

WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27. 2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B

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Statement of: **Candice Carris OVENDEN**Age if under 18: **Over 18** (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: **Police Constable**

This statement (consisting of 2 pages 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: **C Ovenden**Date: **2nd July 2017**Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded (supply witness details on rear)

On TUESDAY 16th MAY 2017 I was on duty in full uniform in call sign XB50 with PC 13152 WYNN. Approximately 1930 hours a report came in of a disturbance at BRIDGE HOUSE in Sheerness and we were informed of a female screaming and shouting, who was possibly intoxicated and may have taken drugs, and may have caused some damage to the main door of the building. We arrived approximately 1945 hours round the back of the building and could hear some loud screaming. As we approached the front of the building we were presented with a young female. SECAS were also present. She was slurring her words, she could barely stand, and she smelt of intoxicating liquor. The female was clearly intoxicated. She was very distressed and difficult to control and was very abusive towards officers and the paramedics, repeatedly saying she was going to 'knock us out'. Due to her manner she was placed in handcuffs to the back and PC WYNN arrested her on suspicion of S.5 Public Order and Criminal Damage. The female became known to me as [REDACTED], also known as [REDACTED], date of birth [REDACTED], making her only sixteen years of age. PC WYNN and I were informed by a friend of [REDACTED] who was at the scene that she had been drinking in excess all day at THE IVY LEAF public house, and had possibly taken cocaine. We were also informed that it was [REDACTED] late grandmother's birthday and she had been very close to her. Due to the possible medical issues displayed [REDACTED] was de-arrested by officers and was taken to the nearby ambulance and detained under The Mental Capacity Act by SECAS. [REDACTED] continued to shout abuse and threats

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towards police officers and SECAS, as well as attempting to bite us and kick us. Eventually she was restrained on the bed in the ambulance by using the straps on the bed and fast straps provided by officers. The handcuffs were kept on and secured to the back due to the threats █████ continued to make. PC WYNN followed the ambulance in the police vehicle, and I remained in the ambulance with █████ and a member of SECAS. █████ displayed a mixture of emotions whilst in the ambulance, but her behaviour did suppress. She appeared to sleep but after a minute she would ask where she was going and for the handcuffs to be removed and struggle. She would then become very emotional and expressed her feelings to me regarding her late grandmother. She then made comments on the amount she had drunk and the drugs she had possibly taken, and somewhat appeared to boast about it. She continued this pattern of behaviour for the journey to the hospital. Approximately 2100 hours we arrived at Medway Hospital and █████ was taken into A&E Children's Ward. Her behaviour improved dramatically and she became civil with PC WYNN and I. The hospital conducted medical checks and resulted in no medical issues being found. As a result █████ wanted to discharge herself and was adamant she was going to walk home from Gillingham to Sittingbourne if no one was available to pick her up. Approximately 2300 hours PC WYNN and I conveyed the young female home and appeared in high spirits saying she felt like going out drinking. █████ informed us that she had taken cocaine and she had been drinking, but this was before attending THE IVY LEAF public house, where according to her refused to serve her.

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