

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: [REDACTED]

Age if under 18: 16 (if over 18 insert 'over 18')

Occupation: student

This statement (consisting of _____ 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: 22/01/2021

On the 21st January 2022 at 17:30 hours I left home to go to my friends house to get ready to go out. We had arranged to meet friends at [REDACTED], in York city centre, for food, then onto Regency Chinese restaurant for karaoke.

Whilst at my friends I did not eat or drink anything, until I got into town. I arrived at [REDACTED] at 19:10 with 2 friends and 5 more turned up after us. We sat down to eat. At the restaurant I had 1 portion of chips and a meat platter to share, but I didn't like the meat so I just ate the chips.

I also had 2 glasses of rose wine. I ordered these separately and I was sat facing the bar. I wasn't really paying attention but I didn't see anything suspicious at the bar. I can't remember how many bar staff there were. We did share drinks around the table and some of my friends tried my wine, both glasses. I thought my wine tasted normal, as expected for rose wine.

We were sat by the window, when you walk in and turn right.

I have life 360 on my phone so I know we left [REDACTED] at 21:02.

I felt fine when I left [REDACTED].

We got a bus taxi directly to Regency Chinese where we had booked in for 21:00 for the karaoke. When we walked in we went directly to the bar. I ordered a single vodka and coke, I think it was Smirnoff. I ordered 2 of my friends drinks too, one had a pimms and lemonade and one had a single vodka lemonade, with the same vodka. I was at the bar and watched them make the drinks. I didn't see anything suspicious. There was 2 people behind the bar at the point when we were ordering. One was male, maybe in his 50s, he looked Chinese and spoke with a Chinese accent. The other was female, maybe in her 40s, also appeared Chinese and had a Chinese accent. They were speaking to each other in Chinese.

After we got our drinks we went to find our seats upstairs, one of my friends tried my drink.

We saw some boys from York College that one of my friends knows and they came to sit with us. There were more of them than there was us, we were a group of 8 girls.

We were taking it in turns to sing and having a good time.

A while after I went to the bar downstairs to get myself another drink, this was about 22:00 hours. I went with a friend and again watched them make my drink. I ordered a double vodka and coke. The bouncer came over to me and started chatting to me. He asked how tall I was and I told him. He asked how tall I thought he was and told me he was exactly 6 foot. I was with a friend and he ignored her.

I returned to the karaoke and still felt fine, it tasted normal to me.

At 22:20 I returned to the bar and ordered another double vodka and coke, I watched them make it again. The bouncer came back over to me and said I bet its hot up there, but I just walked past him because I thought it was a strange thing to say.

I went to the toilet and my friend held my drink for me. She is a good friend I don't think she would have done anything to it. I then returned upstairs.

This bouncer kept coming in and out of our private room. I went out of the room at one point to check on a friend and when I turned round he was behind me. He asked what was going on and said my friends were having drama and I walked off.

I had my drink with me it was in my hand but I wasn't always looking at it.

This bouncer was weird, he asked my friend for her snapchat and she was too scared to say no.

I went back into the room and sat with my friend. Her boyfriend was picking us up and we decided we were ready to go home. At this point I still felt fine, I felt sober.

My friend rang her boyfriend and he came to pick us up between 23:00 and 23:10.

I still had my drink with me so I downed it before getting in the car.

We started driving home and started feeling not right. I almost felt really drunk but not, I have been drunk before and it didn't feel like this. I was dizzy and couldn't keep my head up but I knew I wasn't drunk. I tried to speak to my friend but my jaw locked and I couldn't speak. I tapped her on the shoulder and she told her boyfriend to stop the car.

My friend said my jaw was swinging and my eyes were all over the place.

I cant remember anything else.

I have been told my friend called my mum saying I had been spiked and my mum and dad helped me get into my house and looked after me.

At some point at home I took a video of my face which I can send to officers.

I was told I'd been sick at home.

My mum put me to bed and I slept quite deeply. I woke up really confused, my jaw really hurt and someone was in bed with me, who turned out to be my mum.

We rang round chemists in the morning to find out if any of them could give me a drugs test to see if I had been spiked. Superdrug at monks cross could so we drove there at around 14:40 hours on 22nd January 2022.

I took the test at home and did it straight away. It came up positive for Benzodiazepines.

My mum then contacted the police to report this.

My friend that brought me home is called [REDACTED], she would be willing to provide a statement.

I genuinely don't think it was anyone else I was out with, there was something about this bouncer that I didn't like.

I was wearing a mini black blazer dress with a belt and long sleeves, nude heels, straight brown hair and a cream handbag. I am quite tall so with heels on I am around 6 foot tall.

[REDACTED] was wearing a black short dress with puffy sleeves. She is quite short, maybe 5 foot 4. She had a silver clutch bag. She walked in with a pizza box. She has long curly brown hair.

With regards to the bouncer. He was dressed like a bouncer. I think he might have had an arm band with his ID on it but I can't remember. He was about 6 foot and I would say he was mixed race. His hair was short on the sides and longer on top and dark brown/black and straight. I can remember only that he was in dark clothing.

My friend got his name off his snap chat account when he added her, which is [REDACTED]. He didn't speak with an accent.

He was the only bouncer I saw that night. But he wasn't standing on the door he was inside and by the bar or coming upstairs which I thought was strange.

No one else in my group became ill.

My mum has checked me all over for puncture marks and I don't have any and I didn't feel anything either.

I am not on any prescribed medication and have not taken anything that day.

I would be willing to attend court if required.

I am happy to provide a urine sample to the police.

I have a video of my face during the incident and I exhibit this as KE/01 and I will email this to PC 1665 SOUSTER.

I have a screenshot of the bouncers snapchat account which I will exhibit as KE/02 and I will also email.

Signature: [REDACTED]

Signature [REDACTED]