

HAMPSHIRE CONSTABULARY

CASE SUMMARY

Summary of statements between Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th July 2008

The George Public House, Middle Wallop

Corrine WHITLOCK – Summary

During the evening local customers were sat in the beer garden which is not visible from the bar area. WHITLOCK knew **A** was under 18 and claimed she asked other customers not to buy alcohol him. At 23:00hrs a verbal argument occurred in the garden between some locals, Witness **B** was asked to leave the premises. WITLOCK states witness **C** started *'drinking heavily and was eventually sick in the garden area'*. At 01:00 the disco finished WHITLOCK states *'the tills were closed'* and *'there were about nine or ten people left in the pub'*. An argument occurred between WHITLOCK and Witness **D**, who was *'quite drunk at this stage'* and **A** *'became very aggressive in his body language'* after hearing the argument, WHITLOCK states *'he may have taken some kind of drugs'*.

At around 03:00am a fight occurred in the private area of the public house WHITLOCK did not witness this but describes what happened next as *'World War Three'*, she said *'suddenly it was mayhem, the disco equipment was damaged and A was trying to fight everyone and shouting abuse and spitting at people'*. At this point WHITLOCK was *'scared'* of what she saw. A member of the public called 999 as Witness **A** was restrained on the floor, *'he seemed to go limp as though he was unconscious but then suddenly got up and started punching and kicking again where tables and chairs were thrown about'*. Police arrived and WHITLOCK started cleaning the pub where two large tables, two chairs and several glasses were broken, damage is estimated at around £400.

Witness **A** – Summary

Witness **A** is 16 years old. **A** arrived at the public house about 19:00 and started drinking, **A** states *'he can not remember what he was drinking'* but he drank a lot and on a scale of 1 -10 with 1 being sober he stated *'he was about 8'*. At about 22:00 **B** entered the pub and started causing problems and was mouthing off, **B** was told to leave which he did.

WHITLOCK & **D** were having an argument, after this **D** went up stairs, **A** followed and was punched by **D**. At this point **E** intervened and all returned to the public bar area. Whilst in the bar **D** approached **A** and *'punched him in the face causing him to fall over'*, **E** *'grabbed hold of me and 'pulled me up and head butted my forehead, sending me to the floor again and I believe I was knocked out'*

Witness B – No statement available

Witness C – Summary

B made threats to **E** & **A** and told them to *'Fuck Off'*. Other people got involved *'it started to get out of hand'*. It spilled outside the pub, when **B** left he said *'he would get A and he would get us all'*. This incident lasted approximately 30 minutes.

Witness D – Summary

Witness **D** is the DPS' partner. He works behind the bar until the disco started at 20:30 and then began to drink. **D** spent the night drinking and stated *'I had quite a bit to drink but was only tipsy and still knew what was going on'*. Around 01:30 **D** went to the garden to have a cigarette where there was a verbal argument between **C** and **B**, which ended in **C** throwing a drink over **B**. **B** was asked to leave, so jumped over the fence in the beer garden.

D fell asleep on the couch in the bar, waking up to WHITLOCK shouting, she then picked up a bar stool, throwing it at him. A verbal argument between WHITLOCK and **D** took place outside in the car park at the front of the premise. **A** started to follow **D** around asking about the argument, **D** states *'A's pupils seemed to be dilated'*. **D** went to bed in the private area of the public house, **A** followed and an altercation took place, **E** intervened, then all parties returned to the public area of the premises. **D** states *'he was angry with E and they decided to go into the garden to 'sort it out''*, **D** was stopped by other customers. **D** then states *'A bumped into the peanut machine and ended up on the floor he played 'dead' for a while then stood up and started shouting, and went off like a raging bull'*. **F** was shouting and saying *'if I was 10 years younger, I'd fucking have you'*. **D** then looked around to see WHITLOCK bent over the sofa, **E** shouted *'he was going to count to 3 and then kick off if it didn't stop'*. **E** grabbed **F** and threw him to the floor saying *'if you ever hit a pregnant female again I will kill you'*. The police then arrived, it calmed down and everyone left. The bar was a complete mess with broken glass everywhere and the disco equipment was damaged.

Witness E – Summary

At 03:00 in the bar area of the public house **E** heard shouting, **E** went up stairs and states he *‘saw **D** and **A** in some sort of argument due to the body language’* all parties returned to the public bar area. Later in the evening **E** see’s **A** by the disco equipment which has been pushed over, and several people restraining him, **E** states *‘I assisted by restraining him in an arm lock he seemed to calm down, as I released his arm he started up again shouting, kicking and spitting at people. I didn’t think he was drunk it seems more like he has taken some sort of drug’*

Witness F – No statement available

Witness G – No statement available

Witness H – Summary

H arrived at the public house at around 19:30 and states *‘by 23:00 he consumed a couple of pints of beer and between 10 – 15 vodkas, was pretty drunk but still had a fairly good recollection of the evenings events’*. At 22:30 there was an argument in the garden between **B** and **A**, **B** was asked to leave; he either climbed the fence or left via the garden gate. **A** then went through the pub out into the front car park to see **B** where another argument took place. **B** went home, **A** and **H** returned to the pub and *‘carried on drinking’*.

Later in the evening **H** states *‘**A** was stood next to the bar where he picked up a glass and dropped it on the floor for no apparent reason, the glass smashed’*. **D** went and spoke to **A** *‘who was getting a bit ‘gobby’*, **A** walked over the DJ equipment and pushed it over. **F** then approached **A** who was being *‘lairy’* and the next thing **F** was on the floor and **A** was taken to the floor by other customers who had approached. Everything then seemed to calm down so **H** went to the garden for a cigarette where he heard shouting from inside so went back in to see what was going on. **D** had bruising on his face and a cut on his cheek. **A** *‘lost it’* and customers were restraining him. **H** tried to calm down **A** when *‘an arm came over my shoulder and hit **A** several times in his face’*, when looking around **G** was stood behind. The police then arrived.

Witness J – Summary

Witness J states *'I was drinking alcohol throughout the evening and following morning, as a result of my steady drinking I became intoxicated as the evening progressed, as such my memory of events is vague'*

J goes on further to state *'At approx 05:00 on Sunday morning, it was light outside the party was still going on but only a few guests remained. I became aware of a scuffle near the kitchen door but I do not know who was involved. Although I could see the scuffle because of my intoxicated state it just did not register with me who was involved or how many persons were involved. There was broken glass on the floor and a lad lying on the floor. WHITLOCK told me to telephone the police, who arrived shortly afterwards and I went to bed'*