

**IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION BY THE CHIEF CONSTABLE OF
WILTSHIRE POLICE FOR A LICENSING REVIEW OF A PREMISES LICENCE
FOR THE BRUNEL ROOMS, 1 HAVELOCK SQUARE, SWINDON SN1 1LE.**

STATEMENT OF SIAN KALYNKA

I, **SIAN KALYNKA**, Licensing Officer, Licensing Department, Divisional Police

Headquarters, Gablecross Police Station, Swindon, Wiltshire SN3 4RB will say as follows:

1. I am a Police Licensing Officer for Wiltshire Police. I make this statement on behalf of the Appellant in these proceedings.
2. Since the application for review of the Brunel Rooms Premises licence was submitted on the 13th December 2013 further issues have become apparent at the premises.
3. The main catalyst to events was a report at 02.30hours on 1st January 2014 from Helene Simpkins that the DPS Nathan Hatter had stolen a substantial amount of money from the premises. The amount of cash missing from the premises and suspected stolen in the original report ranges from £12,000 – £30,000. There appeared to be very little knowledge about how much was contained in the premises and the investigation into the theft at the premises has uncovered poor management systems at the premises.

4. It took several days for officers to establish how much the premises operators were claiming had been allegedly stolen due to the lack of knowledge and lack of systems in place. This is highlighted in DC Lewis' investigation entry on the 2nd January 2014, "I have now taken a statement from one of the company directors Paula Harris and I can only describe the running of the club as haphazard. While I was there they all seemed to contradict with each other on how the various procedures took place... A visit will have to be made to the Brunel Rooms tomorrow to speak with XXXXX the cashier as she knows where the invoices are all kept and how they are managed although I am told she is new and may not know things fully. None of the directors or Jason Ranford the deputy manager knew how the payments worked to Hatter." Please see Additional Information Pages1-19.
5. The money that was reportedly taken from the premises that night by the previous DPS Nathan Hatter was money he believed he was owed by the premises as wages and there is little evidence to say that any more was taken from the premises. The outcome of the investigation is that there is insufficient evidence to conclude a crime was committed, and the matter remains a civil dispute between the Brunel Rooms Limited and Nathan Hatter over what is owed in wages and what was taken. No criminal prosecution will be taken against Nathan Hatter by Wiltshire Police.
6. Since this incident which has been a very public affair in the Swindon press Please see additional information pages 20-22. I have been made aware of a number of incidents that have occurred at the premises by the former DPS Nathan Hatter. Nathan Hatter has produced a signed witness statement describing incidents and breaches of license conditions that occurred whilst he was DPS and since he has left the premises. Please see additional information pages 23-25. The breaches

include regulated entertainment and alcohol being served after the licensable time, glass being allowed out of the Gold Room which is a specific licence condition and persons being allowed entry to the premises that have not been able to show valid identification.

7. In his statement Nathan Hatter highlights the difficulty he had of adhering to the licence conditions whilst Jason Ranford has been present at the premises as he has continually allowed glass out of the VIP area, told the DJ to keep playing after the licensable hours, has disregard for the Challenge 25 policy and overridden decisions of doorstaff on a number of occasions. Nathan also includes that no one apart from him was aware of the fire safety procedures at the premises and he has real concerns regarding the fire safety at the premises. His concerns have been passed on to the Fire Safety Inspector who tried to arrange a visit to the premises on the 22nd January 2014 please see additional information page 26 .
8. The last time I met with Nathan Hatter was the 11th December 2013 where he was particularly unhappy about the return of Jason Ranford at the premises. Nathan believed that a large amount of issues at the club were linked to Jason Ranford and that very few incidents had occurred during Jason Ranford's imprisonment. He was disappointed that Helene and Paula had accepted Jason Ranford back as though nothing had ever happened. Nathan also indicated at this meeting to me that he would be leaving the club in the New Year as he could not operate a premise that was run in such a way and that he was fighting a losing battle.
9. The premises now have a new DPS Lewis Robins following Nathan Hatters departure. Lewis Robins is in the position of Assistant Manager at the premises.
10. I was concerned when Nathan Hatter originally took on the role of general manager and DPS at the premises as he had never held the top position but he had

worked in nightclubs throughout his career so was used to the procedures required and how to deal with the inherent issues at a large capacity premises. The new DPS once again causes me concern due to his lack of experience. Lewis Robins has previously worked for a town centre premises, the Casbah. This premises is a small late night bar that often does not exceed numbers of 120 and has three experienced managers running it with at least one of those being present whenever the premises is open. Lewis Robin's role at the Casbah was as a member of bar staff and cleaner with no involvement in staff training, staff management issues, fire safety procedures and the general day to day running of a licensed premise.

11. I met with Lewis Robins on Monday 13th January 2014 and discussed various matters including staff training, his responsibilities as the DPS of the premises and the licence review. I highlighted that he should be familiar with the premises licence conditions as well as the mandatory conditions because as DPS he is responsible for overseeing that they are upheld. Lewis was asked for any upcoming dates of any events and stated that there were currently no acts booked in. The follow up email to this meeting is at Additional information page 27.
12. At the meeting I provided Lewis with an outstanding invoice for policing services provided to the premises for their two "all night events" that took place on the 19th October 2013 and the 16th November 2013. Condition 14 states that the premises licence holder shall assist the Police with the cost of policing any "All Night Event" that is held at the premises. This has not been complied with and remains outstanding. The invoice is provided at Additional information page 28.
13. Since the change of DPS the general manager role at the premises has been taken on by the three owners of the business, Jason Ranford, Helene Simpkins and Paula Harris. It is unclear as to how they are carrying the role out between them as

evidence from the investigation of Nathan Hatters arrest highlights that none of them were aware of the procedures undertaken at the premises.

14. A recent licensing check carried out by PC Best on the 17th January 2014 when the premises was open for a “nappy” underage night highlighted the poor standard of controls that were in place. At the same time as an under 18 night was being held a private party where alcohol was being sold was also going on in a different room of the premises. Door staff on duty highlighted to PC Best that there was no doorstaff on entry to either event to prevent entry from either the nappy night or private party entering into the other event. It was also made aware to PC Best by doorstaff that there were under 18s in the private party. For PC’s Best response please see additional information page 35.
15. This change in management also gives rise to concern as evidence produced by the former DPS shows that those that now hold the role of general manager have had little regard for the licence conditions attached to the premises licence and do not seem to comprehend the serious nature and the impact an application for a licence review can have on the premises licence. Jason Ranford is quoted in an article as stating that “reviews are not uncommon. A lot of the venues at the bottom of the town have had their licences reviewed”. In the year of 2013 Wiltshire Police made three applications for review. These three reviews were all based on test purchase failures and underage sales. Wiltshire Police do not apply for a review of a premises licence light-heartedly and it is seen as a last resort to deal with premises that are failing to uphold the licensing objectives. The article is produced at additional information p29-34.
16. Mr Ranford also made reference to the fact that large club nights were “difficult to supervise” and I am more concerned that this is the case in the hands of four

inexperienced persons at the premises. I ask that the panel further consider restricting the numbers at the premises to ensure the licensing objectives are upheld at the premises and to enable the four managers to have the necessary control required.

17. Over the past month it has become a matter of public record once again that the premises have had to pay staff out of their own pockets, have not paid rent and suppliers and have now decided to close the premises. Despite efforts by Wiltshire Police and Swindon Borough Council to contact the licence holders to find out their position with regards to the premises licence there has been no response. Wiltshire Police ask the licensing committee to revoke the premises licence due to the fact that those operating the premises have had little regard for the licensing objectives in the six months it has been operating and the fact that they no longer will be operating the premises at this location. Wiltshire Police has a duty of care to the public to make sure all entertainment venues are managed safely and in accordance with the law and under the current premises licence holders this is not the case.

18. Additional information pack referred to in this statement includes the following

Pages 1-19 Allegation of theft by DPS incident details and statement of Paula Harris

Page 20 -22 Newspaper Articles regarding theft and application for review

Page 23-25 Statement of Nathan Hatter

Page 26 Letter for Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service

Page 27 Meeting notes from meeting with new DPS Lewis Robins


Page 28 Wiltshire Police Invoice

Page 29 -34 Newspaper articles

Page 35 Email of PC Best

Statement of truth

The facts stated in this witness statement are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signed:.....

SIAN KALYNKA

Dated..5th February 2014.....

POL-20140101-0192 *54140000070 01/01/2014 02.30hours.

Report from Helene Simpkins that the DPS Nathan Hatter has stolen a substantial amount of money from the premises. The amounts of money alleged to have been stolen vary from £12000-14000 to £30000. There was very little knowledge about how much was contained in the premises and the investigation into the theft of monies has uncovered poor management at the premises.

Essentially the premises management eventually worked out that there was £3000 of takings missing from the club and £2400 of that had been banked by the DPS Nathan Hatter as owed wages. The disputed amount is that of £600. The officers investigating the case could find no dishonest intent from the DPS as he had been open as to when he was leaving for Spain, has taken money from the tills fully aware that he would be recorded doing so and has then gone on to put this money into his bank account.

Investigators actions Log entry - DC Lewis 02/01/13 00.35

I have now taken a statement from one of the company directors Paula Harris and I can only describe the running of the club as haphazard. While I was there they all seemed to contradict with each other on how the various procedures took place. In essence the manager of the club is Nathan HATTER and he is pretty much given free reign and has access to all areas and is in charge of opening up and locking up. He is also in charge of getting the till floats ready and then cashing up the money at the end of the night.

Nathan HATTER is in a position of trust and is one of four people that have access to the safe. Nathan was due in work at 2000 hrs on 31st December 2013 but failed to make it in on time as he had car issues and arrived at work at 2050 hrs. Prior to him arriving at work all the till floats had been done and out, nobody knows who did this and it could have been Hatter or the cashier XXXXX although she was not due in work. Paula Harris states that Hatter is paid in cash as he insists on this method of payment and he will submit an invoice and they either pay him on the 28th of each month. There does not appear to be a set procedure of how they pay the staff and it is possible that Hatter pays himself.

***A visit will have to be made to the Brunel Rooms tomorrow to speak withXXXXX the cashier as she knows where the invoices are all kept and how they are managed although I am told she is new and may not know things fully. None of the directors or Jason Ranford the deputy manager knew how the payments worked to Hatter

Jason Ranford is back at the club and he is a shareholder and deputy manager although not one of the directors. The discovery of the missing money was made when Jason Ranford went to the tills to take some money to pay the DJ and the

lighting engineer. The way this happens is the money is taken from the till and then an invoice is submitted into the till stating the xxx monies have been taken for xxx. This whole process is open to fraud whereby the person submitting the invoice could in theory take £1000 and only pay the DJ £500 but submit a £1000 invoice. The two directors Paula Harris and Helene Simpkins do not get involved in this process and in their own words they are usually at home by then.

Once both the suspects arrived at GX custody 2031 hrs then a search was made of their property and the following items were seized: a blue folder with items XXXXXXXXX, a usb hard drive, a black i-pphone, white i-phone, two sims cards, white i -phone and cable and deposit slips for £2,480.

Investigators Actions Log Entry DC Collier 06/01/14 17.07

I have today called and spoken with Brunel Rooms Director Paula HARRIS and Helen SIMPKINS in order to update them and establish some facts.

I have advised them both that Nathan HATTER was not found in possession of any cash and that he had banked only £2400, it was not possible to simply take the money from the bank account.

I have advised that HATTER states he believes he is entitled to the money as wages owed for him and Miss xxxxxx. He took only what he was owed and no more.

SIMPKINS and HARRIS refute this and state he was only entitled to take a further £833 and that his girlfriend is paid by BACS and would have been paid over £1000 today.

Essentially this is a civil dispute over earnings, HATTER no longer works at the Brunel Rooms and had planned to leave when he did for some time, this is confirmed by conversations he had with Police licensing officer.

He points to conversations on his phone telling him to take his wages, clearly both from this and the statement of Paula HARRIS it is common place for HATTER to be encouraged to take his wages from the till/earnings/safe.

The only point really in dispute is what HATTER was entitled to take and what he actually took.

I was handed over to Jason RANFORD, RANFORD was very unhappy; he stated that he cannot understand why the suspect was bailed?! I explained why. He stated he was told that the suspect was in possession of cash and couldn't understand why this wasn't taken from him. I explained that he was not in possession of cash and I would confer with FIT about the possibility of cash seizure from bank account, or bank freeze.

On a number of occasions now I have asked to management team to provide me with detailed Financial information, ie: how much is actually missing? how much was HATTER owed? What proof of payments to HATTER do they have? Payslips? etc etc.

Helen SIMPKINS has agreed to provide me with this information and a statement at 1630hrs on Tuesday 7th January 2014 at 54DD.

I have discussed this matter with Ds Jones of the FIT, he has advised, based on information I have provided him that a bank account freeze application will not be granted and this is a civil matter.

Ds Jones will update OEL with his thoughts in due course.

I have also discussed this matter at length with Force Licensing Officer Sian KAYLYNKA.

Ben COLLIER 2265

Investigators Actions log entry 20/01/14 DC Collier

I have tried on a couple of occasions to contact Miss Helen SIMPKINS in order to advise of Ds Straker's decision to NFA Mr Hatter, I have been unable to get hold of her at this stage.

I will kepp trying.

Investigator Actions Log entry 20/01/14 DC Collier

I have now spoken to Helen SIMPKINS on the telephone to advise of the decision.

Most of the call was interrupted by Jason Ranford shouting and moaning in the background.

Miss SIMPKINS accepted the decision and said she would make a civil claim.

Ben COLLIER 2265

Storm Log Detail

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| Division | WD | Recording Workstation | WESPOL -W37 |
| Officer | 2247 | | |

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 Status CLOSED

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 Result Codes RMS CRIME CR27 CR08
 Day Code 1

Location BRUNEL ROOMS 1 HAVELOCK NEW TOWN SWINDON SN11LE
 Grid
 Reference X: 414943 Y: 184595

Caller Contact HELEN(DIRECTOR) SIMPKINS / BRUNEL ROOMS,1 HAVELOCK
 Name/Address SQ,NEW TOWN SWINDON
 Caller Contact
 Phone No_ 07921555509
 Caller Contact
 Add Info STAFF ON DUTY

Message MANAGER HAS STOLEN MONEY

Response
 Time 42

Source 999

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| 01/01/2014 | 04:15 | FURTHER CALL PAULA HARRIS - ONE OF THE DIRECTORS | 7175 | 0 |
| 01/01/2014 | 04:15 | APPROX £12000-£14000 | 8681 | 0 |
| 01/01/2014 | 04:15 | SHE IS ON 07462533133 | 7175 | 0 |
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| 01/01/2014 | 04:18 | AND SAFE HAS BEEN CLEARED OUT | 8681 | 0 |
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| 01/01/2014 | 04:19 | IS WITH HIS PARTNER xxxxxxxxxx | 8681 | 0 |
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| 01/01/2014 | 05:22 | FROM DT21 - £10,000 TO £20,000 HAS BEEN STOLEN TONIGHT | 9242 | 0 |
| 01/01/2014 | 05:22 | *** | 9242 | 0 |
| 01/01/2014 | 05:26 | IDO AWARE | 9242 | 0 |
| 01/01/2014 | 05:27 | ***VEHICLE HAS ALREADY GONE PAST WOKINGHAM - AT 0429HRS - LIKELY THIS MALE IS ALREADY AT HEATHROW - *** | 8423 | 0 |
| 01/01/2014 | 05:28 | FROM WD06 - CAN HEATHROW POLICE BE MADE AWARE | 7177 | 0 |
| 01/01/2014 | 05:28 | IDO CONTACTING HEATHROW POLICE | 8423 | 0 |
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| 01/01/2014 | 06:03 | INFO MARKER ON VEHICLE | 8423 | 0 |
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| 01/01/2014 | 06:17 | DRIVEN BY MALE XXXXXXXXWANTED FOR THEFT OF £30,000 | 8423 | 11 |

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| 01/01/2014 | 06:17 | CONTACT WILTSPOL 101 - NICHE 54140000070 | 8423 | 13 |
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| 01/01/2014 | 06:18 | WANTED FOR THEFT | 8423 | 5 |
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| 01/01/2014 | 06:18 | AT BRUNEL ROOMS 1 HAVELOCK SQ SWINDON WILTS | 8423 | 7 |
| 01/01/2014 | 06:18 | POWER ARREST | 8423 | 8 |
| 01/01/2014 | 06:18 | FS/REF 54DD/01012014/192 CASE PAPERS 54DD | 8423 | 9 |
| 01/01/2014 | 06:18 | REPORTED 01/01/14 WEED BY 01/01/17 | 8423 | 10 |
| 01/01/2014 | 06:18 | THEFT OF APPROX £20,000 FROM BRUNEL ROOMS, 1 HAVELOCK SQ, SWINDON | 8423 | 11 |
| 01/01/2014 | 06:18 | WILTSHIRE. REF POL-20140101-0192 | 8423 | 12 |
| 01/01/2014 | 06:18 | PAGE AS.... HELP ABANDON TRANSACTION? N.. | 8423 | 13 |
| 01/01/2014 | 06:20 | FROM FIM: HE IS ON BORDERS WATCH LIST OUR REF IS 9913526. THIS WILL ONLY BE UNTIL 4TH. HOWEVER, BY THEN THE FULL PNC ENTRY WILL BE ON. | 1540 | 0 |
| 01/01/2014 | 06:22 | FROM SUSSEX - MALE IS BOOKED ON 0930 FROM GATWICK TO EZY5175 TO SEVILLE, SPAIN - THEY WILL BE | 8423 | 0 |

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| 01/01/2014 | 06:22 | ... | 8423 | 0 |
| 01/01/2014 | 06:23 | SUSSEX LOG NUMBER: SXP-20140101-0755 | 7582 | 0 |
| 01/01/2014 | 06:24 | WD06 ADVISED - HE WILL PREWARN DAYCREW AND ALSO IN REGARDS TO PASSPORT SEIZURE | 8423 | 0 |
| 01/01/2014 | 06:24 | ... | 8423 | 0 |
| 01/01/2014 | 06:26 | XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX | 8835 | 0 |
| 01/01/2014 | 06:26 | Person Search HATTER NATHAN | 8835 | 0 |
| 01/01/2014 | 06:26 | Person Select HATTER NATHAN | 8835 | 0 |
| 01/01/2014 | 06:26 | POL Person ID:13044 LAST NAME:HATTER First Name 1:XXXXXXXXXXXX | 8835 | 0 |
| 01/01/2014 | 06:26 | Gender:M Relation Type:SUSPECT | 8835 | 1 |
| 01/01/2014 | 06:27 | UPDATE: | 7177 | 0 |
| 01/01/2014 | 06:27 | I HAVE SPOKEN WITH DUTY PS WHO ADVISED TO PUT UPDATE ON STORM LOG AND DEFER FOR DUTY CID. DETAILS AS FOLLOWS: | 7177 | 1 |
| 01/01/2014 | 06:27 | I HAVE ATTENDED AND SPOKEN WITH MANAGING DIRECTOR: PAULA XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX | 7177 | 2 |
| 01/01/2014 | 06:27 | HARRIS IS ALLEGING THAT CLUB MANAGER XXXXXXXX XXXXX (TEL: xXXXXX) DURING THE COURSE OF THE NIGHT HAS STOLEN IN THE REGION OF £14000 IN CASH. XXXXX IS RESPONSIBLE FOR | 7177 | 3 |
| 01/01/2014 | 06:27 | THE CASHING UP OF THE TILLS WHICH HE DOES SYSTEMATICALLY THROUGH THE NIGHT UNTIL CLOSE WHICH WAS DUE TO BE 0500HOURS. JUST PRIOR TO 0230HOURS HATTER HAS DISAPPEARED. THE SAFE HAS | 7177 | 4 |

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| 01/01/2014 | 06:27 | BEEN CHECKED AND LARGE AMOUNT OF CASH HAS BEEN MISSING. HARRIS AND COLLEAGUES AS A RESULT HAVE CLOSED THE CLUB EARLY THEY HAVE THEN STARTED GOING THROUGH THE TILLS AND FOUND THEY | 7177 | 5 |
| 01/01/2014 | 06:27 | ONLY HAVE £9010 IN CASH WHICH APPEARS TO BE FROM THE VIP GOLD LOUNGE WHICH XXXX WAS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR. BUT FROM THE THREE OTHER BARS THEY FOUND THAT ALL CASH WAS MISSING. AT | 7177 | 6 |
| 01/01/2014 | 06:27 | THIS TIME THE APPROXIMATE VALUE OF THAT MISSING IS £14000 IN CASH. | 7177 | 7 |
| 01/01/2014 | 06:27 | BRUNEL HAVE CCTV OF XXXXX CASHING UP AT THE SAFE PRIOR TO HIM LEAVING AND HE APPEARS TO BE TURNING HIS BACK TO CAMERA AS HE GOES TO PUT CASH IN SAFE. THIS CCTV HAS NOT BEEN | 7177 | 8 |
| 01/01/2014 | 06:27 | AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME BUT THEY WILL BE ABLE TO BURN IT ONTO DISC IN THE MORNING. | 7177 | 9 |
| 01/01/2014 | 06:27 | Person Search HARRIS PAULA | 8835 | 0 |
| 01/01/2014 | 06:27 | BRUNEL SECURITY CCTV SHOWS XXXXXX GIRLFRIEND AND PROMO GIRL XXXXXXXX (TEL: XXXXX) LEAVE THE VENUE AT APPROXIMATELY 0220HOURS SHE THEN WALKS UP THE RAMP TO THE | 7177 | 0 |
| 01/01/2014 | 06:27 | STAFF CAR PARK AND ENTER VAUXHALL CORSA XXXXXX. AT 0228HOURS, HATTER IS SEEN RUNNING OUT THE BACK OF THE CLUB THROUGH THE BRUNEL CAR PARK AND GET IN THE CAR WITHXXXXXXXX | 7177 | 1 |
| 01/01/2014 | 06:27 | AND LEAVE. BRUNEL SECURITY DO NOT HAVE ANY DISCS BUT | 7177 | 2 |

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| | | WILL BE ABLE TO BURN THIS FOR 0900HOURS. CONTACT CAN BE MADE WITH BRUNEL SECURITY ON 01793XXXXX | | |
| 01/01/2014 | 06:27 | XXXXXXXXXXXXX HAD TOLD STAFF THAT THEY WERE GOING TO SPAIN TO VISIT HER FAMILY TODAY AND THAT THEY WERE LEAVING FROM HEATHROW AT APPROXIMATELY 0700HOURS. THEIR VEHICLE | 7177 | 3 |
| 01/01/2014 | 06:27 | WAS SEEN GOING PAST WOKINGHAM AT 0429HOURS ON ANPR. | 7177 | 4 |
| 01/01/2014 | 06:27 | ARREST ENQUIRIES INITIATED WITH HEATHROW AND GATWICK. | 7177 | 5 |
| 01/01/2014 | 06:27 | JUST FOR AWARENESS: I HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY PS 2255 MCLAUGHLIN THAT BRUNEL ROOMS ARE IN CURRENT FINANCIAL DIFFICULTY AND THAT XXXXXX HAD INFORMED POLICE THAT HE WAS GOING TO RESIGN | 7177 | 6 |
| 01/01/2014 | 06:27 | FROM HIS POST CHRISTMAS DUE TO MONEY HE HAS NOT BEEN PAID. ON ATTENDANCE I WAS NOT AWARE OF THIS AND HARRIS NOT HAS BEEN CHALLENGED ON THIS AT THIS TIME. | 7177 | 7 |
| 01/01/2014 | 06:27 | HARRIS IS AWARE THAT IF SUSPECT'S ARE PICKED UP THEN SHE COULD BE CONTACTED AT ANY TIME BUT IF HE IS NOT SHE PREFER CONTACT AFTER 1030HOURS | 7177 | 8 |
| 01/01/2014 | 06:27 | ** | 7177 | 0 |
| 01/01/2014 | 06:27 | POL LAST NAME:HARRIS First Name 1:PAULA Phone Numbers:XXXXXXXX Relation Type:CONTACT | 8835 | 0 |
| 01/01/2014 | 06:28 | Vehicle Search XXXXXX | 8835 | 0 |

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| 01/01/2014 | 06:28 | POL Index:XXXXXX Car Colour1:BLACK Car Make:VAUXHALL Car Model:CORSA Relation Type:INVOLVED IN CRIME | 8835 | 0 |
| 01/01/2014 | 06:29 | Person Search XXXXXXXXX | 8835 | 0 |
| 01/01/2014 | 06:30 | POL LAST NAME:XXXXXXXXXX First Name 1:XXXXX Phone Numbers:0XXXXXXXXXX7 Relation Type:PARTNER | 8835 | 0 |
| 01/01/2014 | 06:31 | DT21 Available, Resuming Patrol S02 | 8835 | 0 |
| 01/01/2014 | 06:31 | WD86 Available, Resuming Patrol S02 | 8835 | 0 |
| 01/01/2014 | 06:33 | PENDING ANY FURTHER INFO | 8835 | 0 |
| 01/01/2014 | 06:45 | ENQUIRIES ONGOING AT THIS TIME | 8835 | 0 |
| 01/01/2014 | 07:21 | ** | 7578 | 0 |
| 01/01/2014 | 07:22 | T/C FROM TRACEY FROM GATWICK POLICE - STATING SHE HAS HAD AN EMAIL STATING THE MALE IS WANTED FOR STEALING £30,000 BUT ON PNC IT STATES £20,000 | 7578 | 0 |
| 01/01/2014 | 07:23 | TRACEY WOULD LIKE TO KNOW FULL DETAILS SO THEY KNOW WHAT THEY ARE DEALING WITH AS THEY HAVE BEEN GIVEN DIFFERENT INFORMATION | 7578 | 0 |
| 01/01/2014 | 07:24 | COULD AN OFFICER MAKE CONTACT WITH TRACEY OR JAMES VIA - 01293 XXXXX | 7578 | 0 |
| 01/01/2014 | 07:24 | Transfer To WD From Terminal WESPSD-W1 Control | 7578 | 0 |
| 01/01/2014 | 07:24 | SEE UPDATE | 7578 | 1 |
| 01/01/2014 | 07:26 | Transfer Accepted At Terminal WESPOL-W37 For Control | 7079 | 0 |
| 01/01/2014 | 07:26 | GATWICK LOG 730 | 7578 | 0 |
| 01/01/2014 | 07:31 | --- I.D.O. MORNINGS JUST READING, THEN WILL RECALL GATWICK WITH DETAILS---^^^ | 7079 | 0 |

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| 01/01/2014 | 07:36 | IDO HAS SPOKEN TO TRACEY AT GATWICK POLICE AND PASSED ON LATEST FIGURE OF £14,000. | 7189 | 0 |
| 01/01/2014 | 07:53 | DISPOSAL CODES WERE : | 7079 | 0 |
| 01/01/2014 | 07:54 | QUALIFIERS WERE | 7079 | 0 |
| 01/01/2014 | 09:04 | INFO FROM BORDERS AGENCY THAT THEY HAVE BEEN ADVISED MALE HAS BEEN DETAINED AT GATWICK - IDO WILL MAKE A CALL TO GATWICK | 9030 | 0 |
| 01/01/2014 | 09:05 | IDO HAS TRIED CALLING TRACEY AT GATWICK - NUMBER ENGAGED - WILL TRY AGAIN SHORTLY | 7189 | 0 |
| 01/01/2014 | 09:07 | | 7491 | 0 |
| 01/01/2014 | 09:08 | MALE HAS BEEN DETAINED AS ABOVE, HIS GIRLFRIEND IS WITH HIM.... | 7491 | 0 |
| 01/01/2014 | 09:08 | OFFICERS ARE ASKING IF FEMALE CAN BE TRANSPORTED BACK TO WILTS BY US..... | 7491 | 0 |
| 01/01/2014 | 09:08 | ... | 7491 | 0 |
| 01/01/2014 | 09:09 | SUSSEX POLICE ARE ON LINE... TALKING TO TRACEY XXXX... DIRECT LINE FOR THEM IS | 7491 | 0 |
| 01/01/2014 | 09:09 | 01293 XXXXXX..... THEIR LOG IS 730..... | 7491 | 0 |
| 01/01/2014 | 09:10 | | 7491 | 0 |
| 01/01/2014 | 09:10 | PLEASE SEE ABOVE.... | 7491 | 0 |
| 01/01/2014 | 09:10 | Priority Transfer To WD From Terminal WESPSD-W4 Priority Action | 7491 | 0 |
| 01/01/2014 | 09:11 | WESPOL-W37 For Action | 7079 | 0 |
| 01/01/2014 | 09:12 | I.D.O. HAS BEEN TRYING^^^^ | 7079 | 0 |
| 01/01/2014 | 09:22 | SPOKE TO WD03 - HE WILL LIASE WITH THE RELEVANT PERSONS RE COLLECTING THE DETAINED PERSON AND FEMALE. | 8619 | 0 |

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| 01/01/2014 | 09:28 | GATWICK POLICE - MALE IS ON HIS WAY TO CRAWLEY CUSTODY. FEMALE IS BEING SEARCHED AT THE CURRENT TIME. | 7189 | 0 |
| 01/01/2014 | 09:28 | IDO HAS PASSED MSG THAT WE WILL GIVE FEMALE A LIFT BACK BUT THAT THERE WILL BE A DELAY AND NO ACCURATE TIME OF ARRIVAL CAN BE GIVEN AT THIS STAGE. | 7189 | 0 |
| 01/01/2014 | 10:01 | FM WD03 - WD08 MAYBE TRAVELLING TO GATWICK BUT THIS MAY HAVE TO BE REFERRED FOR EVENING SGHIFT ATTENDANCE DUE TO THE LEVEL OF OUTSTANDING LOGS | 8774 | 0 |
| 01/01/2014 | 10:30 | ***** | 8774 | 0 |
| 01/01/2014 | 10:31 | FM 2247 - CAN THIS LOG BE CLOSED FOR NICHE FOR THE ATTENTION OF MYSELF FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES TO BE CARRIED OUT | 8774 | 0 |
| 01/01/2014 | 10:32 | Disposal code: ,'RMS CRIME','CR27','CR08' | 8774 | 0 |
| 01/01/2014 | 10:32 | # Arrests # Cautions # Reports | 8774 | 1 |
| 01/01/2014 | 10:32 | Handling Officer 2247 | 8774 | 0 |
| 01/01/2014 | 10:32 | Qualifiers,NO QUALIFIERS APPLY | 8774 | 1 |
| 01/01/2014 | 10:32 | POL-20140101-0192 HAS BEEN DISPOSED | 8774 | 0 |
| 01/01/2014 | 18:12 | Cross Referenced To Incident POL-20140101-0361 HISTORIC INCIDENT | | |

WITNESS STATEMENT

CJ Act 1967, s.9; MC Act 1980, ss.5A(3) (a) and 5B; Criminal Procedure Rules 2005, Rule 27.1

Statement of: Paula HARRIS. URN

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Age if under 18: 0/18 (if over 18 Insert 'over 18') Occupation: Director.

This statement (consisting of 3 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: Paula Harris Date: 1st January 2014Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded ☐ (supply witness details on rear)

I am one of the two company directors for Brunel rooms LTD, 1 Havelock Square, SWINDON. I am involved into the day to day running of the business. I have a general manager named Nathan HATTER, Nathan has worked for me at the Brunel rooms since the 1st July 2013.

Nathan has worked at the Brunel room for a very long time since the age of about 16 and he is now 30 years old. He knows the building and the business really well and trusted him to carry out his duties. Nathan had a lot of control over the running of the club and he would open the club and lock it up. Nathan was also responsible for cashing up at the end of the night and if it was a particularly busy night he would do some cashing up during the night. As part of his role Nathan has access to the whole building and he has access to the offices and this includes the safes.

There are only four people in the business that have access to the safe, myself, Helene SIMPKINS (director), Steve WHITHERS (CASHIER) and Nathan.

Signature: Paula Harris Signature witnessed by:

Continuation of Statement of:

Paula HARRIS

The club was open on 31st December 2013 for New years eve although it ^{was} a night being run by another outside promoter.

I was at the club on this date for New years eve but not really working, I was in the office doing a few things at the beginning of the evening.

The club was being run by Nathan last night and he was working from 8 o'clock to 5 a.m. in the morning. He was actually late into work and only arrived at ten minutes to nine.

Nathan is on a salary of £2,000 per month and this is a set fee regardless of how busy we may or may not be. Nathan is on the employee payroll and is a paid member of staff. Nathan is paid in cash and when he is paid he will sign something to document this, I do not know how this is done but are cashier staff WHITHERS should know. Nathan may actually pay himself from the money out of the tills.

Nathan was working until 5 a.m. when the club closed but at roughly 2.30 a.m. Nathan could not be found.

Another employee of the club Jason RANFORD the deputy manager was going to pay the DJ and the lighting guy but when he went to the till he found a few hundred pounds in each till. This is odd as there should have been the night's takings in the till.

I went to check in the safe and found that all the cash bags were in the safe but empty. I looked

Signature:

Paula Harris

Signature witnessed by:

Continuation of Statement of:

Paula HARRIS.

for Nathan and could not find him anywhere in the club.

I then realised that there was a lot of money missing from the club. I have come back in the following day and after checking the automated system the club is down roughly £11,000. I cannot be more precise at this time as there are card transactions and cash transactions so this is a rough total.

I have a number of CCTV cameras in the club and the majority of the club is covered by CCTV. I have produced a copy of the CCTV from the room the safe is in as my exhibit PH/1.

At 7.25 pm I handed exhibit PH/1 to DC 1583 Lewis of Swindon CID.

I have also copied the till download of the night's takings and I can now produce these as my exhibit PH/2.

At 7.27 pm I handed exhibit PH/2 to DC 1583 Lewis of Swindon CID.

I cannot give any further detail at this time as I would need to speak with staff over cashiers to gain records. I fully support police action and no one authorised Nathan to take any money out of the club last night. PH/1

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Signature witnessed by:

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Two arrested at airport following New Year's Day nightclub theft

3:33pm Friday 3rd January 2014

By Beren Cross

TWO people have been arrested as they attempted to board a flight following the alleged theft of a five-figure sum of money from the Brunel Rooms nightclub on New Year's Day.

A 30-year-old man, believed to be Nathan Hatter, the club's general manager at the time, and a 23-year-old woman were arrested by police at Gatwick Airport at 9.30am on New Year's Day.

The Adver understands the quantity missing is in the region of £25,000, though this has not been confirmed.

Brunel Rooms has confirmed it is open for business as usual, without Nathan, who departed the business for undisclosed reasons on January 1.

A Wiltshire Police spokesman said: "Wiltshire Police were contacted following allegations of the theft of an amount of money from the Brunel Rooms club in Swindon.

"Further to police enquiries, a 30-year-old male from Swindon was arrested on suspicion of theft at Gatwick Airport on Wednesday, January 1, 2014. A 23-year-old woman, also from Swindon, was also arrested at the airport on suspicion of theft.

"Both have been released on police bail pending further enquiries."

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Police target troubled nightspot

5:30am Thursday 9th January 2014

THE Brunel Rooms licence is due to be reviewed after Wiltshire Police raised concerns about safety at the club.

The review is expected to go to the next licensing committee meeting, where the future of the club will be considered.

In October, club boss Jason Ranford was jailed for six months for two counts of fraud and two counts of common assault.

Last month, manager Nathan Hatter was arrested at Gatwick Airport on suspicion of theft.

Ranford has since returned to work at the Brunel Rooms, and Hatter has been bailed pending further inquiries.

Coun **Michael Dickinson**, chairman of the licencing committee, said the review should come to committee when they meet in February.

"I have had notification that Wiltshire Police will ask for a review of Brunel Rooms' licence," he said. "The committee is likely to meet next month."

Licences may be brought in for review if they breach any objectives including the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety, the prevention of public nuisance, or the protection of children from harm.

A Wiltshire Police spokesman said yesterday: "Wiltshire Police has applied to Swindon Council for a licence review of The Brunel Rooms nightclub, due to concerns regarding crime and associated disorder.

"Wiltshire Police has a duty of care to the public to make sure all entertainment venues are managed safely and in accordance with the law. The hearing is listed for February 12."

Wiltshire Police has had concerns around the licence granted to the Brunel Rooms since July 2013, when they lodged a formal objection.

Their concerns included the potential spike in late night disorder in Havelock Square.

In her statement at the time Sian Kalynka, police licensing officer, said: "I first met with Helene Simpkins and Paula Harris on 26 April 2013. At that meeting it was clear the applicants had no experience of operating in licensed premises. It was further clear they had not considered the safety measures, policies and procedures that would have to be established.

"It is acknowledged that Helene Simpkins has since undergone a personal licence holder's course but still has no operational experience in premises.

"There was confusion as to the roles and responsibilities of each of the directors. Wiltshire Police are concerned that the day to day management appears to be under the control of two relatively inexperienced people.

"Nathan Hatter, although experienced in a subordinate position, has never held a role as a general manager, and is

unlikely to be supported adequately by his nominated deputy Jason Ranford, who has no previous experience or qualifications in such a vitally important role.

"It is a matter of public record that Jason Ranford has a number of convictions that make him unsuitable to work in such a position."

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Co-owner defends bringing back fraudster

9:59am Thursday 9th January 2014

CO-OWNER Helene Simpkins has defended the Brunel Rooms' decision to welcome fraudster Jason Ranford back into the business. Ranford was jailed for six months for two counts of fraud and two counts of common assault in October 2013, at which point the club went to great lengths to distance itself from its former director. Ms Simpkins rang the Adver several times to insist he had nothing to do with the club.

A statement posted on the Brunel Rooms Swindon Facebook page at the time, read: "Mr Jason Ranford will have no future involvement with the operation of the Brunel Rooms."

Over the New Year period, images were posted on the social network which included Ranford, Ms Simpkins and co-owner Paula Harris, all representing the nightclub. And last week, when general manager Nathan Hatter was arrested in connection with an alleged theft at the nightclub, it was Ranford who made a statement on behalf of the club. Talking about Ranford's return, Ms Simpkins yesterday said the original Facebook statement wasn't her.

"That was Nathan making us say that statement," she said. "Nathan put that statement up when he was in charge. We let Nathan take over a little but obviously he's no longer involved with the club.

"Jason helps me bring the club up. He's not back as a director, just with promotions. He's trying to get people into the club, because he does know lots of people in Swindon. There are a lot of people that do like him."

In response to Ms Simpkins' comments, Nathan Hatter said: "The statement released on the club's social networks was a collaborative effort between all management under the direction of Helene and Paula.

"It was confirmed by them, that following Mr Ranford's sentencing, he would be written out of the business in terms of a lease holder and share holder, and that his directorship was only that of a title, which would subsequently be revoked."

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RESTRICTED (when complete)**WITNESS STATEMENT**

(CJ Act 1967, s9; MC Act 1980, ss.5A(3)(a) and 5B; MC Rules 1981, r.70)

The MG11 back sheet must be completed and submitted with this statement

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Statement of: Nathan HatterAge if under 18: 30 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: Unemployed

This statement (consisting of 3 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: Nathan HatterDate: 03/02/2014
☐ X if witness evidence is visually recorded (Supply witness details on rear)

I am Nathan Hatter and I was the Designated Premises Supervisor and General Manager of the Brunel Rooms, Havelock Square, Swindon from 1st July 2013. My role as General Manager required me to run the premises on a day to day basis looking after staffing, running the premises at night, overseeing security and cashing up at throughout the night and paying staff and suppliers.

Whilst working at the premises I was in regular contact with the three directors Helen Simpkins, Paula Harris and Jason Ranford. As time went on the attendance at the premises became less frequent, instead of coming into the premises to work it was to come into the premises to socialise with their friends.

Jason Ranford assumed the title assistant manager at the premises and his role was supposed to make sure the bars were stocked and that the evenings were running smoothly and that the staff were all ok. However more often than not Jason Ranford would be behind the bar drinking or outside at the front of the premises and whilst he was stood with door staff at the entrance he would allow friends and acquaintances into the premises. Some of these were on pub watch bans at the time. Jason would often vouch for people at the entrance who would not be able to produce a valid ID to door staff and would then allow them entry to the venue. This is despite the premises having a challenge 25 policy in place and a requirement for the ID Scanner to be used throughout the night.

Jason would also allow entry to persons after the last entry time to the premises and this was a regular thing occurring at least once or twice a weekend. I would speak to door staff and they would make me aware of this fact as they were put in a difficult position as Jason would tell them to let people in even though they shouldn't.

Glass should only be used in the Gold Lounge at the premises and this was controlled by door staff at either entrance to this area. On several occasions my staff and I recovered bottles and glasses including champagne and vodka bottles from the main dance floor area of the premises where no glass should be allowed. Jason actively encouraged those customers that were spending a lot of money of an evening to take their drinks including glasses and bottles out of the gold lounge. I would come in to the premises from being outside at the entrance and would stop these customers and direct them back to the gold lounge. When these customers were asked to go back to the gold lounge they used to say that Jason said it would be ok despite us having a condition to not allow it anywhere else in the premises.

On New Years Eve there was complete disregard for this condition as myself and Ayesha Martinez and several security recovered over 20 bottles and constantly sent people back to the gold lounge where Jason had told them it was fine to come out. On New Years Eve all three directors were present at the premises and were all drinking in the gold lounge with friends which was normal behaviour for a large event night at the premises.

I would start closing down the venue once doors had closed and shut down till by till. It would often get to the point that the last tune would be playing and Jason would tell the DJ to continue playing and turn the lights back down in the premises. This would be after the 0400hours when the premises would have to stop playing music.

On one occasion being Christmas eve I had to send the technician upstairs to the amp room to shut off the main power so that the music would end after Jason had instructed the DJ to continue playing. Jason on this night arrived at the premises late having been to an event elsewhere. Jason was drunk when he got to the premises and came to the front door for a while and was then also inside. The first thing he asked when he got to the premises was a racist comment to

Signature: Nathan HatterSignature witnessed by: [Signature]**RESTRICTED** (when complete)

RESTRICTED (when complete)Continuation statement of Nathan Hatter

another member of staff asking where I was he said to the technician "where is that black cunt". When he was told that I was on the front door Jason replied "I couldn't see him blending into the background of the dark".

I found it increasingly difficult to manage the premises when the directors were showing complete disregard for the licence conditions that we have to adhere to and it was a constant challenge to run the premises properly and in accordance to the law. I would suggest ways of doing things that I know are correct due to past experience and they would want to do something completely different.

On most evenings we have an average of ten door supervisors to ensure the premises is run safely and to deal with any incidents inside the premises. On a number of occasions if Jason heard something on the radio he would go straight to it to get involved in the incident. This will include him shouting and swearing at the customers whilst door staff are trying to deal with the situation. On one occasion he grabbed a customer by the throat due to some face book issues that had occurred whilst Jason had been in prison and security had to become involved and eject the customer. Another occasion we were stood at the club entrance and security were ejecting a male. Jason shouted "get the fuck out of my club" I felt that this was completely unnecessary and could have provoked an incident.

One incident Jason become involved in led him to being convicted of an assault and as a result this saw him spend some time in prison. Following this assault I attended the police station with Helene and Paula and met with the licensing officer Sian Kalyinka and Inspector Burt. At the meeting they made excuses for Jason and I was disappointed that despite them knowing the negative impact he has on the business they were making excuses for him to be there. I made it clear that I did not think he was good for business and I made this clear to Wiltshire Police, Helene and Paula and the rest of the staff.

After the meeting with the police I met with Helene and Paula and was told that they would write him out of the business and that he had written himself out of being a shareholder, I passed this information onto the police Licensing officer. They again confirmed once he was in prison that he was out and gone from the business.

During the 8 weeks that Jason was in prison the running of the venue was a lot easier and I was allowed to do my job and run the venue as it should be done. Helene and Paula at this time also took a back seat and allowed me to run the business on a day to day basis.

On Jason's release I saw Jason's face book page that he was out and was advertising what was going on at the club that weekend. At that point I tried to speak to Helene and Paula and they wouldn't speak to me about it at all and said that Jason wanted to speak to me by myself. I met with him the next day and he said I'm back and there isn't much I could do about it. He said he was still a leaseholder and share holder and would resume his position. It appeared that he took his role back at the club as though nothing had ever happened and it was clear that Helene and Paula had no intention of doing anything about it at all.

On the very first night the club was open after his return conditions were being broken.

The last entry time was ignored, Jason was drinking whilst at work, people were drinking after hours and I once again found the premises hard to manage.

I was stood on the door with Andy Anderson the head of security and we had the discussion that we couldn't believe how quickly things had changed and deteriorated as soon as Jason had returned.

I met on a monthly basis with the police licensing officer Sian Kalyinka where we would discuss the incidents that had occurred throughout the month. Many of the incidents seemed to focus around Jason and his behaviour and I passed this all back to Jason, Helene, Paula and Aaron Woolford the Event Manager. I relayed the issues and told them what we needed to do to sort the issues. It seemed that it was only ever me that wanted to push forward and solve the issues. They did not appear bothered at the polices issues.

Before we opened the premises I made contact with the Fire Safety office to make a visit to ensure that we were all up together and safe and ready to open. On this visit he made a few recommendations and work that needed to be carried out along with a time frame of when he would be back. These fixes were made on the morning of his next visit and on that visit some further things were picked up and also those larger jobs that had not been fixed following his first visit. The directors would not pay for the bigger jobs to be done and as far as I am aware to this day they have not been done. This includes fixing sensors which have disabled part of the detection system, there were extra exit signs required downstairs in the premises to help get people out of the premises safely and about 50% of the emergency light system is faulty and they would not pay for this to be fixed. As part of my role as general manager I had to complete the weekly fire tests at the premises. I was the only one that knew how to do this and it would not have continued in my absence from the premises. I was also the only person that knew how to operate the fire detection panel system and this could go off causing alarm and panic to those at the premises.

Signature: Nathan Hatter

Signature witnessed by: _____

RESTRICTED (when complete)

RESTRICTED (when complete)Continuation statement of Nathan Hatter

I left the premises on the 1st January 2014 at approximately 0300hours when I was supposed to work until 0500hours I made the decision to leave early because I had heard yet another story about who was going to replace me at the premises and that it would be run by them for the next year with Jason as general manager.

I presumed that this would be by making me redundant with the old company and then changing the license and lease over to a new company.

On that evening I had closed the front door and cloakroom and took that money up to the safe and went out to the bar 3 and collected the notes and counted out my pre agreed wages and paid another member of staff Ayesha her wages and then left the premises. I had been told I could take the rest of my wages on that night in text by Jason. I had been paid in cash from the nights takings since September.

Only the first months wages were paid into my bank account. I had planned to leave that morning for my holiday to Spain and was stopped at Gatwick Airport and arrested for theft. I have been cleared of this theft and was able to show that I had taken my wages and the police have stated they will not be investigating this allegation any further. I had planned to leave when the rumours of my replacement had started and when I could see that it was going to be the end for the club.

Throughout my time as general manager at the club they paid all suppliers and DJ's cash on the evening and all the bar crew were paid into their banks by manual transfer and not a business payment. The three directors would send the sheet with staffs hours on off to the accountant who would then send back a sheet with payment amounts which included payment of Tax and national insurance amount and wages. The directors did the wages to the banks and I would do the wages for those self employed at the club I was never aware that any tax or national insurance was paid by the company on those wages.

I was supposed to pay suppliers to the club however the directors would not allow me to release payment to them. This got to the point where we were using one supplier for drinks and because of non payment they refused to deal with us anymore and we had to go to another drinks supplier. The sound system was hired and they were not paid so they took that back and I was constantly being chased by suppliers for payment. All invoices were emailed to all three directors and a paper comply was also made and put in the unpaid folder. Anything particularly urgent was presented to them in person but the majority of this was ignored.

It is my opinion that these three directors have opened the premises as a bit of fun and not as a legitimate business. I believe that this is wrong and that they have complete disregard for local suppliers and the people they employ as they have not had to deal with the backlash of this. All they have been worried about is there next party. I believe that all three are unfit to run a licensed premises and no idea what it takes to run one that is safe and legal which is why the premises is currently closed due to lack of experienced management.

Signature: Nathan HatterSignature witnessed by: [Signature]



Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service

Simon Routh-Jones GFireE MInstLM
Chief Fire Officer & Chief Executive

Brunel Rooms
1 Havelock Square
SWINDON
SN1 1LE

Please ask for : Fraser A Drummond
Fire Safety Inspector

Our reference : BL113999

Your reference : -

FAO: Lewis Robbins/Paula Harris

Date : 22 January 2014

Dear Sir/Madam

FAILURE TO ATTEND FIRE SAFETY INSPECTION

The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005

Premises: Brunel Rooms, 1 Havelock Square, SWINDON, SN1 1LE

A fire safety inspector visited the premises on Wednesday 22nd January 2014 at 1030hrs with a view to carrying out a fire safety audit. This audit was pre-arranged with Paula Harris and a letter of confirmation was sent dated 17th January 2014. A copy of this letter is attached for your information.

The inspector waited outside the premises until approximately 1050hrs however no-one arrived to allow access. Attempt was made at the time to contact Mr Robbins' mobile (07818 421999) however each time the call was diverted to voicemail.

Several attempts have since been made to contact you on both the landline and mobile phone numbers you provided but have proved unsuccessful.

You are required to contact this office urgently, to make arrangements to confirm a suitable date and time for this audit to be undertaken.

Tel: **01793 401240**
Mob: **07809 548050**
email: **fraser.drummond@wiltsfire.gov.uk**

If no suitable contact is made by either the above named, this matter will be forwarded to our legal department for further action.

Yours faithfully

Fraser A Drummond
Fire Safety Inspector

cc. Police Licensing, Swindon Police Station, Gablecross, Shrivenham Road, Swindon SN3 4RB

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Kalynka, Sian

From: Kalynka, Sian
Sent: 15 January 2014 09:56
To: 'lewis.brunel@gmail.com'
Subject: Meeting [NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED/UNCLASSIFIED]

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Lewis,

As promised when we met the details of the pubwatch banning system can be obtained via Tim Paradise at Inswindon. Email timparadise.tp@gmail.com mobile 07557338043.

A brief summary of our meeting on Monday 13/01/14

- We discussed the role of DPS and the fact that any breach of conditions is likely to be prosecuted. You will need to make yourself familiar with the conditions attached to the licence and those conditions that are mandatory conditions outlined in the licensing act 2003. As DPS you will be responsible for any of the breaches that take place at the premises.

- Training was discussed and you seemed to have an idea about what you want to do at the premises with regard to training. It was mentioned that a full staff training session should be carried out every 3 months and this is likely to be required very soon. The training material that Nathan had left was from Luminar and generally of good standard so see no reason to stop using it.

- the review was mentioned and I stated that if you had any further questions about anything in it to contact me.

- you were given an invoice for outstanding payment of police services for the "all night" events that have taken place at the premises. It was highlighted that we would not support another all night event until this invoice has been settled.

- I didn't discuss the incidents that have taken place at the premises in December as you have only recently returned to the Brunel Rooms. As I did with Nathan I would like to meet with you on a monthly basis to discuss any issues that arise each month. I have pencilled in a meeting in my diary for **Monday 3rd February at 2pm**. Please let me know if this is not suitable and we can pick another day.

- If you could send me any events that you have planned in on a regular basis that would be appreciated so that we know where and when we need to direct staffing to particular premises.

If you have any questions re the above please let me know and my contact details are below.

Many thanks

Sian

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Brunel Rooms to have licence reviewed following safety concerns raised by Wiltshire Police

Written by Rebecca Wood

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Photo: Jason Ranford pictured with Paula Harris

"I have made mistakes and I have paid for them," says Brunel Rooms Director, Jason Ranford, following the news that the Swindon nightclub is to have their licence reviewed after safety concerns were raised by Wiltshire Police.

The review will take place at the next Licensing Committee meeting, which is due to be held in February, according to Councillor Michael Dickinson, who is the Chairman of the Committee.

Wiltshire Police have had concerns regarding the licence granted to the Brunel Rooms since July 2013.

A spokesperson for Wiltshire Police said "Wiltshire Police has applied to Swindon Council for a licence review of The Brunel Rooms nightclub, due to concerns regarding crime and associated disorder."

Just two months after the Swindon club opened, Director, Jason Ranford was jailed for two counts of fraud and two counts of common assault. He has since returned to work at the Swindon nightclub.

When asked to comment about the licence review, Jason Ranford told FLIC Wiltshire: "Reviews are not uncommon.

"A lot of the venues at the bottom of the town have had their licences reviewed.



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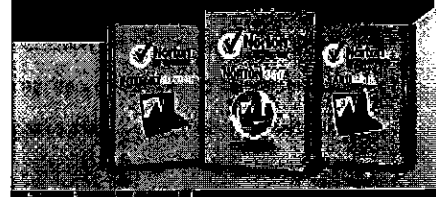
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"The Brunel Rooms is a big venue. We have had five or six events where there have been 1200 people at the club at one time, which is always going to be difficult to supervise."

Jason went on to say that all three Directors of the club, who have taken legal advice following the news of the licence review, wanted to work alongside Wiltshire Police to ensure that the club was a safe environment for the thousands of club-goers who regularly attend events at the venue.

"We want to work with the Police and have taken steps to ensure that stricter measures are in place."

On New Year's Day the club's General Manager, Nathan Hatter, 30, was arrested at Gatwick Airport on suspicion of theft, along with a 23-year-old woman. Both were released on Police bail pending further enquiries.

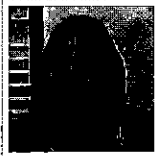
Jason confirmed that the Nathan Hatter was no longer employed by the club and added that a new Assistant Manager had been appointed following his departure: "We have employed a new Assistant Manager who brings with him a wealth of experience in the industry.

"Lewis Robins has worked for five years in the pubs and clubs industry and will also take on the role of Premises Supervisor, whilst the Manager's role will be split between myself and the other two Directors, Helene Simpkins and Paula Harris.

The club's owners were also anxious to dispel rumours that that the club may close. Jason stated "We are not closing.

"We have some big promotions and acts booked as far ahead as May."

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One min he's working for them , the next he's not. ?? What is the truth , ?? I would never let my children go to that club, ran by that management

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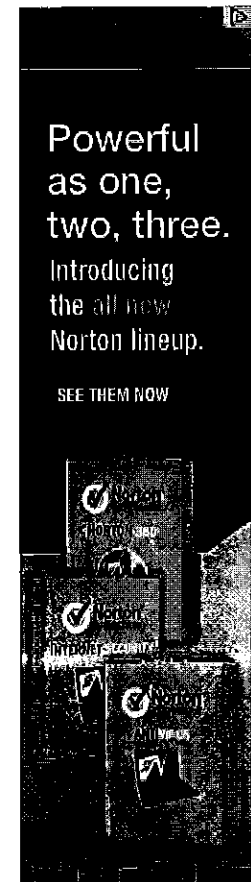
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Brunel Rooms' bosses pay workers out of own pockets after threats to quit jobs

5:30am Thursday 16th January 2014

By Dominic Gilbert

STAFF at the Brunel Rooms have walked out in a dispute over wages after the club's managers said there was no funds to pay them.

People who have been working at the club since it opened last year say they are frustrated with the company. Some have quit and are seeking legal advice.

Management have since decided to pay employees out of their own pockets to avoid any further problems.

They say problems with cash which was taken from the club recently and a poor trading weekend left them without the ability to pay staff in full.

Shaun Baxter, 20, a former bar supervisor, had been working there since August but left this week.

"The issue with pay has been going on for a couple of months now," he said.

"People haven't been paid in full or have been paid late.

"Some staff have received half wages but that is not going to go very far.

"I do not want to be a part of this any more because it is quite embarrassing."

Bar supervisor Gemma Le Gallez, 20, has worked at the Brunel Rooms since the start, and considered quitting.

"They have never paid us on time," she said. "I told them I refused to work until I get my money. If they want people to come into work they have got to pay them.

"Some people have had to move back to their families because they can't afford to live here.

"One member of staff has not eaten since Sunday because she has not got any money to buy food.

"We have been given cheques for the right amount but whether they clear we have to wait and see.

"We got to the point where if they did not get this sorted I would have had enough."

Jason Ranford, the general manager of the Brunel Rooms, said management were working hard to turn around their fortunes after cash was reported missing from the club on New Year's Eve.

Former licensee Nathan Hatter was arrested and bailed on suspicion of theft.

"There is money missing from the club since the incident during the New Year, and because of that the staff were only paid half their wages," he said.

"All staff have now been paid. We have had to put in some personal funds, and the three of us, myself, Helene and Paula (directors), have had to take it out of our own pockets.

"Some of the staff have been in already to pick it up.

"They were made aware by social media yesterday afternoon, and five or six have collected their money.

"We are not proud of the situation, but if the events of New Year's Eve had not happened we would not be in this position.

"Helene and Paula have put thousands of pounds into this business, and it has got to the stage where we have contemplated closing.

"I can understand where the frustration is coming from, but we have the backing of 80 per cent of our staff.

"Nothing is going to change with the club. We will still be open in February, and it will still be the Brunel Rooms. We are confident we will get through the licence review.

"A couple of people have quit and we wish that was not the case.

"We are putting a huge effort into this, having regular meetings with the police and have appointed a new designated premises supervisor."

NIGHTSPOT'S TROUBLED PAST

- August 2013: The opening night of the re-launched Brunel Rooms attracted 1,800 clubbers, reaching capacity.
- August 2013: The club announced that BBC Radio One DJ Charlie Sloth would be their resident DJ, to front its Kiss nights on Thursdays.
- August 2013: John Norman, an original founder of the Brunel Rooms and its revolving bar met the new owners.
- October 2013: Jason Ranford, of the Brunel Rooms at the time, was convicted on two counts of fraud for taking deposits worth more than £1,000 for rental properties, with the intention of depriving his victims of their money.
- October 2013: Ranford was jailed for five months after committing fraud while breaching a suspended sentence for common assault.
- October 2013: Ranford was disassociated from the Brunel Rooms following his sentence.
- January 2014: Two people, Nathan Hatter, and a 23-year-old woman, were arrested as they attempted to board a flight at Gatwick following the alleged theft of an unknown amount of money from the Brunel Rooms.
- January 2014: The club's licence due to be reviewed in February after Wiltshire Police raised concerns about safety at the club.
- January 2014: Co-owner Helene Simpkins defended the decision to welcome Jason Ranford back into the business.

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Staff pull together for 'troubled' nightspot

Written by Andrew Steele-Davis

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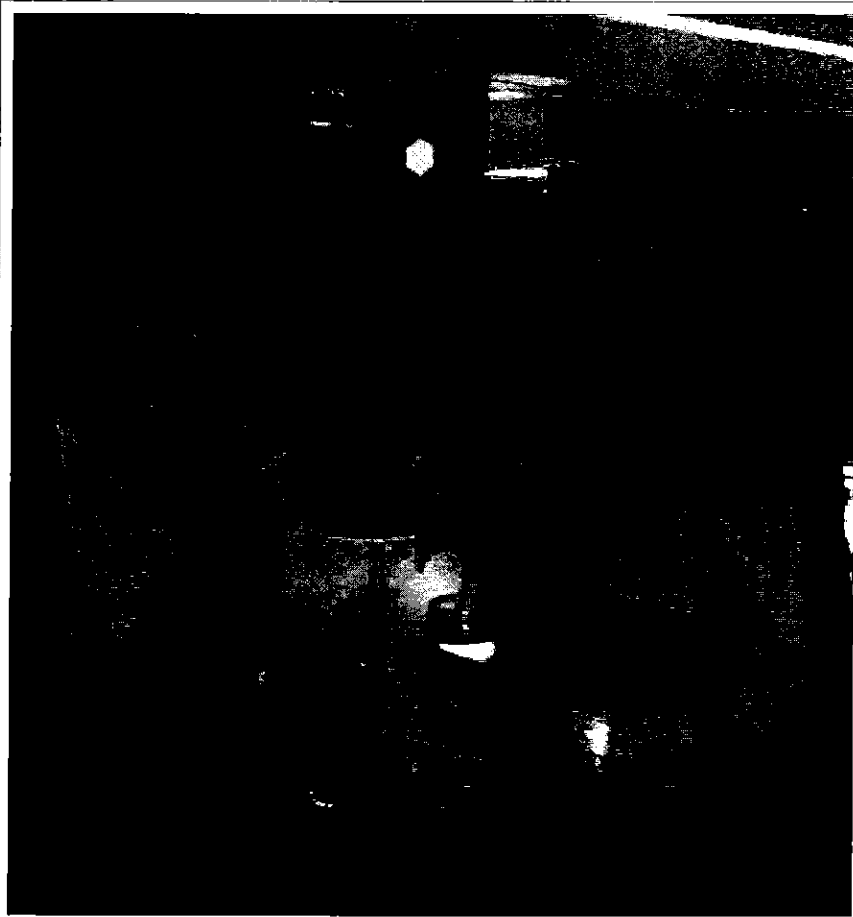


Photo: Brunel Rooms Directors Jason, Helene and Paula.

After enduring numerous negative headlines the popular Swindon nightspot, the Brunel Rooms have now received praise from their loyal staff.

FLIC Wiltshire have been contacted by Jools Oliver asking for "something positive to be written for a change" after the club management have suffered from constant negativity from the press and also a theft from the club already this year.

He continued to say "the staff have deferred part of their salary in order to allow the club to operate throughout the police investigation" although FLIC Wiltshire now understand that all staff have been paid in full.

Jools went on to say that "the Brunel Rooms are like an extended family and we continue to stick together throughout the negative times."

After contacting the Brunel Rooms, Club Spokesman Jason Randford has confirmed that "all staff have



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been paid and would like to thank everyone for their loyal support."

Jason continued to say "whilst the police investigation is still ongoing it's nice to work with great staff who stick by you."

FLIC Wiltshire spoke to Kimberley Bennett, a member of the Bar Support Staff at the Brunel Rooms who went on to praise both the management and the club.

"I can confirm I have been paid in full and would like to praise the club management who are good people to work for but due to the negative headlines are never given a chance."

The Brunel Rooms would like to let everyone know that throughout the month of January they are only open on Saturday's and will be back to a full operating schedule in February with some big names to be announced.

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Cally Riggs

Agreed, why cant we also look at the spotless reputations of the ladies involved in running it. Not everyone is a thief, mug or con artist, these people are trying to give back to us.

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Emma Davies · New College, Swindon

You shouldn't believe everything you read!! I know for a FACT that not ALL staff have been paid to date

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Kalynka, Sian

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Sent: 17 January 2014 21:40
To: Kalynka, Sian
Subject: Brunel rooms [NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED/UNCLASSIFIED]

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Sian

I have just conducted a licence check of the venue.
And the following has been observed.

2 door staff on duty to the front of the premises one male, one female a further one door staff roving on the premises. (third person not seen)

Head door staff has stated that tonight there is a private party on the first floor, selling alcohol and no one on the door to prevent any persons from either the nappy night or private party entering into the other event. In the private party there are also a number of under 18's.

Whilst at the door we saw no persons being searched with the metal detector but in fairness all persons entering where from the private party having had a cigarette.

No persons going into the nappy night entered whilst at the door.

In the nappy night venue all the optics where seen to removed and no signage for any alcoholic beverages on show in the nappy night venue.

Door staff also pointed out the factor door staff are on duty till 22.30 hours, and have not been approached to stay on any later.

Door staff state that as of 22.30 hours the front doors which are the fire doors will be left open with no persons on control of entry.

Night shift will be appraised to attend after 22.30 hours to check this to be the case.

Regards

Pc 1622 Best

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From: Diffin, Michael
Sent: 17 January 2014 20:22
To: Best, Paul
Cc: Kalynka, Sian
Subject: FW: Nappy night tonight [NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED/UNCLASSIFIED]

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Paul
Could you action the below and update Sian

Thanks
Diff's

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From: Kalyuka, Sian
Sent: 17 January 2014 12:16
To: Diffin, Michael
Subject: Nappy night tonight [NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED/UNCLASSIFIED]

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Hello,

As you are on this evening would you be able to task someone to the Brunel rooms for their nappy night to conduct the following check in accordance with their conditions.(think they shut at 22.00hours so will need to be done first thing.)

46. When any under 18 nappy night event is held in the premises
- i) there shall be a minimum of 1 female door supervisor on duty from the start of the event until the premises closes.
 - ii) All persons will shall be searched using a metal detector when entering the premises.
 - iii) No persons shall be permitted to enter the premises if there is any sign that they have been drinking.
 - iv) All pumps and optics shall be covered to ensure that no alcohol is exposed for sale in the premises.
 - v) The premises shall close at 12 midnight.

Ta

Sian

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