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Evidence relating to

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Incident No 1 Dated:

Sunday 4th October
2015

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WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27. 2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B

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Occurrence Number: 47150127691

Statement of: ANNA BATCHELOR

Age if under 18: Over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: Police service

This statement (consisting of 2 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:  #DB232 BATCHELOR, A.

Date: 04/10/2015 03:14

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On 4th October 2015 I was on duty with PC Reynolds CR380. We were using a marked police vehicle with the call sign EL102. At Around 00:55 I received a message on my personal radio to attend THE TREK NIGHTCLUB SEAFORD, to reports of a bouncer having been assaulted by a female. We arrived on scene in a few minutes. On arrival PC Upton CU576 was already with the female who I now know to be [REDACTED]. I can describe [REDACTED] as a white female of slim build with long mousey brown hair. She was wearing a gold all in one shorts play suit with black high heel shoes, a black handbag and a black jacket. [REDACTED] was sitting in the back of PC Uptons police vehicle and was upset. PC Upton arrested [REDACTED] for the assault on the bouncer. When officers attempted to place handcuffs on [REDACTED] she started screaming and shouting, she was kicking out and trying to pull her arms away from officers. I managed to apply cuffs to [REDACTED] to the rear. I checked them for comfort and fit and double locked them. We attempted to escort [REDACTED] from PC Uptons car to our vehicle. [REDACTED] sat in the back of EL102, she was still screaming and shouting out words like 'FUCK OFF CUNTS' When the car door was shut, [REDACTED] immediately started kicking at the car door. The door was opened by PC Upton and we got [REDACTED] out of the vehicle. Myself, PC Upton and PC Reynolds attempted to take [REDACTED] to the floor in a controlled manner. I had hold of her left upper arm, she was still trying to fight us off her. [REDACTED] kicked out at me making contact with my right shin. She did not have any shoes on. She kicked hard and caused me great pain and discomfort. I do not have any injuries as a result of this kick. [REDACTED] was successfully taken to the ground and placed in the ground pin position. At 01:15 hours I said to [REDACTED] 'I AM ARRESTING YOU FOR ASSAULT ON A POLICE OFFICER AND RESISTING ARREST' CAUTION to which she continued to scream 'FUCK OFF YOU SLAG' I did not tell her the necessity for her arrest as she was screaming and shouting and couldn't hear me anyway. She was shouting and screaming swear words constantly. I tried to explain to her that if she calmed down she would not be on the floor. She was still kicking her legs around and screaming 'GET THE

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FUCK OFF ME YOU FUCKING BITCH' PC Reynolds and PC Upton applied leg restraints to [REDACTED] legs. Even with the leg restraints on she was still trying to fight and kick out. I became aware of a male standing by [REDACTED] head. She was still screaming and shouting and lifted her head off the ground and spat on the males trousers. I further arrested [REDACTED] for criminal damage to said trousers. At this point a spit hood was put on [REDACTED] head as she continued to spit. Again, I did not caution [REDACTED] as she was still screaming and calling us all CUNTS. At some point a van arrived with PS Petken to assist us with [REDACTED]. PS Petken tried to reason with [REDACTED] asking her to calm down and speak rather than screaming at everyone. [REDACTED] simply screamed 'FUCK OFF YOU FUCKING PRICK' [REDACTED] was carried to the van. Myself and PC Reynolds sat in the rear of the van with [REDACTED]. Throughout the journey to Eastbourne Custody [REDACTED] continued to scream and shout. Most of what she was saying was inaudible. It was as if she was deranged. She was making grunting noises and screaming about her children. She had to be restrained for the entire journey as she was still struggling and trying to bang her head on the floor. When we arrived at Eastbourne Custody [REDACTED] was carried from the van straight to a cell. Once in the cell she continued to fight and scream. I did not give [REDACTED] permission to kick me or assault me in any way at all. This statement is my original notes made at 03:00 hours at Eastbourne Custody.

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WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27. 2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B

URN [REDACTED]

Occurrence Number: 47150127691

Statement of: PC Richard UPTON CU576

Age if under 18: Over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: Police Constable

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Signature: [REDACTED] #CU576 UPTON, R.

Date: 04/10/2015 03:26

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded ☐

On Sunday 04 October 2015 I was on duty in Newhaven in full police uniform at approximately 0050 hours when I was assigned to attend an incident at The Trek Nightclub, Blatchington Road, Seaford.

A call had been received stating that one of the bouncers had been assaulted by a female.

I made my way to Seaford and arrived promptly at The Trek, there appeared to be nothing untoward upon my arrival. I made my way over to a member of door staff and was told that a female that was sat in the road and surrounded by other people had assaulted a member of door staff and that originally she had had to be restrained; however she had since calmed down.

I was advised that the member of door staff that had been assaulted wished to provide a statement detailing what had happened so I have walked over to the female and the group.

I would describe the female that was pointed out to me as white, brownish coloured hair, slim build, approximately 5'2 tall and wearing a shiny golden all in one outfit (the bottom half of the outfit had extremely short shorts). I now know this female to be [REDACTED] DOB [REDACTED]

I spoke to the female and a friend of hers and escorted her over to my police vehicle and sat her in the rear of the car whilst I took her details.

PC REYNOLDS CR380 and PC BATCHELOR DB232 arrived at the scene and at 0100 hours I said to [REDACTED] "IT'S BEEN REPORTED THAT YOU HAVE ASSAULTED A MEMBER OF DOOR STAFF, I AM THEREFORE ARRESTING YOU ON SUSPICION OF COMMON ASSAULT". I then cautioned her to which she made no significant reply.

I then spoke with PC REYNOLDS and PC BATCHELOR and it was decided that they would escort [REDACTED] to Eastbourne custody as they were a double crewed unit. At this point [REDACTED] began to start shouting and swearing. I

assisted in getting her out of my vehicle and as I was doing so said to my colleagues that it might be wise to handcuff her for the journey to Eastbourne Custody as she was beginning to get agitated.

PC BATCHELOR then placed handcuffs on [REDACTED] and she was placed in the rear of the other police vehicle and the door shut. All of a sudden there was a loud bang and I have seen [REDACTED] kicking out at the rear passenger side window. PC BATCHELOR and I have removed [REDACTED] from the vehicle and taken her down onto the ground beside the car.

[REDACTED] has become very aggressive and started shouting and swearing and trying to kick out. One of the kicks has hit PC BATCHELOR on the right leg. PC REYNOLDS then took control of her legs and PC BATCHELOR had control of [REDACTED] left arm/wrist.

I placed limb restraints onto [REDACTED], firstly around her ankles and then around the thigh area. I then took control of her right arm/wrist and PC BATCHELOR has arrested [REDACTED] for resisting arrest and assault PC.

A van was called for due to her behaviour.

Whilst waiting for the van one of the door staff assisted by using the light on his mobile phone so that there was more light as there was only street lighting due to the time of the morning.

[REDACTED] continued to thrash about. She would remain still and quiet for a moment before a rush of anger and rage where would try to kick out and manouvre her arms and hands to attempt to get out of the handcuffs. Obsenitites such as 'CUNTS', FUCK OFF' were directed towards myself and PC's BATCHELOR and REYNOLDS.

Whilst the member of door staff was near to [REDACTED] head (approximately 2 ft) [REDACTED] has raised her head and spat at the member of door staff. The phlem landed on the lower part of the right leg. PC BATCHELOR further arrested [REDACTED] for this offence. I then placed a spit hood over [REDACTED] head to prevent further issues.

[REDACTED] has started shouting again and she has turned her head towards where PC BATCHELOR's leg was and then her head has moved forward and I have heard PC BATCHELOR shout words to the effect of 'DON'T YOU TRY AND BITE ME'.

PC BATCHELOR has moved her head out of the way and we have continued to need to restrain [REDACTED] until the van arrived.

[REDACTED] would not listen to instructions to calm down and wanted us to let her up. It was explained that whilst she was acting like she was there was no way that she would be moved and that she needed to calm down first. [REDACTED] failed to take the advise.

Once the van arrived PS PETKEN CP483 came over to where we were restraining [REDACTED] PS PETKEN attempted to compromise with her but there was still no speaking to her and she continued to struggle and shout and swear.

PC REYNOLDS, PC BATCHELOR and I then lifted [REDACTED] from the floor and carried her to the waiting prison

van.

PC REYNOLDS and PC BATCHELOR entered the caged area of the prison van with [REDACTED] and I remained at The Trek in order to take statements and obtain CCTV of the incident.

Staff at The Trek were unable to download the footage of the incident onto disc this morning. This is due to be completed on Tuesday 06 October 2015.

I have recorded the footage of the incident from the TV screen onto my body worn video. ~~Once back at Lewes Police~~

~~when I have downloaded the footage onto DVD and can transfer the disc as PC/P.~~

Evidence relating to
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Incident No 5 Dated:
Sunday 13th December
2015

1 x Pocket Notebook
Entry



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Name: PC LUCY ALLEN

From: 19th NOV 2015

To:

Date Returned:

1500

Sunday 20th Dec '85
Begin for at duty @ 62

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A [REDACTED] B [REDACTED] 13/1/84

I currently work as SIA
Door Staff, on Saturday
12th December I started my
shift at the Vek.
At around 0200 hrs on
13th December which is
the time the club shuts
I was approached by a female
she was clearly intoxicated
she was telling me that it
was the 3rd time that
the club had lost her
coat. I told her that I
have nothing to do with
coats, I now know she
had already been arguing
with the cloak room staff
about her coat anyway.
I told the female several
times to go home but she
just would not stop, and
would not listen to any
kind of reason. I have

no doubt this was because she was drunk. I must have listened to her for several mins, and she was just not stopping in the end I had had enough of her, and her carry on, and I did tell her to fuck off in the hope that would be something that got through to her. As soon as I said it she slapped me across the face.

The female did then leave. She was followed by a colleague of mine. I saw police officers were in the area and beckoned them over. Police spoke to me and the female was taken away by police. I am willing to make a statement however

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the restorative justice process has been explained to me and I would rather try this route with the female apologising and the matter referred for a request for her to be placed on Pub watch, as I was only doing my job and should not have to put up with this kind of behaviour.

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Evidence relating to
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Incident No 6 Dated:
Saturday 19th December
2015

2 x Police statements

WITNESS STATEMENT**Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27. 2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B**

URN

Occurrence Number: 47150163840

Statement of: SCOTT GOSLING

Age if under 18: Over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: Police Officer CG462

This statement (consisting of 2 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] #CG462 GOSLING, S.

Date: 19/12/2015 04:16

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded ☐

At approximately 02:08 on the morning of Saturday the 19th of December 2015 I was on duty in full uniform along with my colleague PC Pratley CP708. It was at this time that we were requested to attend The Trek Night Club, Blatchington Road, Seaford, on reports of a fight taking place at the location. PC Pratley began driving to the location. Whilst en route further information was relayed that a male had been assaulted and was potentially unconscious. A description of a suspect was passed which was a white male, 6'2", dark wavy hair, dark beard, wearing a white shirt and smart grey jacket. Information was then passed by the police CCTV operator stating that a male who matched the description was now near to the taxi rank at Seaford Train Station, he also said that a female who was with him was holding a grey jacket.

PC Pratley and I arrived at Seaford Train Station at approximately 02:20 hours. I could immediately see a male who matched the description of the suspect, although he wasn't wearing a grey jacket. There were a number of persons standing around at the taxi rank. I approached the suspect who I now know to be [REDACTED] DOB [REDACTED] I asked Barton to step away from the group which he did do. I explained to [REDACTED] why I had stopped him and at approximately 02:25 hours arrested [REDACTED] on suspicion of assault. I cautioned [REDACTED] and explained that the necessity for arrest was to prevent his disappearance and conduct a prompt and effective investigation. I handcuffed [REDACTED] to the rear and checked for comfort and fit. [REDACTED] was then placed in to the back of a marked police vehicle. We remained at the train station whilst PC Pratley obtained witness details and I awaited further updates from the officers who had now arrived at The Trek. A female approached the vehicle and stated that a jacket she was holding was [REDACTED], I looked at this and could see it was a grey jacket. Persons continued to approach the police vehicle and tried to communicate with [REDACTED]. During this time [REDACTED] stated that the handcuffs were tight. Due to the number of persons present at the location I did not want to take [REDACTED] out of the vehicle to loosen the handcuffs and allow persons to communicate with him and potentially commit further offences. I explained to [REDACTED] that we would move

the vehicle from the location and I would then loosen the handcuffs; he was happy with this.

PC Pratley then drove the vehicle to a location further up the road where the handcuffs were loosened. A short time later we were advised that there were officers in Seaford who were returning to Eastbourne. Due to this we stopped on the A259 and handed [REDACTED] over to PC Gurr, SC Hill and PC Stevens, who then conveyed [REDACTED] to Eastbourne Custody.

I then attended The Trek and spoke with security staff who had been working at the time of the incident. I was shown CCTV footage of the moments leading up to the incident that had been recorded by club CCTV cameras. During this I could see [REDACTED] being escorted from the club by security. The footage continued in to the road directly outside of the club.

I would describe [REDACTED] as a white male, slim build, 6'5, short brown hair, brown beard, wearing a white shirt and dark coloured trousers. He was also in possession of a grey smart duffel style jacket.

WITNESS STATEMENT**Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27. 2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B**

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Occurrence Number: 47150163854

Statement of: PC Michael PRATLEY CP708

Age if under 18: over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: Police Constable

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Signature:  #CP708 PRATLEY, M.

Date: 23/12/2015 09:09

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded ☐

On Saturday 19th December 2015 at 03:00hrs I was on duty in full uniform and was in the company of PS GOSLING CG462. We were travelling in a marked police unit on a Grade 1 call to NEWHAVEN to assist colleagues dealing with an incident in the town centre, when we were re-directed to attend at THE TREK in BLATCHINGTON ROAD, SEAFORD to a report of an assault. On arrival at scene I spoke with door staff at the entrance to the front yard of the premises. We discussed an earlier incident that had occurred further up the road and was advised that there had been a further incident involving groups up the road prior to police arrival and that a male had been assaulted and possibly knocked unconcious. I was then made aware of a small group of males sitting on a wall nearby. I approached them and saw that one of them, a male who I now know to be [REDACTED] had mud all over his clothing and he had his head down. I spoke to three male friends of his that were present and was informed that [REDACTED] had been assaulted by unknown males on the unlit grass bank at the edge of BLATCHINGTON ROAD nearby. They also expressed concern that he had his head stamped on and thought that he had been unconscious for a few minutes. I had in my possession at the time a Canon Digital Camera. I took two digital images of [REDACTED]. The first image is of the right side of his head where there is a large graze visible through his cropped hair towards the top of his head and a small cut in front of his right ear. I can produce this as my exhibit MP/01. I then took an image of the left side of his head where I could see a small cut behind his left ear. I can produce this as my exhibit MP/02. [REDACTED] was speaking whilst I was taking the two digital images and insisted that he had not been knocked out but could not remember what had actually happened. An ambulance was called and attended. [REDACTED] was then taken to Hospital for furrther assessments to be made of his injuries.

Evidence relating to
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Incident No 7 Dated:
Friday 25th December
2015

1 x Police Statements

WITNESS STATEMENT**Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27. 2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B**URN

Occurrence Number: 47150166625

Statement of: DAVID CATT

Age if under 18: Over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: Police officer CC155

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:  #CC155 CATT, D.

Date: 25/12/2015 03:17

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded ☐

I am a Sussex Police officer and have been a Sussex police officer for eighteen years. I have been an East Sussex Roads Policing Unit officer for ten years. I hold an advanced police driving permit for police cars and motorcycles, I am TPAC trained.

On the 25th of December 2015 I was on uniformed mobile patrol in an unmarked police vehicle with PC CC899 COOK, the police vehicle call sign was HT280. During the patrol we had occasion to drive past THE TRECK night club in SEAFORD, we had passed there previously and had spoken to door staff. As we approached the location one of the door staff waved to us and we stopped, I got out of the police vehicle and the door staff stated that there had been some sort of altercation, they had separated the parties and were about to ask some of them to leave and he asked us to remain. A male was identified to me as being the instigator, I went to the male I now know to be [REDACTED] DOB [REDACTED] of 1 [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED] there were approximately 3 door staff by [REDACTED], one of the door staff explained that there had been a fight and [REDACTED] was involved, this would have been covered on CCTV, at this point I turned on my Body Worn Video. Whilst the door staff was explaining what had happened [REDACTED] interrupted several times and I explained to him that he should not interrupt and I would speak to him. After the door staff had explained what had happened I started to take down [REDACTED] details, whilst doing this [REDACTED] stated that the fight was over someone sleeping with his girlfriend. I checked [REDACTED] for injuries and I could see that there was swelling to the left side of [REDACTED] face to the upper part of his cheek, I then removed my BWV and recorded the injury, I then examined [REDACTED]s hands and could see that there was swelling to his knuckles on his right hand. I then spoke to PC COOK and after I did this I asked [REDACTED] what he was going to do now and he stated he was going home. I advised [REDACTED] to go directly home, I then went to my police vehicle and PC COOK stated that we were going to take a male away, I now know this male to be [REDACTED] DOB [REDACTED] [REDACTED] sat in the rear of our police vehicle and as we were about to drive away [REDACTED] appeared and attempted to open the rear door of our police vehicle, I got out of our vehicle and strongly advised [REDACTED] to go away. [REDACTED] then went towards a taxi and I

then got back into our police vehicle. [REDACTED] was speaking to PC COOK and he confirmed that [REDACTED] was one of the people who had assaulted him, PC COOK then went over to [REDACTED] and as we went towards him I heard him ask one of the door staff to watch our backs. By the time I got to the taxi where [REDACTED] was PC COOK had already got him out and one of the door staff was assisting PC COOK in handcuffing him. I then went to our police vehicle and spoke to [REDACTED] and told him that we were not able to give him a lift and he would have to get out of the vehicle. [REDACTED] was then placed into the rear of our vehicle and transported to Eastbourne custody. During the journey to custody [REDACTED] stated that one of the handcuffs was too tight and I checked the fit, although it did not appear too tight I adjusted the cuff very slightly and confirmed it was comfortable. When we got to custody due to the fact [REDACTED] was calm and was compliant I checked with PC COOK and we agreed that I would take the handcuffs off. PC COOK then gave the circumstances and [REDACTED] detention was authorised. I can produce a digital disc of the BWV footage as exhibit DJC/1. This statement was completed at Hammonds Drive Patrol Centre.

Evidence relating to
Paginated page 11:

Incident No 22 Dated
Saturday 28th May 2016

2 x Police Statements

1 x Email

[REDACTED] (when complete)

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WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27. 2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B

URN

Occurrence Number: 47160069940

Statement of: DARRAN REYNOLDS

Age if under 18: Over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: POLICE OFFICER

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Signature:  #CR380 REYNOLDS, D.

Date: 28/05/2016 04:01

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On the 28th of May 2016 I attended the trek nightclub in Blatchington Road Seaford following the arrest of a male who was alleged to have assaulted a doorman.

Upon arrival at the club I spoke to a doorman named [REDACTED], he informed me that there had been a large scuffle outside the night club following the ejection of a male who had been fighting on the dance floor.

[REDACTED] informed me that he had been punched to the ear, throat and side but stated that he had no idea who had assaulted him as it occurred in the heat of the scuffle and that in any case he didn't wish to support a police prosecution, i have recorded this brief account in my PNB and [REDACTED] has signed it.

I was then shown the CCTV from outside the trek by a doorman named [REDACTED], the footage shows a large 'scuffle' occurring outside in which numerous people become involved, as this footage was not able to be burnt to a playable disc tonight I have recorded the CCTV footage on my body worn camera, i have then burnt this footage to a disc which I can produce as my exhibit DR/01.

[REDACTED] (when complete)

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WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27. 2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B

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Occurrence Number: 47160069940

Statement of: TOMAS WILLIAMSON

Age if under 18: Over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: Police Constable CW562

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Signature: [Signature] #CW562 WILLIAMSON, T.

Date: 28/05/2016 09:07

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded ☐

At around 0150hrs I was on duty along with PC BANKS CB032 on mobile patrol in Seaford. As we approached The Trek nightclub we could see a disturbance out on the road. At the same time a call was made over the radio that an assault was being reported.

As we alighted there was a throng of people just within the gates but the door staff seemed to have that in hand. A male in his 50's of a large build and wearing a blue checked shirt with some buttons missing in the middle approached and began ranting about the staff being heavy handed. I turned my attention to him and noticed the door staff had come out onto the road. This male began pointing aggressively at one of the staff complaining he had been put in a head lock and dragged out. I ushered this male away and he provided me his details and identified himself as [REDACTED]. PC Banks remained with this male whilst I spoke to the staff. They were all very worked up but one of the door staff stated he had been hit and grabbed by someone, and his colleague [REDACTED] had also been hit and grabbed in a head lock and had some injuries.

As this was being explained [REDACTED] returned and began shouting again. I ushered him away again and as I was trying to calm him down another male approached. He was of a similar age but slimmer with grey hair. He was wearing a Blue hooded woollen type jacket. Before I could even introduce myself to this male, the door staff I know to be [REDACTED] pointed at him and said "That's him. He's the one you want. He assaulted me and my colleagues." On hearing this at 0155hrs I arrested this male on suspicion of ABH against the door staff. He was very compliant, and as I cautioned him he replied "I was just trying to help" He was unsteady on his feet and eyes were glazed and in my opinion he was drunk. As his friend was clearly still agitated and neither had left the area, I confirmed the necessity of the arrest was to prevent further injury to others. As I believed the matter would flare up again should positive action not be taken.

The male identified himself as [REDACTED] and remained calm as I transported him to Eastbourne Custody Centre and his detention was authorised.

Rush Hannah DR403

From: Owen Carly D0001
Sent: 14 June 2016 13:20
To: Rush Hannah DR403; [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: 47160069940 - TREK Nightclub

Hannah [REDACTED] FYI),

With regards to the fight at the Trek nightclub on 28/05/16.

Officers attended on the night and the OEL is updated by Pc Ali BATCHELOR. He clearly states that CCTV was there (viewable) but not a copy. I have no doubt that this would have been requested on the night and also as it was their staff assaulted prepared for our collection.

On 08th June supervisor NEAL states that CCTV is still outstanding. RIT officers attended on 10th June as previous attempts no one had been present.

Upon arrival Yvonne had the disc ready and gave it to officers.

Having viewed the CCTV today there is nothing on it. The disc is labelled 28/05/16 00:50 -01:00 hrs. It however contains only 1 camera (the gate) and has 2 minutes of CCTV on it. There is not 1 person on it and clearly does not capture any of the incident.

A message was left for Yvonne to call in today. She has done so.

She states that the CCTV over writes every 9 days so we have now lost any of the CCTV. She blames the police stating there was a delay in us collecting it. Clearly if the CCTV had been recorded correctly in the first instance then there would be no issue. 1 camera of the gate was never going to show a fight inside or on the rest of the club. She claims that she will be using the CCTV we have as evidence in an ongoing licensing case and we need to keep our copy. She states that it shows that no person is too drunk in her club or outside...well yes as there is no one on it!

I am unsure whether the copy she has contains any more footage or not.

Many Thanks

Pc Carly OWEN
D0001
Eastbourne Response Investigation Team
IDHC Hammonds Drive
Eastbourne
BN23 6PW
[REDACTED]

Evidence relating to
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Meeting on
Friday 10th June 2016

Meeting Minutes

Referenced in
statements of

PS Vokins (2)

PC Rush (3)

Minutes of Meeting with Yvonne Newton-Turner at 14:00hrs on Friday 10th June 2016 at Seaford Police Station.

Attended by Yvonne Newton Turn (YNT) PLH & DPS of The Trek Night Club, PC Hannah Rush Lewes District Licensing Officer (HR) and Sgt Denham Vokins East Division Licensing Sgt (DV).

DV started the meeting by thanking Yvonne for coming into the Station. DV then verbally laid out the reasons for the meeting – mainly that we were concerned about the amount of Crime & Disorder incidents which were coming from the premises and the levels of intoxication of the people involved. YNT stated she had been running the nightclub for 31 years and disagreed that there had been a recent rise in incidents and asked how long we had been looking at this. She continued that although there were times that incidents spiked over the years that in general things had remained pretty constant throughout this time. DV explained that the Head of Licensing Jean Irving along with himself had noticed the Trek was coming to notice on a weekly basis and had asked HR to look into the situation more closely. DV informed YNT that as the licensing department we complete an incident sheet every week, where we record incidents at premises and had done so for many years. He laid out that over the past eight months we had 35 incidents linked to the premises and this was a much higher number than that of comparable clubs, in fact higher than a lot of inner city night clubs. DV went on to say that we often look further back into a premises past of 12-18 months and that this could be completed if necessary but was happy that we had enough to discuss with her going back to October 2015. YNT made of point of saying she was unable to remember that far back and stated that it was a matter for discussion at Pubwatch. YNT stated that HR had not made the three Pubwatch meetings this year. HR agreed – but stated this had been due to a period of sickness in February where she was unable to organise cover and two periods of leave due to the meeting falling within the Half terms that had been arranged over 6 months in advance and in fact this third meeting had been covered by another licensing officer. DV pointed out that the overall issues/concerns were not in fact something we would talk about in an open forum such as Pubwatch and reminded YNT that we are there by invite only and the scheme was not run by the Police. He did however agree that we supported the scheme and that in an ideal world an officer would be made available to attend. DV explained that we had a list of incidents that had taken place at the premises since October 2015 and that HR would share the pertinent reports....

HR went on to discuss around 13 out of 35 reported incidents. The theme of these reports were based on customers being overly intoxicated and the dispersal of the club at closing time. In short these included:

4th October 15 – Assault – Intoxicated – 00:48hrs

4th October 15 – Public Order – 02:31hrs

10th October 15 – Public Order – 01:22hrs

1st November 15 – Assault – Intoxicated – SIA not supporting – 01:27hrs

21st November 15 – Theft – Victim Intoxicated – 02:15hrs

21st November 15 – Pubic Order – Intoxicated - 02:22hrs

13th December 15 – Assault – Intoxicated - 02:41hrs

25th December 15 – Assault – Suspect Intoxicated – 00:59hrs

7th February 16 – Assault – Intoxicated – 01:04hrs

7th February 16 – Rowdy – 01:44hrs

20th March 16 – Assault – Intoxicated – 02:39hrs

1st May 16 – GBH – 02:34hrs

28th May – Assaults – SIA not supporting – 01:49hrs

ASB complaints were not discussed individually. DV stated the point of presenting YNT with these reports is that they showed a pattern of behaviour which would indicate customers being too drunk and issues occurring when the club was closing. DV pressed the point that once these people were no longer inside the premises they then became a Police Problem. DV questioned YNT about how people were assessed for drunkenness when they entered the premises. YNT stated that most of the time there are two SIA situated on the gates of The Club. This gives them a good view of peoples demeanour as they walk down the road towards the Club. They also then get another chance to be assessed by the SIA who are situated on the door as there is an approximate walk of 20m from the gates to the front door. YNT went on to say that there is rarely ever a queue as the Club do not charge people an entry fee. On a quiet night SIA would normally stay by the front doors but can view the camera that points up the street to see people walking towards them. This also forms part of their assessment. Once the club is open staff routinely walk the floor of the premises and complete a safety checklist. YNT informed DV that her husband had spent £20,000 of his own money installing the CCTV system that they currently have and that all cameras are able to be viewed by the entrance on a large screen.

DV went onto ask about how often and why customers were searched on entry to the Club. YNT replied that the door staff would use their local knowledge together with, peoples demeanour, whether they were thought to be 'dealers' and whether they were had previously been on a Pubwatch ban. She then stated other than that it would be approximately one out of ten that would be searched but this was changeable as some nights the team would decide to focus on females handbags or young males etc. During the search the person is brought into the lobby area and faced towards the cameras. If anything is found the item is bagged and recorded in the incident book and placed into the safe. A picture is taken of the persons ID and Police are called. YNT stated that 99% of times Police are called if any drug has been found on a person but admitted that rarely this didn't happen but only if a more serious incident was over riding it. A Pubwatch ban is then put forward by the premises. YNT agreed that as much as she has every intension of doing a weekly 'drugs drop' to the Police station this wasn't always the case as was pointed out by DV regarding the last wad of drugs that came into HR which dated back to December 15. HR agreed with YNT that from now on she would collect any drugs on a weekly basis from the premises. YNT stated they have a condition of entry stating if they do not consent to a search they will not be allowed in.

DV then asked about how the club closed down and what their procedures were in place for the period of dispersal. YNT stated that her music and sales of alcohol stop at 02:00hrs. At this time the bar is closed and the lights come on, including the outside lamps. SIA move people from the back of the club forward and then out of the premises. The last 15 minutes of music are slow songs. YNT stated that as much as they can they have SIA staff situated on the gates to the premises so that customers can be seen to leave the premises in an orderly fashion. YNT stated that it would be

better if Police actually arrested people causing a disturbance instead of 'taking them home'. DV explained that we have a necessity test in place surrounding the arrest of people and that rural officers often have to make hard choices regarding their commitments when officer numbers are often scarce. YNT understood this. DV explained again that once customers are outside the club they then become a Police problem, YNT said they became everyone's problem. DV suggested ideas such as actively offering water to customers, ceasing alcohol sales early, having the lights brought up gradually over a set time, SIA to be engaging with customers inside and outside and the music to be turned down to an ambient level all before closing the doors at 02:00hrs. Giving people the time to finishing their drinks in time and adjust to the change in environment. DV read out the timings of each incident we had recorded and this showed a very clear pattern of raised calls after 01:00hrs, with most calls coming in after closing time.

The premises licence itself was then discussed. DV pointed out that he was concerned that there were no conditions on the licence other than the mandatory conditions. YNT was asked to consider making variations to the licence including having the CCTV condition embedded and a reduction in hours. YNT stated she would not agree to cutting her hours. She stated as a business the club has not made a profit in over four years and any reduction would lead to her having to cut numbers of SIA.

HR confirmed that YNT now had two body worn cameras available to door staff. YNT stated they had recently brought two and were testing them out. She had been impressed so far with the image which works in low light conditions. HR stated she would try and source some other cameras but that no promises could be made.

Near the end of the meeting DV requested an action plan from YNT. This is to be written by YNT and to include and cover the following:

- A Dispersal Policy
- SIA Deployment Plan
- Staff Training around Intoxication levels and the sale of alcohol
- Increase Searches

DV informed YNT that if the situation did not improve then this would lead to a review of the licence. DV went on to explain what we expected of an action plan and SMART goals were mentioned.

YNT stated she would work hard to have this plan in by next Friday 17th June. HR stated she would visit on this date but that if it was completed earlier it could be emailed directly. HR stated she would visit in any case.

Meeting concluded at 17:30hrs ??

Evidence relating to
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Letter Dated:
Monday 13th June 2016

1 x Copy Letter
Referenced in statement
of PC Rush (3)



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Licensing Department

13th June 2016

The Trek Night Club, Blatchington Road, Seaford

Dear Mrs. Newton-Turner

RE: The Trek

I am writing to you in your capacity as Premise License Holder and Designated Premises Supervisor for the above named premises. The conduct of these premises has raised concerns as we feel the licensing objectives are not being promoted. Our concerns are based around high levels of Intoxication of customers and the dispersal of customers from the premises at the end of the night.

Due to our concerns we held a meeting with you on Friday 10th June which Sgt Vokins and myself attended. At the meeting we discussed a number of incidents which had taken place at the premises since October 2015, many of which provided evidence of excessive drunkenness. We demonstrated that the vast majority of these incidents had occurred after 02:00hrs.

At the end of the meeting we requested an action plan and asked for you consider the following elements:

- **Dispersal Policy** – to reduce incidents of crime and disorder occurring as customers leave the premises. We suggested a number of ideas including last sale of alcohol at 01:30hrs, changes in volume and type of music and lighting prior to closure; encouraging consumption of water and / or soft drinks, Door staff to floor walk advising customers to leave quietly and intervene where a potential incident or welfare necessitates.
- **SIA Deployment Plan** – including locations for SIA staff throughout the night from start of business through to end of Dispersal period. Roles for each location to be clearly defined. We suggested that 'Duel Rolling' as SIA and DPS was not best practice with regards to yourself.
- **Training** to be given to Bar Staff regarding the sales of alcohol and recognising drunkenness and levels of intoxication. Written records to be kept recording who delivered the training, what it entailed and each member of staff signing to confirm they have received the training.
- **An increase of searches** on the door – to create a professional and safe atmosphere which could prevent a number of people gaining access to the club with drugs or other prohibited items on them.

You offered to provide a completed Action Plan to us on Friday 17th June. I advised you that I would visit the premises on the 17th during opening hours.

We expect you to promote the Licensing objectives by reducing incidents of crime and disorder at and associated with your licensed premises. However, should the situation continue then further action will be taken which may include a request for the Licensing Authority to review your premises license.

We will endeavor to provide you with a Police representative at future Pubwatch meetings.

Yours sincerely

PC Hannah Rush DR403

PS Denham Vokins CV146

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Evidence relating to
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Action Plan and
Attachments Dated:
Tuesday 14th June 2016

1 x Action Plan
3 x Attachments
Referenced in statement
of PC Rush (3)

Rush Hannah DR403

From: The Trek Club [REDACTED]
Sent: 14 June 2016 15:52
To: Rush Hannah DR403
Cc: Sue Lindsey
Subject: Action Plan from the Trek Club
Attachments: Attendees of training session June 16.xlsx; NOTICE TO DJ.docx; OUR DRUGS POLICY.docx; Trek Club Ltd Action Plan June 2016.docx

Dear Hannah,
If there is anything else you would like please let me know.
Regards Yvonne

Trek Club Ltd Action Plan June 2016

A meeting was held at the Seaford Police Station at 2.00p.m. on Friday 10th June 2016. Those present were Sergeant Denham Vokins, PC Hannah Rush and Yvonne Newton-Turner the owner of the Trek Club. PC Hannah rush took minutes for the Police and Yvonne took her own minutes.

Purpose: To discuss the visit to the club premises by PC Hannah Rush which had taken place on Friday 20th May 2016 at which time certain issues were raised by the Police about the running of the club. Subsequently the owner Yvonne Newton-Turner who was not present at the visit requested in an email to Hannah on the 21st May 2016 that the Police provide evidence to her to back up their concerns.

Concerns raised by the Police: The two main concerns appeared to be the amount people were drinking in the club together with being allowed in when they were already drunk and the problems of dispersal at the end of the evening. Other issues were the licence itself (the Police had an old licence with the wrong name on it) Staff Training, Drugs Policy and handling of drugs, and the numbers and training of the SIA door staff.

Evidence: The Police produced a list of incidences relating to the club starting with one in October 2015 the previous year and ending on the 28th May 2016. These were discussed and although Yvonne commented that it would be better if these issues had been raised at the various times when they had happened so she could fully investigate them she did acknowledge that calling Police to the venue to control difficult customers was adding to an already stretched Police Force and that anything that could be done to reduce this would be mutually advantageous.

Objectives: The objectives of the Police that were made clear at the meeting were:

1. Yvonne to provide an action plan to improve the control of people entering the club who might be already drunk. To ensure that those in the club did not get too drunk that they then became a problem.
2. Yvonne to provide details of how dispersal at the end of the evening may be done so that incidences of anti-social behaviour, noise etc. could be effectively reduced.
3. Yvonne to produce details of how drugs are handled, no of searches, storage and removal from the club.
4. Yvonne to produce details of door staff and how they operate including information relating to in-house training.
5. Sergeant Denham Vokins to obtain an up to date copy of the Trek Club Licence.

ACTION:

1. To immediately have a meeting with door and bar staff regarding the levels of intoxication of people entering and using the club. To stress vigilance at all times and to identify those people who should not come in or who once they are in and showing signs of getting drunk to ask them to stop drinking alcohol and if necessary to ask bar staff not to serve them further and if necessary to ask door staff to escort them out.
2. To discuss with the door staff, DJ and local SIA trainer Mr Alan Sidders (Monday a.m. 13th June 2016) about how we might disperse people at the end of the evening in a better manner.
3. To forward the Police a copy of her drugs policy.
4. To forward to the Police the duties, roles and responsibilities of the door staff.

Drunkenness.

Two separate meetings one with the bar staff and one with the door staff were held on Saturday 11th June 2016 before opening the club. (List of attendees attached but not signed off as email arrived before the meeting).

Bar staff: The bar staff were firstly reminded of the fire drill as that was already on the agenda. .

Secondly the meeting and the feelings of the Police were relayed to them. New DPS forms of authority were signed by those present and it was drawn to their attention that they were legally obliged to refuse to serve anyone who they think are drunk and that the penalty could be a fine. They were instructed that should anyone trying to purchase alcohol when drunk should be politely refused but an offer to serve them a non-alcoholic beverage or a free glass of water should be made but in all cases they must radio a doorman to point the person out. It would then be the responsibility of the doorman to monitor that they don't have another alcoholic drink and if necessary to ask them to leave.

Door staff: The door staff were then reminded of the fire drill.

They were then informed of the new bar staff protocol to be used and asked to remain extra vigilant with regard to drunkenness. They were also told to recommend non-alcoholic drinks to anyone showing any signs of drunkenness with the warning that should they drink anymore alcohol then they would be asked to leave and then to monitor this person through the evening to see they are being compliant.

They were also asked to make sure that no-one they considered drunk was allowed in to the venue.

The door staff were also informed that the Police were not happy with the amount of searching and that one in ten customers was not sufficient (notwithstanding anyone obviously known as a drug taker or dealer). It was agreed that more searching would be done when possible.

Dispersal.

A meeting with the two DJ's who worked over the weekend and subsequently with the Entertainments Manager devised that the DJ's would significantly alter the mood of the venue at the end of the evening by changing the music at 1.45 a.m. to much gentler music and to reduce the volume down so that people were more aware that the venue was about to close. They were told that when the main lights go on to request over the microphone that patrons leave quickly and quietly as a consideration to our neighbours.

It should be noted that one doorman on a Friday and two doormen on a Saturday are deployed at the front pedestrian gate to control the customers leaving. They are tasked with asking patrons to leave quietly and stopping people taking alcohol of the premises as well of course controlling any problems.

This has been highlighted as a particular problem by the Police and various solutions will be tried out.

Drugs Policy.

Our Drugs Policy is No Drugs. Notices are clear on the toilet doors and in the lobby.

CCTV. High definition cameras are placed in all areas where there is the likelihood of drugs being used the most common place being in the toilets where observation cameras spot deals in the main toilet area or people acting suspiciously in the cubicles. Most drug seizures are usually by these means.

Searching is a condition of entry and is written on the front wall of the club as one of the club rules.

Searching is the least effective means of drug control as customers know we search and searching is legally limited to above the skin (SIA strict rules) so they tend to hide it in their underwear. Increasing the searching will probably be ineffective.

With regard to weapons no more than five items which could be described as weapons have been found in 31 years.

Anyone caught with drugs on them is brought to the front lobby where they are searched. Drugs are evidence bagged and put in the front locked safe. ID is taken, photographed and put on 'What's app' which were then forwarded to members of Pubwatch with details of any drug seizure. The incident is written in the Incident Book. In almost all cases Police are called excepting when it is impossible to do it due to safety factors. If Police attend the drugs are handed to them and they sign for them. If they require CCTV that is downloaded and made available for collection. Often they take a copy with their body cams if they feel it is necessary. Other drugs together with fraudulently used ID's are dropped to the Police Station when the owner is able to do it. Hannah Rush has now said she will collect it when she works on a Friday evening.

Our cooperation with The Shore and the use of the 'What's App' has dramatically reduced the use of drugs in both venues.

SIA Staff

SIA Door Staff fall in two categories. Directly employed and contracted in.

It was queried at the meeting whether I was legally allowed to employ SIA staff directly as I didn't hold a Non-Frontline Licence. I have now confirmed with the SIA Trainer Alan Sidders of Marc One that as a holder of a full Front Line Door Licence I have every right to do this. I have also a Head Doorman's Certificate, Control and Restraint and Ground Control and Restraint qualifications. Comment has also been made about me Dual Rolling as the DPS but this is a small business open two night a week and four hours a night. I have a bar manager, a premises manager (who is my understudy when I'm not at the club) and a Head Doorman-all who have been with me for several years and I have virtually nothing to do with the bar when the club is open. As a Female Door Person I am able to carry out searches, diffuse arguments with authority and remove female persons in accordance with SIA training.

The Door Staff who are contracted in are from Marc One a highly respected contractor whose area manager is a trainer for the SIA and who has himself worked at the club and who has this year come in and given extra training to his and my staff over several weekends.

I have about 60-70 customers on a Friday for which I have three of my own door staff and myself until 1.a.m. when I then have one of the doormen from the Shore who joins us for our busy period and I have the same three door staff on Saturdays plus two from Marc One and both doormen from the Shore when they finish at 1.a.m for approximately two hundred customers. Far more than the bench practice of one per one hundred customers.

Deployment is usually one in the car park, one on the door with me and one inside on Fridays plus one floater and two on the door, two inside and the ones from the Shore as floaters on Saturdays. This combination is subject to change for any number of reasons-accident or sickness, car break down etc. Or rowdy group approaching the club-as seen by the CCTV- all door staff on the front door or groups that are barred, an influx of very young looking people and so on. Again it is a small business and flexibility is key.

Again all door staff are SIA trained. They know they have to patrol the club including the toilets. This is done every fifteen minutes and a log of this is kept on the front door. The doorman on the front door is

responsible for clicking people in and out for capacity control- again this is logged at regular intervals on a Security Sheet again at the front door. The doorman on the gate or in the car park does ID's.

As a member of Pubwatch I ensure my staff have the up to date list of barred people, the minutes of Pubwatch (including available photographs) and are fully versed as to who can and cannot come in.

As all my directly employed staff are local and know most of the customers, many by first names and therefore know who are likely to be involved with drugs and who are likely to be aggressive. This gives them a distinct advantage and this is why we are so often able to identify people using someone else's ID which we seize and hand to the Police.

With regard to training this is ongoing and all recommendations by Alan Sidders are considered. This has resulted in the purchase and trial of body cams as he has found them extremely effective for covering areas where there are no cameras and for recording conversations as well as obviously videoing any physical problems. It should be noted that Hannah did offer to try for funding for more cameras which was the only positive offer of any co-operation by the Police.

Conclusion.

I (Yvonne Newton-Turner) received this morning a 'Warning Letter' signed by PC Rush and PS Vokins detailing their requirements of my Dispersal Policy, SIA Deployment Plan, Staff Training and Increase of Searches which I hope I have supplied in enough detail.

The Trek Club is operated in accordance with all the guidelines issued by our Trade Organisation Noctis and in accordance with 'Safer Nightlife' approved by the BII, London Drug Policy Forum, NHS and the Home Office.

In the 31 years I have run the club I have been Chair of the Seaford Association of Licensees for a total of over 15 years. I have made every endeavour to run the club in a safe and responsible manner spending much of my time and money voluntarily carrying out these duties in order to make Seaford a safe and friendly place. I have this morning resigned from this position as I feel under a severe and imminent threat from the Police with regard to my license. It is now clear to me from the meeting and the subsequent email dated the 13th June 2016 that the Police are looking to find a way to reduce my licensing hours to 1.30a.m. As the business only trades from 10.45pm to 2.00 a.m. two nights a week this would put my business into a loss making situation which would force me ultimately in to bankruptcy and homelessness.

I fully intend to comply with the refusal of the admission of people who we believe to be drunk and to stop people getting drunk whilst at the Trek which seems to be the basis of the Police complaints and yes perhaps we were more focused on the control of drugs. However I am extremely disappointed by the way this has been handled by the Police and what I feel is there underlying objective to reduce the club's licensed hours and force the business in to closure. I thought the idea of Pubwatch was that it gave everyone the opportunity to discuss problems and find solutions but it would appear that the intention of the Police has been to stay away from meetings and to get ammunition for a challenge to my licence. This has now led to my immediate resignation as Chair of Pubwatch and because of the way the Police have conducted their assault on my business the total demise of this organisation.

If you require any further information or clarification of the above please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please note that a copy of all relevant information will if necessary be forwarded to Katy Bourne, The Police Crime Commissioner, Maria Caldwell Lewes MP and the legal team at the Federation of Small Businesses who I believe will take up any challenge to my licence.

Yvonne Newton-Turner Managing- Director and owner of the Trek Club

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NOTICE TO DJ's

You are requested to reduce
the tone and level of the music
at 1.45 a.m.

This is to calm the customers
down before leaving the club.

After putting the main lights
up could you please ask
customers to leave quickly and
quietly in consideration of the
neighbours.

Thank You

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NO DRUGS