

## WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 16. 2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B

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Statement of: PC Pomaah 2507EA

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

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I am Police Constable Diana Pomaah and I am the Anti-social behaviour officer for Havering based at Romford Police station. I have been in this role for 8 months. My role is to mitigate and address anti-social behaviour within communities. This requires me to work closely with stalk holders such as local authorities, housing associations schools and social services to develop and implement strategies to address antisocial behaviour. This multiagency approach ensures a coordinated response to complex issues. As part of my role I conduct research and was tasked by Jane Eastaff to provide a list of traveller incursions from November 2022 to April 2024 to assist in an injunction. I found the following incidents:

Bretons Recreation ground

CAD 3264 12/02/2024

A member of the public called the police to report caravans blocking the road. The caller stated that they were blocked in and that individuals had cut down the barriers.

Wincanton Road

Incident Number: 5415978/23 Date: 29/08/2023

On Tuesday, 29th August 2023, Safer Transport Officers responded to an immediate call at the junction of Tees Drive and Noak Hill, near Wincanton Road, RM3, involving a Route 294 bus.

Three young males, approximately 12-14 years old, boarded the bus via the rear doors without attempting to pay. They caused antisocial behaviour (ASB), prompting VIW1, the bus driver, to ask them to leave.

The bus driver recognized the group from a previous incident on 26th August where they had caused similar disturbances. After exiting the bus, the group positioned themselves near the front brick wall of 4 Wincanton Road. The oldest male produced what the bus driver believed to be a black, long-barrelled hand pistol and discharged approximately 12 shots at the front doors of the bus.

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The group then fled to a nearby white van, possibly a Ford Transit with an Irish number plate, and drove off in the direction of Wincanton Road. This report was subsequently closed.

The Dear Public House

Incident Number: 5422558/22 Date: 25/12/2022

A member of staff at the pub called the police to report that she had been punched after catching a suspect taking cocaine. The suspect was part of a group of Irish males in the pub.

CAD 4021 16/03/2024

A CAD was created after police were informed that 70 to 100 travellers were expected to celebrate St. Patrick's Day at the location.

CAD 7889 09/07/2023

Police were called by bar staff reporting a fight involving males from the traveling community. One suspect was seen taking a chair out of the pub, and the males were reportedly bottling each other. Police attended but found no injured persons or ongoing fight.

CAD 8701 03/07/2023

Staff at the location called the police, stating that males from the traveling community were refusing to leave the pub. About 15 individuals were described as drunk, disrespectful, and bringing their own alcohol.

CAD 6555 26/05/2023

A staff member reported that numerous travellers were "kicking off" at bar staff and throwing objects. The suspects left the location before police arrived.

CAD 8833 24/05/2023

Bar staff reported two traveller males fighting with their shirts off and using bottles as weapons. This CAD is linked to CAD 8939 24/05/2023, which reports the same incident called in by a member of the public. Police attended, but no one made any allegations.

CAD 1862 03/02/2024

A CAD was created after police were informed of a charity event by the traveling community, with 150 to 200 travellers anticipated to attend. There were complaints about cars on verges and concerns about vehicle parking.

The series of incidents at The Dear Public House, Wincanton Road and Bretons Park as detailed in various police reports, necessitates the issuance of an injunction to ensure public safety and maintain order. The incidents highlight a pattern of escalating antisocial and violent behaviour, primarily involving members of the traveling community.

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An injunction is therefore necessary to:

- Establish clear consequences for violent and antisocial behaviour.
- Ensure the safety of the wide public and mitigate the risk of future incidents.
- Reduce the likelihood of illegal activities.

Implementing an injunction would serve as a critical measure to curb these disturbances, uphold public order, and create a safer environment.

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