

**WITNESS STATEMENT**

Criminal Procedure Rules, r27.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s.9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5b

Statement of: JONES, MARY ELIZABETH

Age if under 18: OVER 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation:

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This statement (consisting of 4 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: MARY E JONES Date: 01/12/1974

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded  (supply witness details on rear)

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I am the wife of the licensee of the Mulberry Bush L.H., St Martins Circus, City. I am working at the pub for the time being and on the night of Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November, 1974, I was in the lounge bar of the pub. It was my husband's night off and I opened the premises at 5.30pm.

On that evening, we had average trade, and I was kept busy behind the bar. I was mainly working near the hinged end of the bar.

At about 8pm there were about 40 customers. I was talking to a group of men, including Stan (Page 1.....) BODMAN, John ROWLANDS, Mick BEASLEY, Cliff JONES and Jimmy CADDICK, who were standing in a group at the end of the bar, except for Stan BODMAN, who was sat on a high stool. These men are regular customers of the pub and generally call in when they finish work.

Stan BODMAN asked for a pint, and I returned behind the bar and started to pull drinks for that round. I had only just started to pour it when the flash came, I was thrown to the ground behind the bar, and everything went into darkness. I didn't hear any bang. I felt a shock travel through my body and thought I was being electrocuted. I started to scream for help and nobody came. I can remember being alone, I tried to get up, managed to pull myself to my feet and managed to grope my way out to a window (Page 2.....) leading on to St. Martin's Circus. I was helped into the street and wandered round in a daze. Shortly afterwards I was put in an ambulance and taken to the Accident Hospital.

Signature: MARY E JONES Signature witnessed by: RICHARD BRYANT  
D.S.R. 6566

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