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WITNESS STATEMENT**(Criminal Procedure Rules, r27.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s.9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B)**URN:

Statement of: Paul Bott

Age if under 18: Over 18

Occupation: Licensing Officer

This statement (consisting of 2 page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated anything in it, which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature: P Bott

Date: 6th August 2013

I am a licensing officer employed by West Mercia Constabulary based at Kidderminster Police Station, which is the Divisional Headquarters for North Worcestershire. I have been a licensing officer since October 2011 with delegated authority from the Chief Constable to exercise powers and duties given to the Chief Officer of Police under the Licensing Act 2003.

I am making representations against the granting of a Temporary Event Notice, to Mr Michael Parchment, to extend the opening hours of Club Rush along with the provision of regulated entertainment, and the provision of late night refreshment until 06:00 hrs on Sunday 25th August 2013.

At 5:10 hrs on Sunday 19th May 2013, officers attended Ipsley Street responding to a report received about the road being blocked. On arrival they saw persons were leaving the Club Rush, which should close at 03:00hrs. A man who had just left the premise was in the middle of the road, causing an obstruction to traffic. The officers spoke to the man who became abusive and spat at one of them; he was arrested for being drunk and disorderly and assault police.

On the 21st May 2013, police received a complaint from a lady that her 16 yr old niece had been inside the premise and had been allowed to purchase alcohol as a result she'd become highly intoxicated. A letter of warning was sent and Mr Parchment responded via telephone denying the matter saying that he had had problems with an under age female continually trying to get in and being refused and he believed it may have been her, causing problems for the club.

On the 16th June 2013, Michael Parchment attended Redditch Police Station at the request of Ins'p Joseph, who spoke to him about concerns that the club around drunkenness in and outside the premise and serving under age. He warned Mr Parchment that he may if problems persisted refer the club to a Review at the council.

On the 13th June 2013, a member of doorstaff employed by Club Rush complained to the police that he had been attacked by Mr Parchment and another member of his team, at the end of his shift following a dispute over payment.

At 3:13hrs on Saturday 29th June 2013, police attended Ipsley Street to a man extremely intoxicated who'd been ejected from the club and went on to assault other persons in the street.

On Sunday 4th July 2013, police received a complaint from two ladies that they'd been assaulted at the club at around 2:30 hrs that day. One had been attacked with a glass requiring hospital treatment the other had been punched.

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Signature witnessed by: N/A

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It is the belief of West Mercia police that if this event is allowed it will interfere with the four licensing objectives:

The prevention of crime and disorder

Public safety

The prevention of public nuisance

The protection of children from harm

Signature: P Bott

Signature witnessed by: N/A