is the light bar going to be opened up with liquid later on in the night??

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at SEX runs from 11.30-4 at Light Bar. Liquid will be

open as usual

19 July at 09:55 via mobile · Like

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Weekly Rundown At Liquid Lounge | Worthing's premier venue

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Weekly Rundown at Liquid Lounge

At Liquid Lounge, the weekend starts on a Thursday.

The Light bar has it going off every night of the week.

Tokoy 31 every Friday & Saturday

LISTINGS....

Monday.

PLAY RUDE @ The Light bar
DJ Phil C
Drinks from £1-50
Free entry until 2am
Pool / Table Football / Punch bag challenge

Tuesday:

DMD Ibiza DJ Marcus Steele & guests
Fluffy, sexy, glamorous Ibiza style partying
Dance anthems / photos / crazy offers
Worthings coolest new night!
FREE entry until 2am

Wednesday:

THE MID WEEK MASH UP @ The Light bar
DJ Phil C & monthly guests
The ultimate mix of what ever TURNS U ON!
You choose the tunes Phil C mashes them up!
£1-50 shot wheel fun and crazy midweek deals
FREE entry until 2am

Thursday:

THE LIGHT BAR CUBE! Crazy game show action
Can you survive "The Light bar cube"?
£100's of prizes to be won
FREE entry / FREE to play / FREE entry to Liquid Lounge after!

BLUETOOTH BILLIONAIRE @LIQUID LOUNGE!
Worthings BIGGEST Thursday night party
Student friendly drinks prices ALL NIGHT
Nearly ALL drinks £2
FREE entry NUS by midnight
DJ's Franco / Nino / Sid3show bob & guests
LOADS OF BLUETOOTH GIVEAWAYS

Friday:

CLUB REP MADNESS @ The Light bar
Crazy party games & challenges
Shot wheel fun
official Pre party action before getting LICK'd @ Liquid
FREE entry to Liquid if your partying in Light bar by 11pm

LICK'd @ Liquid Lounge (as seen on MTV!)
Worthings *NEW LOOK* Ultra cool Friday club night
Regular VIP SPECIAL GUEST CELEBRITY's and HEART THROBS
FREE bubbly in fancy dress
HALF PRICE ENTRY with a handbag by 12
Room 1: Non stop dance & chart anthems
Room 2: Sexy slow jam RnB
Room 3: Skool disco party classic & cheese
£3 Bombs & Mojitos + £1 shots from the Liquid Angels!

Saturday:

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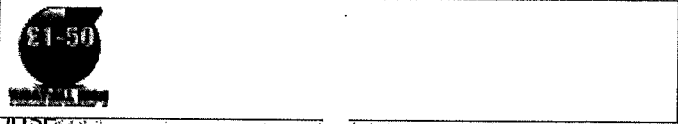
| BETA HOUSE | LAUNCH | Thursdays@Liquid | £3 Entry before 11

Public event · By Euphoria Entertainments Sussex

Thursday, 22 November 2012

22:30 until 03:00

Euphoria



BETA HOUSE

This Thursday and every Thursday we have teamed up with Liquid Lounge to bring back to you the vibe that Brighton took from Worthing. We are replacing the vibe starting this week as we present to you BETA HOUSE!

BEEERRR PONGGG PARTY!!!!

- * Beer Pong! (Energy drink replacement)
- * Red Cups!
- * Dirt cheap ENTRY!
- * Disgustingly Cheap Drinks!
- * FREE Horrendous headache for everyone the morning after!

There will be Beer Pong being played in the Ice Bar where their will be American House Party/HOUSE/RNB/HIP HOP style music being mixed up by DJ J.B. (Jamie Buckley) where you can team up with a mate or two and take it to the PONG!

In the main room you've got Liquids house DJs Franco and Nino Bringing you the Mash Ups that make you dance the night away without even realising! They will be getting you lot going absolutely CRAZY when you hear what they have lined up for you!

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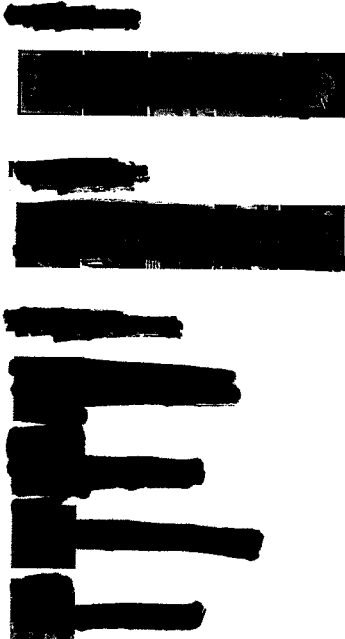
EVERY SPIRIT, BOMB, BOTTLE AND PINT IS £2!!!
Double's £3
Fake Jager Bombs £1.50

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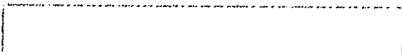
Door Tax


£3 guest list before 11 / £4 till 12 / more after!
£4 Standard before 11 / £5 till 12 / more after!

GUEST LIST SHUTS AT 12!!!



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4 PINT JUGS £8
ALL PINTS £2.50
ALL BOTTLES £2



Love Light Bar LIQUID LOUNGE NIGHTCLUB
19 June

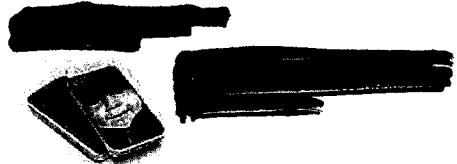
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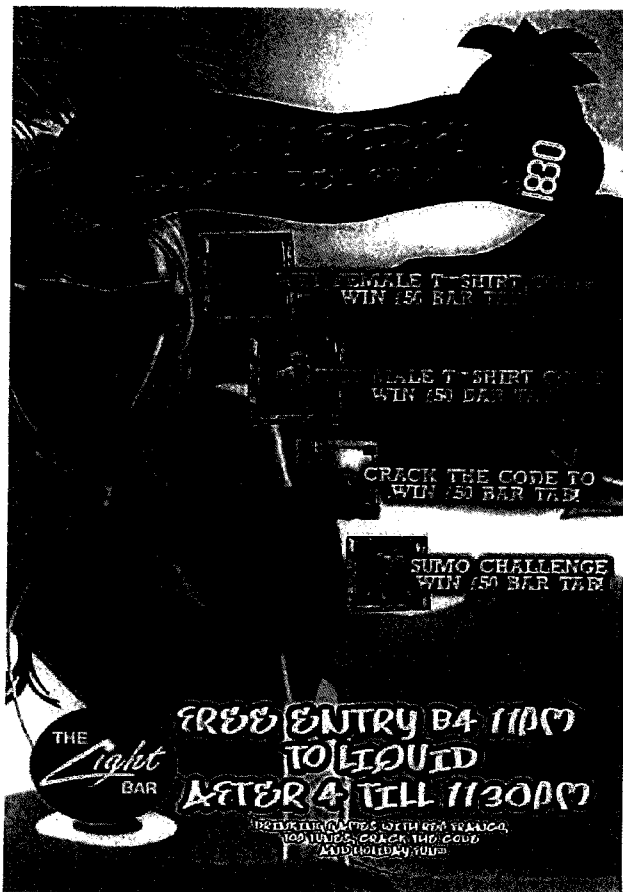
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745PM KO.....

FREE RAFFLE AND WIN A £25 BAR TAB AT HALF TIME, TABLE SERVICE, LOADS OF HOOTERS GIRLS, CHEAPEST JUGS IN WORTHING ONLY £8, PHOTOS WITH THE HOOTERS GIRLS, HALF TIME DJ WITH ENGLAND TUNES!!!!
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TONIGHT AT THE LIGHT...
CRACK THE SAFE & WIN!!!

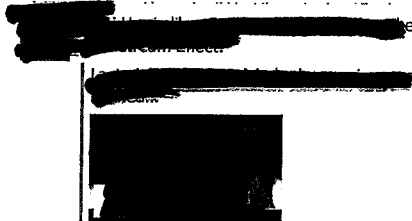
Play naughty games with the Light bar club rep,
Pre Glitterbomb party action with cheap drinks
deals and shot wheel fun!

FREE entry to Liquid Lounge for EVERYONE in
Light bar by 11pm!

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LIGHT BAR
apreciation society!
25 September

* CRAZY BRAND NEW GAME SHOW STARTS THIS THURSDAY IN THE LIGHT BAR *

Loads of prizes to be won / Cheap drinks for everyone / FREE entry to Liquid Lounge

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Love Light Bar

It's ya boi Phil C baby mixing some summer tunes tonight from 11pm till 2am!!!

Win the door money only a £1 entry from 11pm!!!

Plus a £25 bar tab!!!

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July 18 at 3:44pm via mobile

- 2012. liquid lounge fb page.

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CHEEKY CLUB REP GAMES

£50 TO BE WON

CHEAP DRINK DEALS

FREE ENTRY TO LIQUID LOUNGE FROM THE LIGHT BAR ;)

THE LIGHT BAR WEEKEND WARM UP X X X



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CRACK THE SAFE & WIN!!!

Play naughty games with the Lig...
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By: [redacted]

liquid lounge fb page

June 22 at 10:10am 2012.



Love Light Bar

- 19th June 2012 (love light bar)
f/lb page)

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.....: ENGLAND V UKRAINE 745PM KO:.....

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Love Light Bar GROUP WITH THE MOST LIKES GETS A FREE ROUND OF JAGERBOMBS ON THE WEEKEND!!! RESULT SEE YOU FRIDAY LADS!!!

June 14 at 1:12am

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Love Light Bar

ENGLAND V SWEDEN 7:45pm ko this Friday night!!! in the LIGHT BAR!!

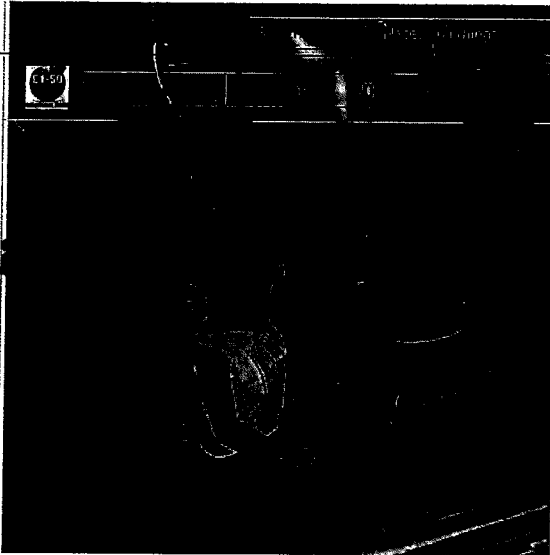
Table service, loads of HOOTERS GIRLS, FREE RAFFLE & WIN a £25 BAR TAB, Get a pic with the girls & WIN a round of jagerbombs for you & your mates!!!

PLUS FREE ENTRY TO LIQUID!

RESULT!!! See you there lads!!!

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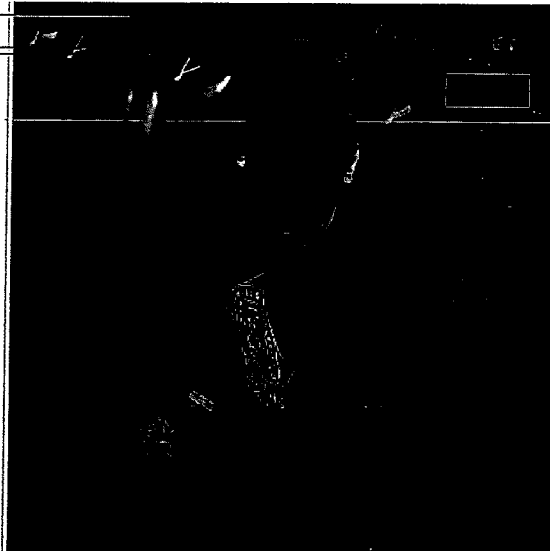
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[REDACTED] bhhh haha no i dont remmeber..all i remember is the police taking me home haha xxx
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[REDACTED] why did they take you home?;/ xxx
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£1-50 Liquid Lounge
19 October

It's here!
FREE CLUBBING
EVERY FRIDAY
If you bring a handbag!

£1-50 BOMBS ALL NIGHT

**FREE ENTRY
WITH A HANDBAG**

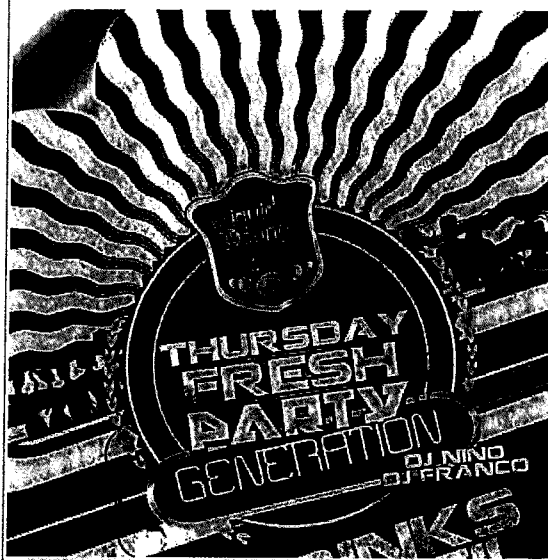


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£1-50 Liquid Lounge
18 October

FREE ENTRY NUS & £2-20 AL
DRINKS!

Check out Celebrity phone box challenge In The Light bar before heading to Liquid and get FREE entry and a chance to win BIG!



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£1-50 Liquid Lounge
18 October

£1-50 Liquid Lounge
18 October

Chat (Off)

Action Plan for light bar and liquid lounge

- 1 Drinking games stopped
- 2 Stop bar tabs as prizes for game show evenings
- 3 Introduction of new ID scanner with passport scanning facilities
- 4 No bulk buying drinks deals
- 5 Free soft drinks for designated drivers
- 6 Any spirit over 40% proof delisted
- 7 More proactive policy for dealing with anyone who is intoxicated
- 8 Re positioning and a possible increase of CCTV cameras to cover dance floor areas
- 9 New free phone for taxis in light bar
- 10 Stricter entry policy
- 11 Keep Door staff on for an extra half an hour after close to clear street
- 12 Introduction of roaming door staff with head cam inside the venues (specifically to stop antisocial behaviour)
- 13 In house drink awareness course for all bar and door staff (this will be ongoing)
- 14 Working closer with Police when an assault takes place no matter how minor
- 15 Introduction of get me home safe campaign for females on their own
- 16 Introduction of 'Please drink responsibly' campaign
- 17 Promoting food sales with and introduction of coffee and tea (warm - not hot)

Saturday 17th November 2012 (03:19 hours)

Door Staff removed a male patron from the premises. During this process, a bag of pills, believed to be 'ecstasy', fell from his pocket and the male was subsequently arrested by police for possession of Class A controlled drugs. The arresting officer noted that the male was 'very intoxicated.' The suspect was unable to comply with the 'booking in' process at custody due to being 'too drunk.'

(when complete)

WITNESS STATEMENT

(CJ Act 1967, s.9; MC Act 1980, ss.5A(3) (a) and 5B: Criminal Procedure Rules 2005, Rule 27.1

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Statement of: Christopher Morrow

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

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 anything in it, which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Signature: [Redacted] CM200

Date 17/11/2012


Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded [] (supply witness details on rear)


On 17th NOVEMBER 2012 whilst on duty in full uniform and crewed with PC PERCIVAL CP326 in call sign WWK03 we were part of Operation Marble in Worthing town centre. The time was approximately 0300hrs and we were stood opposite the Liquid Lounge nightclub, Chatsworth Road, Worthing. We were approached by a member of the door staff from the club who stated that they had ejected a male who they believed was under the influence of drugs. Whilst ejecting the male a clear bag had fallen out of his trouser pocket and they believed that this contained drugs. I was passed a clear white bag that contained numerous small tablets inside. I approached the male with the bag in my hand, this male instantly said to me "YEAH, I'M GOING TO BE HONEST IT'S MINE". I asked the male for his name and he informed me that it was [Redacted] B [Redacted] he also told me that the bag contained ecstasy. He was very calm and compliant however his jaw was constantly moving and it appeared that he had no control of it. His speech was very slow and slurred and in my opinion he was under the influence of drugs. There were numerous persons still outside the club so we walked E [Redacted] to Chatsworth Road police station. Once inside the police station at 0305hrs I said to B [Redacted] "I AM ARRESTING YOU ON SUSPICION OF POSSESSION OF CLASS A DRUGS" I then cautioned [Redacted] to which he made no reply. I explained that the necessity for the arrest was for a prompt and effective investigation and to allow searches to be completed. I asked E [Redacted] if he had any identification on him and he provided a drivers licence. The full details on the licence were [Redacted] E [Redacted] DOB [Redacted] with an address of [Redacted] Road, Worthing, [Redacted] I did not fee the need to handcuff [Redacted] as he was very compliant and I did not feel it necessary. [Redacted] was then transported to Worthing custody, once there I explained the circumstances of the arrest to PS DONNELLY CD539 who authorised his detention. During his search at custody [Redacted] was found to be in possession of £314 of which £260 was in £20 notes. During the booking in procedure [Redacted] stated that he had consumed 1 ecstasy tablet and alcohol throughout his night. The clear bag containing the believed

[Signature] CM200

Continuation of statement of
drugs consists of three smaller bags inside. One of these contains eight small green round tablets, the next
contains three white heart shaped tablets a one blue tablet. The last small bag contains a green liquid paste.


I have seized the larger clear bag containing all the above items and can produce this as:

CM/01() - 1 Clear bag containing three smaller bags believed to be containing ecstasy seized from


This statement was written at Centenary house and forms my original notes. 

CM220

Signature

 CM220

Signature witnessed by: _____

PTO

17.11.12

(when complete)

WITNESS STATEMENT

(CJ Act 1967, s.9; MC Act 1980, ss.5A(3) (a) and 5B; Criminal Procedure Rules 2005, Rule 27.1

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Statement of: David Whitcombe

Age if under 18: . Over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: Police officer AW407

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Signature: [Redacted]

Date 2 December 2012

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded [] (supply witness details on rear)

I am a uniformed Sussex Police Licensing Officer based at WORTHING Police Station, where I perform the role of a Licensing Officer in respect of West Sussex in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003.

I can confirm from the custody reference number 47WW/5839/12 relating to an offence of Possession of a Class A drug, the following comments have been made by the Custody Sergeant in relation to the detained persons rights:

"DP INCAPABLE OF SIGNING BECAUSE TO DRUNK"

This information was taken directly from Police custody record, as referenced in this statement.

[Redacted]

SUSSEX POLICE
Initial Investigation Report

Crime No: [REDACTED]

Crime Details

OIC: [REDACTED] Offence: [REDACTED]
OIS Serial: [REDACTED] Crime No: [REDACTED]

I have completed an initial investigation and a test for reassurance factors (FLOPSIES) on this crime and found the following factors present or likely to be present:

- [REDACTED] ● Brief Details: [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]: ● Brief Details: [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] ● Brief Details: [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] ● Brief Details: [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] ● Brief Details: [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] ● Brief Details: [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] ● Brief Details: [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] ● Brief Details: [REDACTED]

Summary:

Police were advised by door staff at Liquid Lounge that they had removed a male from the Liquid Lounge and in doing so a small clear plastic bag which contained some pills fell out of his pocket.

The male [REDACTED] was stated the bag was his and that it contained ecstasy. He was arrested for sus possession.

[REDACTED] had taken one of the ecstasy tablelets with alcohol about two hours prior to Police contact and was very intoxicated.

The bag contained 8 light green pills, a very small plastic bag with three white pills and one green pill in the shape of a heart. There was also a similar plastic bag containing some sort of green paste.

In Custody [REDACTED] was found to have £314 on him including £260 in £20.

Liquid Lounge was closed on Police return so staff have not been approached for further accounts.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ● [REDACTED] ●

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ●

[REDACTED] ●

[REDACTED] ●

[REDACTED] ●

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PC John PERCIVAL Signature: _____

Job Title: NEIGHBOURHOOD RESPONSE TEAM

OIC Pay/Warrant: CP326 Date: 17/11/2012

Friday 2nd November 2012 (03:28 hours)

The police received a call from a member of the public stating that a male had been assaulted and was outside Liquid Lounge on the floor. On police arrival, the offenders had left the scene. Two males had been assaulted one had been punched to the back of the head and the other kicked in the face. Police located a male in the local area and he was subsequently arrested for assault occasioning actual bodily harm (ABH). It was later established that during the assault, one of the victims requested that a member of public seek assistance from the door staff at Liquid Lounge. As a result, door staff attended and assisted the victim and told the assailant and his friend to leave the area. An ambulance was called and the victim was conveyed to Worthing Hospital where he was too incoherent to give an account of events, making it difficult to ascertain the level of injury sustained. The victim, who had been drinking at the Liquid Lounge, was drunk and had been ejected from the premises at approximately 02:15hrs. It was later established that the assailant was also believed to have been drinking at the Liquid Lounge. The suspect was unable to comply with the 'booking in' process at custody due to being 'too drunk.'

when complete)

WITNESS STATEMENT

(CJ Act 1967, s.9; MC Act 1980, ss.5A(3) (a) and 5B: Criminal Procedure Rules 2005, Rule 27.1

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Signature: 

Date 2 December 2012

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded (supply witness details on rear)

I am a uniformed Sussex Police Licensing Officer based at WORTHING Police Station, where I perform the role of a Licensing Officer in respect of West Sussex in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003.

I can confirm from the custody reference number 47WW/5582/12 relating to an offence of Actual Bodily Harm (ABH), the following comments have been made by the Custody Sergeant in relation to the detained persons rights:

"DP INCAPABLE OF SIGNING BECAUSE TO DRUNK"

This information was taken directly from Police custody record, as referenced in this statement.



SUSSEX POLICE
Initial Investigation Report

Crime No: [REDACTED]

Crime Details

OIC: CM282 **Offence:** COMMON ASSAULT

I have completed an initial investigation and a test for reassurance factors (FLOPSIES) on this crime and found the following factors present or likely to be present:

Forensic:**Linked Series:****Other:****Property:****Suspect:****Intelligence:****Eyewitness:****Strategy Incident:****Summary:**

Common Assault

At about 0030hrs on Friday 2nd November 2012 police received a call stating that a male had been assaulted and was at liquid lounge on the floor.

Police arrived to an excitable group who stated that the offenders had made off north in the High Street Worthing.

A unit conducted an area search whilst another unit attended the male on the floor.

2 males were stopped nearby in Lyndhurst Road and officers completed a stop. Whilst with the 2 males officers consulted with the unit at the scene. They stated that there had been 2 assaults where 1 male had been punched to the back of the head and another male had been kicked to the face.

The description of the offender was given as a WM about 5' 10" tall and was wearing a distinctive blue cardigan with a white pattern over the shoulders and on the chest. This matched one of the males stopped who gave his name as [REDACTED] who was arrested on suspicion of ABH.

[REDACTED] completed with the aggrieved for this report, [REDACTED] as he was not intoxicated and had a minor injury to the back of his head.

[REDACTED] stated that he had finished a shift at [REDACTED] at about 0130hrs following which he went to join friends at Liquid Lounge where he had 1 cocktail to drink.

At about 0300hrs when the pub closed he went outside to talk to friends. Whilst there he saw a friend of his, [REDACTED] a little further up the road in Chatsworth Road. Joshua left to walk towards Chapel Road and was joined by [REDACTED] describes [REDACTED] as quite drunk. As they passed an alleyway in Chatsworth Road [REDACTED] saw a male and female come out. He passed a comment and became aware that the couple were joined by a second couple. The group began to pass casual glances at [REDACTED] whilst they were standing on the corner of Chapel Road/Chatsworth Road.

The group walked away but a female returned to have an altercation with [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was continually holding [REDACTED] back. He group left as [REDACTED] was restrained by [REDACTED] in the middle of the road. They saw another male walking down Chatsworth Road who is the male described above in the blue cardigan [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] began arguing and [REDACTED] broke free of [REDACTED]'s grip. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] then started to throw punches although none connected with the other.

[REDACTED] then restrains [REDACTED] again standing between the pair. Joshua then feels a punch to the rear of his head. As he turns he sees [REDACTED] as the only person who is standing near enough to him to be able to hit him.

[REDACTED] began to become aggressive again and [REDACTED] after a struggle, restrained [REDACTED] on the floor. [REDACTED] has then walked towards them and kicked [REDACTED] in the face.

[REDACTED] called to other MOP's to get bouncers to assist which they did after about 1 minute. They assisted [REDACTED] on the floor.

After a short while the bouncers told [REDACTED] and another friend of his to leave the area which they did heading towards the taxi rank.

[REDACTED] has then stood up and walked off towards the Post Office followed by [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] paused at the Post Office and [REDACTED] told him to remain calm but it became apparent the [REDACTED] was getting angry again. He then ran off towards Chatsworth Road and on to Liquid Lounge. Joshua followed him. As he got to Liquid Lounge [REDACTED] was banging on the door. There were other friends around who came to assist [REDACTED] and they restrained [REDACTED] on the floor.

Police and paramedics were called and both eventually attended Worthing A & E.

[REDACTED] was more than capable of completing QFI with officers however [REDACTED] was incapable of providing any details to officers. It was unclear whether [REDACTED] was merely intoxicated or had taken any other substance and it was difficult to substantiate the level of injuries.

On talking to Doctors they stated that it was likely [REDACTED] only had a fat lip. He was only able to respond to simple commands giving a mumbled response therefore any offence against him has not yet been dealt with.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Crime Details

Date	Minute	Author	Entered
03/11/2012	<p>The suspect in this case was arrested and taken to Worthing Custody Centre to await interview.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
12/11/2012	<p>[REDACTED] interviewed [REDACTED]</p> <p>He stated that he was drunk and couldn't remember a lot about the evening. he was with a friend but cannot remember where he went on where he had been during the evening, what time he started drinking, how much he had had to drink or what time he had his last drink. He remembers being punched but does not know who by or why, he stated that he hit out in self defence but when asked why he felt he had to do this he stated he didn't know why.</p> <p>Stated that his friend [REDACTED] didn't become involved and during the incident he was not sure where [REDACTED] was but knew he was around. Stated he was not with any females during the night.</p> <p>When asked about kicking the male whilst he was on the floor stated 'i don't think so'.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
12/11/2012	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
12/11/2012	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
14/11/2012	<p>Spoke with [REDACTED] in relation to the licensing implications of this incident. [REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]. He also stated that [REDACTED] had been drinking at the Liquid Lounge and was extremely drunk. [REDACTED] was incidently ejected from the premises at approximately 02:15hrs.</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
16/11/2012	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
23/11/2012	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

I have spoken to H [REDACTED] and talked about what happened on that night and what he remembered the following day and what he caould recall now. He stated that he did not remember anything the following day and was then told various different versions but other people all of which do not marry up with the events of the night.

He told me that D [REDACTED] has spoken to him but he did not see any point in providing any account as he did not know what had happened.

Saturday 27th October 2012 (01:43 hours)

A male inside the venue was engaged in conversation by another male who, without provocation, punched the victim with force to the right side of his jaw, before punching him again to the left side of his face. This caused the victim to collapse on the floor. The offender then continued to punch the victim repeatedly in the face until door staff restrained him. Despite two uniformed police officers arriving within six minutes of the offence to carry out a routine licensing visit, this serious assault was not reported to them. The suspect was permitted to leave the premises and staff escorted the victim to the toilets so that he could wash the blood off his face. The venue staff refused to call for an ambulance and instead instructed him to walk to Worthing Hospital despite the victim stating that he was suffering great pain. The victim believed that door staff would inform the police and sat down on the wall outside The Light Bar. A member of the door staff team then helped him to his feet and 'ushered' him away from the venue. A Consultant at Worthing Hospital attended to the victim and confirmed that the assault had fractured his jaw in two places and that he now required facial surgery. The victim was transferred to St. Richard's Hospital in Chichester. Police were informed of the assault at 06:06hrs when a friend of the victim reported the incident. The crime scene was not preserved and CCTV inside the venue did not capture the assault, which has now been recorded as a grievous bodily harm (GBH). The premises were not using their 'I.D Scan' system, which would have retained details of the suspect.

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Statement of: [redacted]

Age if under 18: Over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: [redacted]

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Signature: [redacted] Date: 27/10/2012

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded (supply witness details on rear)

On Friday 26th October 2012 my friend [redacted] had come down from London to visit me.

In the early hours of Saturday morning, 27th October 2012 I decided to take [redacted] to the Liquid lounge nightclub situated in Chatsworth Road, Worthing.

Neither of us had consumed any alcohol as we do not drink. We arrived at Liquid Lounge just after 1am 1'0 clock in the morning, as soon as we entered [redacted] went to the main bar to buy a red bull whilst I waited just behind him.

We both had a dance in the main part of the club although we wasn't on the dance floor, [redacted] then decided to go out for a cigarette whilst I continued to dance on my own.

Signature: [redacted] Signature witnessed by: [redacted]

Continuation of statement of: M [REDACTED] C [REDACTED]

As I was dancing I was approached by a male, I would describe this male as mixed race of proportionate build, he was approximately 5'10 in height and aged in his 30's, he had short cropped black hair.

This male was wearing a fitted grey, round neck sweater, I cannot remember any other clothing.

I have not seen this male before but believe I would recognise him again.

As the male approached me he tried to say something, because of the loud music I was finding it hard to hear him but I did hear him say something about the Aquarena and a gym.

I used to attend the gym at the Aquarena so was interested in what the male had to say as I thought maybe he also attended although I didn't recognise him.

The male continued to talk to me but I still couldn't hear what he was saying because of the music, I called [REDACTED] over and asked him if he could hear what the male was saying, M [REDACTED] couldn't hear what I was saying and continued dancing.

I did say to the male when he started talking to me that we could go

Signature: [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by: [REDACTED]

Continuation of statement of: M [REDACTED] C [REDACTED]

outside and talk, this is so I could hear him.

Because I couldn't hear what the male was saying I decided to carry on dancing with [REDACTED], as I turned the male punched me with a closed fist to the right side of my face, he then punched me to the left side of the face, I then fell to the floor and the male continued to punch me to the face whilst I was on the floor.

Doorstaff intervened, they took the male away but I'm unsure where to, they then took me downstairs.

One of the doorstaff said they were going to talk to the manager, I was taken outside and sat down in Chatsworth Road outside the Lightbar.

I saw the manager of the club talking to a police officer and presumed they were talking about me, the lead doorman of the club then tried to help me to my feet and I felt he was trying to usher me away from the club.

I had to walk to Worthing Hospital with my friend.

The hospital have told me that I have fractured my jaw in two places, I am being transferred to St Richard's.

Signature: [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by: [REDACTED]

Continuation of statement of:

hospital in chichester where I will need facial surgery.

The whole incident happend within minutes, the club was dark but there was artifical lighting, at the closest the male was in touching distance.

There were no obstructions blocking my view.

I can confirm that no-one had permission to assault me and I am willing to support police in this matter.

I have had the victim personal statement explained to me and would like to add that this was a completely unprovoked attack, I am in great pain and now have to have surgery.

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Signature witnessed by:

[Redacted] (when complete)

WITNESS STATEMENT

(CJ Act 1967, s.9; MC Act 1980, ss.5A(3) (a) and 5B: Criminal Procedure Rules 2005, Rule 27.1

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Statement of: Laura Sinden

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

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Signature: [Redacted]

Date 08/11/2012

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On Thursday 8th November 2012 I was on duty in plain clothes at Worthing CID based at Centenary Hs, Worthing.

At around 11am, I attended Liquid Lounge bar & nightclub in Chatsworth Rd, Worthing to obtain CCTV in relation to a sexual assault allegation, a colleague is investigation.

I spoke to one of the managers, a male I know to be James LANZ, who was present at the premises.

We asked for the CCTV from the "Lite Bar" and spoke about another investigation that he had also provided CCTV for. In this case a male was assaulted and received facial injuries.

I said to LANZ that we had arrested the male that had been escorted out of the premises by security. I had been in contact with him asking about a male that had been ejected and if he was known to the staff.

He said words to the effect of "THAT'S GOOD, IM GLAD YOU GOT HIM, WE JUST LET HIM WALK OUT, WHICH WAS OUR MISTAKE". I took from that he meant that he should have detained the male or taken details from him, as there had been an assault in the premises [Redacted]

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WITNESS STATEMENT

(CJ Act 1967, s.9; MC Act 1980, ss.5A (3) (a) and 5B; MC Rules 1981, r.70)

Statement of: **David John WHITCOMBE**
Age **Over 18 Years**

Occupation **Police Officer**

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Date 5th December 2012

I am a Uniformed Sussex Police Officer, based at Centenary House, Durrington, where I perform the role of Licensing Officer within the Neighbourhood Licensing Team for West Sussex Division in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003.

On Saturday 27th October 2012, I was on duty in uniform, conducting Joint Police / Council Licensing visits in Worthing, together with PC CH672 Heasman and Mr Simon Jones the Worthing Borough Council Licensing Officer.

At just after 0130hrs that morning, as part of these joint visits, we attended the premises of The Liquid Lounge, Chatsworth Road, Worthing.

Upon our arrival at the premises I saw that James Lanz, the Premises Manager, was at the 'Le Chic' entrance to the premises. Although the Liquid Lounge Premises Licence is subject to a licence condition prohibiting initial entry via the main entrance after 0130hrs, the 'Le Chic' bar, which no longer operates as a separate bar, has that condition relaxed to allow initial entry until 0200hrs. Customers entering the 'le Chic' bar are however then allowed entry to the main club area via an internal door. Consequently late arrivals to the venue, who could not be allowed entry via the main entrance without breaching the licence condition concerning last entry, were being admitted by the 'Le Chic' entrance in order to override that condition.

Simon Jones asked James Lanz if the Club ID Scanner was being used that evening, and was informed by Lanz that as the 'Le Chic' bar was not being used for lap dancing it was not required. James Lanz was then asked if there had been any trouble or any problems that evening and replied 'No'.

After being informed that as there were only some 250 people in the venue that evening the 'Light Bar' area had been closed and only the main upstairs club area was open, we conducted an inspection visit inside the venue.

Once inside the venue, Pc Heasman and I conducted a walk through, in which we walked in opposite directions around the dance floor. This left Simon Jones and James Lanz to walk through the venue together.

Upon completion of the inspection, which identified that there were a number of drunk people both on and around the dancefloor area, but with no other major issues apparent, the four of us returned to the main front entrance area/smoking area for the premises. There whilst Simon Jones and myself spoke with [REDACTED] one of the Premises Licence holders, whilst Pc Heasman spoke further with James Lanz.

During the course of the conversation I had with [REDACTED] [REDACTED], mention was made of the fact that we had not been made aware of any problems or trouble at the premises that evening and that although the venue was not that busy the atmosphere both within the premises and in the immediate area outside seemed better than it had been.

The visit then being over, PC Heasman, Simon Jones and myself said our goodbyes and left to resume joint police / council licensing visits to some Late Night takeaway establishments. Both PC Heasman and I booked off duty at 0300hrs on 27 October 2012 at which time we were unaware of any incidents that had taken place that evening at The Liquid Lounge.

Upon returning to work at 2000hrs on Saturday 27th October 2012 I learnt that not only had a Grievous Bodily Harm assault occurred at Liquid Lounge the previous evening but that this had taken place just a few minutes


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prior to the Police / council visit to the premises. I also learnt that whilst we were outside the venue, following the completion of the inspection visit, the victim of this assault was with the Head Doorman, only a matter of a few meters away from us.

In view of both our attendance at the premises and the questions asked, I can think of no justifiable reason why this serious assault was not reported to us by any of the Liquid Lounge Management Team, or why the victim had not been directed to us.

Signed

A black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of the author.

PC AW403 Whitcombe

This statement was written at Centenary House, Worthing on Wednesday 5th December 2012 using Innkeeper notes made on Sunday 28th October 2012.

Sunday 21st October 2012 (04:50 hours)

Police Officers responded to a disturbance outside Liquid Lounge and located a drunk male being helped up from the pavement by a passer-by. The aggrieved stated that another male had become verbally aggressive with him before punching him in the face. The victim had facial injuries consisting of a bleeding mouth and forehead and a chipped tooth. An ambulance was called and the victim was conveyed to Worthing Hospital. Officers described the victim, who had previously been drinking at the Liquid Lounge, as being very intoxicated. Shortly afterwards, two male suspects were located and arrested for assault occasioning actual bodily harm (ABH). Both had 'Liquid Lounge' stamps on their hands and admitted to having been recently inside the venue. Both were incapable of signing for their rights at custody due to being too drunk.

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WITNESS STATEMENT

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Statement of: Claire UWINS

Age if under 18: Over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: Police Officer DU276

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Signature: [Redacted Signature] Date 04/12/12

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On Sunday 21st October 2012 I was on uniformed duty stationed at CHATSWORTH ROAD Police station. At approximately 0450 hours I was inside the Police station with colleagues PC English DE221 and PC Hunt CH951 when we heard loud shouting coming from outside the station and we went outside to see what was occurring.

Once outside the Police station PC English and I found a male who I now know to be called N [Redacted] lying on the pavement opposite the LIQUID LOUNGE nightclub. M [Redacted] had blood around his mouth and another male whose name I do not recall informed us that M [Redacted] had been punched by a male who had run off. M [Redacted] was conscious when I spoke to him and I requested an ambulance for him due to him being assaulted. M [Redacted] was helped to his feet and led to a small wall next to the LIQUID LOUNGE where he could sit down. Both PC English and I tried our hardest to obtain details from M [Redacted] about what had happened however M [Redacted] was extremely intoxicated. I could smell intoxicating liquor on his breath and when looking at him his eyes were out of focus. When he had walked across the road to sit on the wall he was unsteady on his feet and in my opinion he was drunk. M [Redacted] could talk quite clearly however he was obstructive in giving any sort of account as he was more concerned with the fact that he had chipped his front tooth when he was assaulted. M [Redacted] became quite frustrating when speaking to him due to his drunkenness and his overriding infatuation about his chipped tooth. It was obvious from dealing with M [Redacted] that he was so inebriated that his own safety being in public was a concern. I cannot recall whether M [Redacted] had a LIQUID LOUNGE ink stamp on his hand however due to where he had been positioned before the assault occurred the likelihood is that M [Redacted] had been inside the club during the night. Whilst speaking with M [Redacted] I was informed via my personal radio from PC Hunt that two suspects matching the description given by a witness had been stopped and both these suspects had LIQUID LOUNGE ink stamps on there hands confirming that they had been inside the club that night. Shortly after this an ambulance arrived and escorted M [Redacted] to

[Redacted Signature]

Continuation of statement of Claire UWINS
hospital with colleague PC Franklin CF897.

I have worked on response in Worthing for over two years now and regularly work within Worthing town centre on weekend night shifts covering Operation Marble. This operation is designed specifically to combat any sort of offences caused by drunken members of public and covers the pubs and nightclubs within the town centre. During these shifts over the past two years I have dealt regularly with incidents that have occurred either inside or outside the LIQUID LOUNGE nightclub. I can categorically state that all the incidents I have dealt with have involved drunken patrons of the club who more often than not are the worse for wear. This nightclub is playing a part in draining Police time and resources due to the amount of overly drunk patrons who exit the club every weekend thus resulting in regular public order offences or more seriously violent crimes.

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Signature witnessed by: _____

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WITNESS STATEMENT

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Statement of: Martin John HUNT

Age if under 18: 0 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: Police Constable CH951

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Signature: [Redacted] Date 21 October 2012

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded (supply witness details on rear)

At approximately 05:00 hours on Sunday 21 October 2012 I was on duty in full uniform at CHATSWORTH ROAD POLICE STATION.

At this time I was alerted to an incident outside LIQUID LOUNGE NIGHT CLUB whereby a male had been punched causing his tooth to be chipped.

I together with PC METCALF CM512 conducted a search on foot for two males seen running from the scene one of whom was described as wearing a navy blue jumper.

We initially walked west along CHATSWORTH ROAD towards CHAPEL ROAD.

After approximately ten minutes I approached a taxi driver who was sitting in his vehicle facing north in CHAPEL ROAD outside SUBWAY.

I asked him how long he had been at the location to which he replied "ABOUT TWENTY MINUTES"

I then asked if had seen two males running from the vicinity of CHATSWORTH ROAD to which he replied "TWO MALES RAN DOWN HERE ABOUT FIFTEEN MINUTES AGO AND WENT TOWARDS LIVERPOOL TERRACE"

PC METCALF and I then walked towards LIVERPOOL TERRACE, as we approached the junction with MONTAGUE STREET we located two males sitting on a bench. One of them was wearing a dark blue coloured waist length jacket. They appeared to be asleep.

We woke the males and obtained their details. They identified themselves to us as [Redacted] born [Redacted] AND [Redacted] born [Redacted] Both males were Lithuanian and spoke poor English.

I would describe [Redacted] as a white male approximately five feet ten inches tall with collar length brown hair. He was medium build and was wearing a black coloured leather jacket.

I would describe [Redacted] as a white male, slim build and approximately six feet tall. He had short fair coloured hair and was wearing a navy blue waist length jacket, black stonewashed type jeans and black shoes.

I explained to the males that we were speaking to them because a male had been assaulted in CHATSWORTH ROAD.

[Redacted] said "WE KNOW ABOUT THIS WE WERE THERE, WE WENT IN THE NIGHTCLUB. WE SAW THE BLOOD OUSTSIDE, LOTS OF BLOOD"

Signature: _____ Signature witnessed by: [Redacted] Steve PC 9511

[Redacted] (when complete)

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Statement of: David Whitcombe

Age if under 18: Over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: Police officer AW407

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Signature: [Redacted]

Date 2 December 2012

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I am a uniformed Sussex Police Licensing Officer based at WORTHING Police Station, where I perform the role of a Licensing Officer in respect of West Sussex in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003.

I can confirm from the custody reference number 47WW/5385/12 relating to an offence of Actual Bodily Harm (ABH), the following comments have been made by the Custody Sergeant in relation to the detained persons rights:

"DP INCAPABLE OF SIGNING BECAUSE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL"

This information was taken directly from Police custody record, as referenced in this statement.

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Signature: [Redacted]

Date 2 December 2012

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I can confirm from the custody reference number 47WW/5386/12 relating to an offence of Actual Bodily Harm (ABH), the following comments have been made by the Custody Sergeant in relation to the detained persons rights:

"DP INCAPABLE OF SIGNING BECAUSE TO DRUNK"

This information was taken directly from Police custody record, as referenced in this statement.

[Redacted]

Saturday 20th October 2012 (01:22 hours)

Police officers outside Liquid Lounge requested assistance when they witnessed numerous people being ejected from the premises and disorder occurring outside the venue. A male patron felt compelled to intervene, stopping two males from punching a female before the police assumed control. A female reported being hit on the head by another female whilst on the dance floor inside the premises. This offender was arrested for assault occasioning actual bodily harm (ABH). The offender stated that she had been assaulted by the initial victim's friend outside the venue; this led to the arrest of a second female for assault occasioning actual bodily harm (ABH). Both females were incapable of signing for their rights due to being too drunk. Both admitted the assaults. The assault inside the premises was not captured on CCTV.

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WITNESS STATEMENT

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Statement of: [Redacted]

Age if under 18: 0 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: [Redacted]

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Signature: [Redacted] Date 20/10/12

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On Saturday 20th October 2012 I was out with friends and family in the town of Worthing.

We went out on the 19th October at about 23:00 hours, we went to the nightclub 'Liquid Lounge', I was with A [Redacted], C [Redacted] and M [Redacted], who are all my brothers and C [Redacted], S [Redacted], G [Redacted], B [Redacted] and S [Redacted] W [Redacted] who are my friends.

Prior to going out tonight I consumed about 4 1/2 pints of cocktails, these were made by me and not very strong, I then consumed two bottles of VK blues whilst in Liquid.

I wouldn't describe myself as drunk and I have clear recollection of what happened.

On a scale of 1 - 10 I would say I would class myself as about 4 in drunkenness.

Whilst in the nightclub I was dancing on the upper stage area opposite the DJ, I was dancing with my friend C [Redacted] we were messing around on the dance floor doing what I would describe as silly dancing.

The dance floor was fairly busy but still enough space to move around.

As I danced I suddenly felt a thud to the right side of my head then my hair being pulled and further thuds to my head, I am unsure if I was being punched or slapped, I then felt a bouncer pulling me back, I heard him say "COME ON", I didn't really no what was going on but I went with the bouncer.

I saw the female who assaulted me and I would describe her as a White female with blond scruffy hair which was just beyond her shoulder in length, she had heavy make up around her eyes which was dark, possibly black in colour. She was wearing a black dress which short in length.

Although I saw this female assault me I couldn't say if she punched me with her left or right hand, I just remember feeling the thud to my head and turning around to see this females arm return from a punching movement.

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Statement of: [REDACTED]

Age if under 18: Over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: [REDACTED]

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Signature: [REDACTED] Date:

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On Friday 19th October 2012 I went into Worthing town for some drinks with some of my friends. We arrived in town at approximately 2100 and we went to various pubs and bars in the town. We also went to Liquid lounge night club which is on Chatsworth road, Worthing and we stayed there for most of the night.

Between approximately midnight and 0100 in the morning of Saturday 20th October 2012 I witnessed a girl attacking another girl on the dance floor in liquid lounge. I did not recognise any of the girls and I have never seen them before.

I would describe the aggressive girl as a white female, in her 20's, fat build, long dark hair, 5ft 8 in height and was wearing a white top and jeans.

I would describe the girl she was attacking as a white female, in her 30's, small build, 5ft 4, long blonde hair and she was wearing a black dress. I was close by when I saw the girl in the white top grab

Signature: [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by:

Continuation of statement of: [REDACTED]

the other girl by the hair and was pulling clumps of hair out and pulling her around the dance floor around the hair. I have no idea how this started or why she was doing it.

This incident was seen by the bouncers at the Club and both girls were chucked out onto the street. I went outside for a cigarette and saw the girls getting chucked out. As they were doing this I saw two males following them out. They were both white males both SAs and in their late 20's and large build. One was wearing a blue polo top and jeans and the other in a dark top + jeans. I recognised both males but not by name. They both seemed to know the girl in the white top. Maybe she was their sister. I saw the two males swinging punches at the girl in the black dress but none of them connected. I then got in the way of them and pushed one of them away from the girl to protect her and I then pushed the girl in the black dress away to get her away from the danger. The only injury I saw on the girl was chunks of her hair being pulled out.

Shortly after this happened I saw police arrive and arrest the two males. I saw police talking to the girl in the white top but I did not see if she got arrested. A PC took my details and I said I would give a statement in the morning. I would recognise all involved again. The incident lasted 5-10 minutes and I saw the whole thing.

Signature: [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by:

(when complete)

WITNESS STATEMENT

(CJ Act 1967, s.9; MC Act 1980, ss.5A(3) (a) and 5B: Criminal Procedure Rules 2005, Rule 27.1

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Statement of: Martin John HUNT

Age if under 18: 0 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18')

Occupation: Police Constable CH951

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Signature: [Redacted] HUNT PC CH951

Date 20 October 2012

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded [] (supply witness details on rear)

At approximately 01:20 hours on Saturday 20 October 2012 I was on duty in full uniform in company with PC ENGLISH DE221 when as a result of information received we attended LIQUID LOUNGE, CHATSWORTH ROAD, WORTHING.

As we approached I heard a large disturbance coming from outside. There were numerous police officers and door staff attempting to separate various people.

After a few minutes a number of people were detained whilst enquiries were made to establish what had happened.

At approximately 01:35 I was directed by PS TWORT CT594 to arrest a female who identified herself to me as S [Redacted] H [Redacted] born [Redacted]

I initially sat with H [Redacted] in the rear of a marked police van whilst further accounts and enquiries were made by officers at the scene.

I would describe H [Redacted] as a white female, slim build, approximately five feet three inches tall with shoulder length straight blonde hair. She was wearing black shorts and a black top with silver sequins running vertically at the front down each side.

At 02:00 hours I said to H [Redacted], "S [Redacted] AN ALLEGATION HAS BEEN MADE BY A FEMALE WHO WAS ON THE DANCE FLOOR IN LIQUID LOUNGE. SHE HAS IDENTIFIED YOU AS BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR PUNCHING HER REPEATEDLY IN THE FACE. AS A RESULT OF THAT ALLEGATION I AM ARRESTING YOU ON SUSPICION OF ASSAULT OCCASIONING ACTUAL BODILY HARM" and cautioned her to which she made no reply.

H [Redacted] was visibly upset and was crying. She was holding a clump of her own hair which I asked her to place into an exhibit bag.

H [Redacted] was then conveyed by PS TWORT and myself to the custody centre at DURRINGTON where she was documented, searched and her detention authorised.

This statement was made at 03:00 hours on Saturday 20 October 2012 at Durrington custody centre.

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Signature:

Signature witnessed by:

(when complete)

[Redacted] (when complete)

WITNESS STATEMENT

(CJ Act 1967, s.9; MC Act 1980, ss.5A(3) (a) and 5B: Criminal Procedure Rules 2005, Rule 27.1

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Statement of: PC Natalie Gail ENGLISH

Age if under 18: DE221 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: Police Constable

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Signature: [Redacted] DE221

Date 20/10/2012

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On Saturday 20th October 2012 I was on duty in full police uniform crewed with PC Hunt CH951. At about 01:21hrs I was made aware over my personal radio that there was a disturbance outside of LIQUID LOUNGE in CHATSWORTH ROAD, WORTHING. I was not far away and could hear some noise coming from the vicinity of the nightclub. I ran towards the nightclub and I saw a mass of people involved in some sort of argument. I did not see anyone being assaulted; it appeared that door staff were making attempts to separate various people.

A short while later, once the situation was under control I assisted my colleague PC Tully in detaining a male who I now know to be [Redacted]. I could see other officers arriving at scene, speaking with door staff and other members of public. At 01:35hrs PS Twort CT594 told me that a female had made an allegation of assault whereby her hair had been pulled. PS Twort pointed towards a female and advised me that she was allegedly responsible and asked that I make the arrest.

I approached the female who I can describe as a white female, approximately 5ft 10 in height and of large build. The female had long straight dark brown hair, wearing a white/grey leopard print vest top, blue denim skirt, black leggings and black boots. I approached the female and asked her name to which she replied [Redacted] B[Redacted]. I said to B[Redacted] "WE HAVE RECEIVED AN ALLEGATION OF ASSAULT AGAINST YOU FROM A FEMALE STATING THAT YOU HAVE PULLED A CLUMP OF HER HAIR OUT. BASED ON THIS INFORMATION I'M ARRESTING YOU ON SUSPICION OF ASSAULT OCCASIONING ACTUAL BODILY HARM" I then cautioned her to which she made no reply. I explained to B[Redacted] that the arrest was necessary for a prompt and effective investigation and to prevent her causing any further injury.

I walked B[Redacted] to the police vehicle in company with PC Atkins DA685 where I conducted a Section 32 PACE search of B[Redacted]. B[Redacted] was then asked to take a seat in the rear of the police vehicle and

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Continuation of statement of PC Natalie Gail ENGLISH DE221
with the assistance of PC Atkins she was escorted to custody. At Worthing Custody Centre I explained the
circumstances of B[REDACTED] arrest to the Custody Sergeant and her detention was authorised.

This statement was written immediately following the above procedure at Worthing Custody Centre and
forms my original notes.

Signature

Signature witnessed by:

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26.10.12

SUSSEX POLICE

MG 11(T)

[Redacted] (when complete)

WITNESS STATEMENT

(CJ Act 1967, s.9; MC Act 1980, ss.5A(3) (a) and 5B: Criminal Procedure Rules 2005, Rule 27.1

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Statement of: David Whitcombe

Age if under 18: Over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: Police officer AW407

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Signature: [Redacted]

Date 2 December 2012

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded (supply witness details on rear)

I am a uniformed Sussex Police Licensing Officer based at WORTHING Police Station, where I perform the role of a Licensing Officer in respect of West Sussex in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003.

I can confirm from the custody reference number 47WW/5354/12 relating to an offence of Actual Bodily Harm (ABH), the following comments have been made by the Custody Sergeant in relation to the detained persons booking in procedure being delayed:

"DP TOO DRUNK"

This information was taken directly from Police custody record, as referenced in this statement.

[Redacted]

SUSSEX POLICE

MG 11(T)

(when complete)

WITNESS STATEMENT

(CJ Act 1967, s.9; MC Act 1980, ss.5A(3) (a) and 5B: Criminal Procedure Rules 2005, Rule 27.1

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Signature: 

Date 2 December 2012

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded (supply witness details on rear)

I am a uniformed Sussex Police Licensing Officer based at WORTHING Police Station, where I perform the role of a Licensing Officer in respect of West Sussex in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003.

I can confirm from the custody reference number 47WW/5351/12 relating to an offence of Actual Bodily Harm (ABH), the following comments have been made by the Custody Sergeant in relation to the detained persons rights:

"DP INCAPABLE OF SIGNING BECAUSE TOO DRUNK"

This information was taken directly from Police custody record, as referenced in this statement.



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Dear Madam,

I am writing this letter to apologise for my behaviour last night. I did not intend to cause you any harm and once again I apologise for doing so.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Sunday 9th September 2012 (01:20 hours)

Between 01:20 hours and 03:30 hours officers from the Sussex Police Licensing Team made a number of un-scheduled visits to the premises. Within moments of arriving, the officers witnessed two males both clearly displaying signs of drunkenness. The men, having paid an entry fee to James Lanz, were allowed to enter the premises unchallenged. Following police intervention, both males were ejected and their entrance fee refunded. Officers noted that one of the males was so drunk he was incapable of speaking coherently.

Further observations indicated that the door staff failed to make any proactive interventions until they became aware of the police presence. Officers witnessed intoxicated persons moving freely into the smoking area and back into the premises, unchallenged by door staff, despite them being unable to stand without the use of the adjacent fencing.

Two very drunk males were also seen in the smoking area drinking directly from champagne bottles. While door staff eventually removed the bottles, these were handed back to the customers on re-entering the premises.

The atmosphere in and around the smoking area and at the front of the premises was considered by the officers to be unpleasant and aggressive due to the high levels of drunkenness. This also led to patrons using vociferously offensive, foul and abusive language.

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WITNESS STATEMENT

(CJ Act 1967, s.9; MC Act 1980, ss.5A (3) (a) and 5B; MC Rules 1981, r.70)

Statement of: **David John WHITCOMBE**
Age **Over 18 Years**

Occupation **Police Officer**

This statement (consisting of 1 page, 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 anything in it which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Signature

Date 4th December 2012

I am a Uniformed Sussex Police Officer, based at Centenary House, Durrington, where I perform the role of Licensing Officer within the Neighbourhood Licensing Team for West Sussex Division in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003.

On Sunday 9th September 2012, I was on duty in uniform, together with PC DS925 Swietlik and PC CH672 Heasman in Worthing Town Centre.

On several occasions between 0120hrs and 0330hrs that morning we were in and around Chatsworth Road, Worthing from where we observed both the conduct and behaviour of customers attending and leaving the Liquid Lounge, as well as the actions of Door Supervisors working at the premises.

At just after 0130hrs that day, two males, one of whom was drunk, the other of whom was very drunk, were seen to be admitted to the premises via the entry door for the 'Le Chic' part of the building. The males were seen to pay their entrance fee to the manager, James Lanz. On police intervention having been admitted both males, one of whose speech was so slurred he was incoherent, were ejected and had their entry fee refunded.


A promotion running within the premises that evening resulted in some customers leaving in possession of bright orange Lei garlands and/or orange glow sticks. As well as making it readily apparent that the people in possession of these items had been to the Liquid Lounge that evening, it also highlighted that a large proportion of customers leaving the premises were drunk or very drunk.

The Door supervisors on duty outside the premises only seemed to do anything when they realised that their actions were being observed by the Police and until then seemed content to let a lot of things go. Although a large number of drunken people were seen to leave the premises to go into the outside smoking area at the side of the premises, nothing was said to them by the front of house door team and they were also subsequently allowed to re-enter without being challenged. A couple of the drunks allowed re-admission in this way had had to hold onto the metal fencing surrounding the smoking area to stand up.

Two very drunk males were also seen in the smoking area in possession of champagne bottles from which they were directly drinking. Although the door staff eventually removed these bottles from the males concerned, it was merely to encourage the two drunks to return inside the building as the bottles were handed back them once they were inside again.

The atmosphere in and around the smoking area and in and around the front entrance was very unpleasant with a considerable amount of shouting/raised voices/ foul and abusive language apparent.

Signed


PC AW403 Whitcombe

This statement was written at Centenary House, Worthing on Tuesday 4th December 2012 using Innkeeper notes made on Sunday 9th September 2012.

Signature

Morgan Simon CM614

From: Whitcombe David AW403
Sent: Friday 14 September 2012 11:00
To: Morgan Simon CM614
Subject: FW: Liquid lounge

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[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: Liquidw [mailto:Liquidw@] [mailto:Liquidw@]
Sent: Thursday 13 September 2012 23:08
To: Whitcombe David AW403
Subject: Liquid lounge

Dave,

[REDACTED] and myself had a meeting with the door staff and bar staff this evening and gone through your the that James made to me over the weekend regarding our customers [REDACTED] has made it very clear to the door staff that if someone is looking unsteady then they must be asked to leave and that they must be more pro-active in dealing with situations no mater how minor they may seem.

I have spoken to the bar staff about not serving anyone who is intoxicated or close to being intoxicated and that they must report these people to the door staff. We did have a Jagermeister promotion on Saturday night in which the drinks company send a team down to sell shots and generate awareness of their product. I have a told the tour manager that all his staff must be aware that they are not allowed to serve anyone who is intoxicated and must notify door staff if they spot anyone. In future I will make this very clear when they arrive.

I am getting the patches of uneven floor on the entrance to the smoking area filed in to make this more level as this can be a trip hazard for girls in high heels.

This should eliminate any persons who are intoxicated staying on the premises and the problems that can arise from them.

Would it be possible to arrange for another training session with you as over the past few months we have taken on a few new door staff and I feel the older ones could do with a bit of a refresher! I feel the last one you did was very positive.

Many thanks

James

Saturday 21st July 2012 (03:00 hours)

A seventeen year old male was seen by police officers to leave the venue. He was clearly in an extremely intoxicated state. An officer stated that he was walking into parked cars and had difficulty standing up. This male was joined by another seventeen year old male, who had similarly come out of the venue. This second juvenile was also intoxicated. The first male approached another group of patrons who had left the venue. Shortly afterwards he was assaulted by someone from this group and suffered a facial injury. This drunken male then required the attention of both the police and ambulance staff.

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WITNESS STATEMENT

(CJ Act 1967, s.9; MC Act 1980, ss.5A(3) (a) and 5B: Criminal Procedure Rules 2005, Rule 27.1

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Statement of: Scott WALTERS

Age if under 18: Over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: Police Constable CW301

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Signature: [Redacted] Date 25/7/12

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded [] (supply witness details on rear)

On Friday 20th July 2012 I was on duty in uniform assigned to Operation Marble, policing the night time economy in Worthing Town Centre. My shift started at 20:00 and finished at 04:00 on Saturday 21st July. Throughout the evening I had cause to speak to numerous members of public and the majority were good spirited and moderately intoxicated. It is not unusual as a team, to receive at least one complaint throughout the night about door staff at venues being heavy handed. On this night however I personally received at least three separate complaints that door staff at LIQUID LOUNGE, CHATSWORTH ROAD were being too forceful and had even resorted to punching people when splitting up fights or ejecting people. These reports came from persons that I would otherwise not expect to contact police and all appeared to be law abiding persons trying to enjoy a night out. One claim was that door staff saw a fight and allowed the perpetrator to remain in the club and ejected the victims. I was standing outside the club at various points throughout the night and at no point did any fights break out in front of me or in the smoking area of the club. I have worked on Operation Marble for 6 years and when engaging with the door staff on this night I felt that they had a nonchalance about them. In relation to the assaults reported to me, nobody wanted to take any further action as they were under the impression that the door staff were 'untouchable', I obviously offered to take a report but all parties declined.

Later in the night at 03:00 I saw a male I know as [Redacted] within the club. Firstly I saw him in the smoking area, he then went back upstairs in the club and then staggered out of the club of his own accord. He was so drunk he could hardly stand up. He was walking into parked cars, walking in the road and walking into buildings. His head was wobbling around uncontrollably and I was considering arresting him for being drunk and incapable. He was soon joined by a male called [Redacted] who also came from LIQUID LOUNGE, who was intoxicated but not as drunk as [Redacted]. He appeared to be caring for [Redacted] and they made their way along CHATSWORTH ROAD towards CHAPEL ROAD. [Redacted] and [Redacted] are both 17 years old and look it. [Redacted] due to his height especially looks young and would appear to a lay person as even younger, possibly 15 or 16 years old but definitely not an adult.

An incident occurred a short time after in CHATSWORTH ROAD which was somewhat unclear but the result

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

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PC SCOTT WALTERS CW301

was that [REDACTED] approached a group of other customers from Liquid Lounge and [REDACTED] then had a blooded nose. He refused to tell us who did it and there was no support for the incident however whilst dealing with him and trying to investigate it, [REDACTED] was talking to me. He then pulled an unopened can of Fosters Lager from his pocket and proceeded to open it and try to drink it. I took it from him owing to his age and discarded it.

It is my opinion that some staff at Liquid Lounge may not have been informing us of all incidents and that owing to the number of complaints I personally received, an element of heavy handedness may have taken place in the venue that night.

This statement was written at 13:50 on 25/07/12 following a request from the licensing unit and forms my original notes.

[REDACTED]

Friday & Saturday 20th & 21st July 2012

During this weekend, Sergeant Fisher was responsible for policing the night time economy. He reported that on Friday 19th July, on three occasions, he had been approached by patrons from the Liquid Lounge who had been assaulted by other patrons within the club and had been ejected from the premises by door staff. One complainant had clearly suffered a swollen lip from an assault and was seen by Sergeant Fisher to be loitering by the door to Liquid Lounge before entering into a heated verbal altercation with a group of males who were leaving the venue. The police were not made aware of any assaults at the premises that night. When Sergeant Fisher spoke to James Lanz on Saturday night, stating that he had been informed by three members of the public that they had been assaulted within the premises and ejected by his door staff, James Lanz stated that he was unaware of any assaults at the venue on Friday night.