

STATEMENT OF WITNESS*(Criminal Procedure Rules, r. 16.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9)*

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Statement of: Constable Rachel Aldis

Age if under 18: Over 18

Occupation: Police officer

This statement 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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Date: 05 Mar 2026

This statement is provided as a continuation of the evidence I previously submitted to Camden Council on 16 December 2025 and 19 January 2026. I have worked for the Metropolitan Police Service since January 2015 and am currently part of the Licensing Team covering the London Borough of Camden.

The Metropolitan Police Service is seeking revocation of the premises licence for Elysee, 13 Percy Street, London (PREM LIC/1603). The Police believe this is necessary due to the premises' repeated breaches of licence conditions, ongoing lack of cooperation with Police, and its continued failure to operate in a manner consistent with the Licensing Act 2003.

The following section provides a comprehensive timeline of events. Certain matters have been referenced in my earlier statements, however, this consolidated chronology has been prepared to ensure all relevant incidents are captured together for the purpose of the review.

26 November 2025 – CAD 768/26NOV25 / 01/8249054/25

At 03:44 hours, Police received a call from a victim stating: "I just got hit in the restaurant; the suspect was hitting my brother and I tried to stop him and then another male hit me." The venue did not call Police. Upon arrival, officers spoke with two victims who were visiting from Saudi Arabia. The male victim stated he had complimented a female on the dancefloor, explaining he is gay and intended it solely as a compliment. He reported that a male accompanying the female slapped him hard across the head. A physical altercation is then alleged to have begun, during which security intervened and reportedly ripped his T shirt. The female victim also alleged she was assaulted by security.

Security denied assaulting either victim and instead alleged the male victim assaulted them. They stated they were attempting to diffuse an emerging fight. The other involved party was removed by staff and made no allegations. The victims subsequently contacted Police.

When asked for CCTV, George KARAGEORGIS, who stated that his father and uncle own the business, said he was unable to operate the system. No staff member was able to show CCTV to officers. Staff advised that CCTV only covered the entrances and would not have captured the incident upstairs. No one stated that the CCTV was not working.

When asked why the premises were open at that time, a staff member stated: "We have a 4 o'clock licence," to which George replied, "Yeah, it's been overrun a little tonight unfortunately."

The same day, I emailed the venue with an Evidence.com upload link requesting CCTV from the incident.

27 November 2025 – CCTV Reported as Not Working

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I received an email from Alex KARAGEORGIS asking me to call him. He stated that the CCTV had not been working since Friday 21 November, meaning no footage was available. When requested, he also confirmed that no SIA body worn video had been captured.

Around this time, Camden Police Licensing Team received three TEN applications (refs 132694, 132695, and 132696). PC Gomez made representations to all three, two of which were late TENs.

1 December 2025 – Meeting Arranged / Records Requested

I emailed the venue offering four dates for a meeting at Kentish Town Police Station. The venue advised they could not attend any of the dates, and a new meeting was arranged for 10th December.

5–6 December 2025 – Repeated Requests Ignored

I emailed Elysee to request:

CCTV covering three dates within the previous 31 days

An upload via Evidence.com

A copy of the incident log for the last 31 days

On 5 December, I sent another email requesting the CCTV and incident log by the end of the day. By 6 December, I still had no response.

On 5 December, I also submitted a representation for a new TEN (ref 132805) after speaking with the venue's legal representative.

A further follow up email was sent on 6 December.

Breaches Identified at This Stage

Operating outside permitted hours.

Condition 24: Police must be called to incidents of violence and/or disorder.

Condition 25: Incident log must be maintained and produced on request.

Conditions 75 & 76: Door supervisors must use BWV; footage must be retained for 31 days and provided on request.

Conditions 82, 86, 88 & 91: CCTV must be fully operational, cover all public areas, be of evidential quality, be provided within 48 hours, and Police must be notified if it is inoperative.

Allegations of assault by security could not be investigated due to lack of CCTV and BWV.

16 December 2025 – Review Application Submitted

21 December 2025 – Second Crime Allegation (01/8345398/25)

Police received a report that a male suspect placed his hands around the female victim's neck during an argument inside the venue. The victim left the premises and was followed outside, where further allegations of verbal abuse and spitting were made. SIA staff approached the suspect and told him not to speak to the victim in that manner.

The victim briefly re entered the premises to pay and left again. The suspect subsequently followed her. A short distance from the venue, the suspect committed further assaults against her and her friend. Police were called by one of the victims, and the suspect was arrested for offences occurring both inside and outside the premises.

The venue did not call Police.

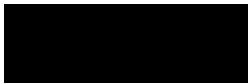
The venue stated that BWV had not captured the SIA's interaction because the device did not turn on. CCTV was provided after four weeks. The following issues were noted:

The incident itself was not captured

One main camera was of poor quality

Most footage did not show date/time stamps

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Further Breaches Identified

Breaches were again identified of Conditions 24, 75, 76, 82, 86, and 88.

I emailed the premises advising that their CCTV did not meet the required standard and requested rectification within four weeks.

19 January 2026 – Supplementary Statement Submitted

A supplementary statement was provided by myself and PC Gomez.

11 February 2026 – Meeting at the Premises

Myself, PS Naish, and PC Gomez attended the venue for a meeting with the DPS, directors and licensing consultants representing the premises.

Findings:

CCTV had been improved, but three blind spots remained: One requiring an additional camera by the front entrance, one requiring camera repositioning in the restaurant area and no coverage on the staircase to the toilets.

CCTV now showed date/time and improved image quality.

The Toshiba CCTV device supplied on 5 January worked on their system but was not able to work on the MPS system, even if it had worked on the MPS system, it still represented a two week delay after the initial request, contrary to the 48 hour requirement.

The area where the 21 December assault occurred remained uncovered, despite a licence condition requiring full coverage of all public areas.

Staff confirmed they still had not tested how to download or save BWV footage after incidents.

During the meeting:

It appeared clearly to Police that the DPS does not have day to day control of the venue.

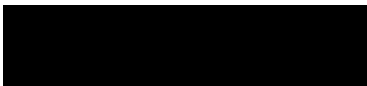
They stated that no one had previously raised concerns about CCTV coverage, despite this being a licence condition and despite my December email specifically querying coverage.

Police were asked if the venue should really be calling the Police if someone spat at another.

The Metropolitan Police Service has no confidence that the premises will operate safely or compliantly moving forward. The extensive and repeated breaches of licence conditions, including clear failures in CCTV operation, body worn camera deployment, and the reporting of violent incidents demonstrate fundamental and ongoing issues in management, supervision, and overall compliance. The premises' limited cooperation has been reactive and superficial, occurring only in response to repeated Police requests, meetings, and the current review process. These concerns must be viewed alongside the admissions made by management, the history of a previous review, and the explicit warnings issued by the Licensing Sub Committee, all of which highlight the exhaustion of all reasonable stepped approach interventions. Consideration has been given to whether a reduction in hours could serve as an alternative to revocation. However, the breaches identified are not time specific. Operating without CCTV, failing to deploy BWV, and failing to call Police to incidents of violence represent risks at any hour of operation and cannot be mitigated by a change in trading times. The underlying problems are managerial and systemic, not situational.

For these reasons, the Police submit that revocation of the premises licence is the only appropriate and proportionate measure to uphold the licensing objectives and protect public safety.

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