

WITNESS STATEMENT

CCR# 2020-86896

Time 1750

Date 10/18/2020

Place 325 Washington St.

I, **Ptln. McKenna**, voluntarily, without threats or promises, make the following statements:

Q: What is your name?

A: Ptln. McKenna

Q: What is your date of birth?

A: N/A

Q: What is your present address?

A: N/A

Q: What is your occupation?

A: Police Officer

Q: What is your present phone number?

A: N/A

On 10/18/2020 at approximately 1750 hours, I was in the passenger seat of a marked patrol vehicle with Ptln. Mcparlin parked at the intersection of Bissell St. and Elmwood Ave. We were monitoring a large group of an estimated 200+ ATV's/dirt bikes traveling outbound on Elmwood Ave. towards the city of Cranston. As the group passed us, we then entered the intersection to take a left hand turn to turn inbound on Elmwood Ave. As we entered the intersection, I looked to my right to watch for incoming traffic so that we entered the inbound lanes safely. I then turned my head to the left and observed a lone operator on a moped style vehicle traveling towards our patrol vehicle. Ptln. Mcparlin then accelerated forward so that the moped would not strike our vehicle and we began travel inbound on Elmwood Ave., at which point I heard a loud noise consistent with a vehicle collision. We then turned our patrol vehicle around and observed that the moped was on the ground and the operator was on the ground. I exited my vehicle to assist at the scene.

I was compelled by order of Major Perez to complete this witness statement.

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I, **Ptln. McParlin**, voluntarily, without threats or promises, make the following statements:

Q: What is your name?

A: Ptln. McParlin

Q: What is your date of birth?

A: N/A

Q: What is your present address?

A: N/A

Q: What is your occupation?

A: Police Officer

Q: What is your present phone number?

A: N/A

On Sunday, October 18, 2020 at approximately 1750 hrs, I was parked with Ptln. McKenna in a fixed position of Elmwood Ave and Bissell St. During this time, several officers and dispatch had already advised that several dirt bikes and ATV's were causing a safety hazard on Elmwood Ave traveling outbound towards the City of Cranston. From my position, I observed a large group of an estimated 200+ dirt bikes and ATV's operating outbound on Elmwood Ave in a reckless manner without regard for the safety of other motorists. After the large group entered the City of Cranston from Elmwood Ave, I began to exit Bissell St turning left onto Elmwood Ave. It was at this point as I attempted to cross Elmwood Ave that I observed a moped to my left operating in an outbound direction at a high rate of speed directly towards my vehicle. Due to his reckless manner of operation, this caused me to slow down in case the operator of the moped operated in front of my vehicle, I could safely avoid a collision. Once I observed the operator of the moped begin /turning right towards the rear of my vehicle, I then accelerated forward going inbound on Elmwood Ave to avoid the moped from coming to collision with the rear of my marked police cruiser. Moments later, I heard a loud crash, at which point I turned around and observed both the moped and the operator on the ground. I then responded to that scene to render aid.

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B. McParlin #395

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I, **Ptln. Diaz**, voluntarily, without threats or promises, make the following statements:

Q: What is your name?

A: Patrolman Alex Diaz

Q: What is your date of birth?

A: N/A

Q: What is your present address?

A: N/A

Q: What is your occupation?

A: Police Officer

Q: What is your present phone number?

A: N/A

On Sunday, 10/18/2020 at approximately 1750 hours, I along with Patrolman Ferrerras was assigned to the Broad St Detail due to high volume of calls and complaints of illegal dirt bikes and ATV's in the area. During this time the dispatcher broadcasted a large group of ATV's and dirt bikes were recklessly driving in the eastside area. Due to the large number (estimated three hundred motorcycles and ATV's) all officers assigned to the Broad St Detail along with Districts, 1, 2, 3, 8, 9 were requested to the area of India Point Park to assist and disperse the large group. A few minutes later, the Dispatcher advised police the large group were now making their way to the south side (District 3) area. I observed approximately three hundred motorcycles, ATV's and dirt bikes driving recklessly outbound on Elmwood Avenue towards Cranston. I observed a number of these operators on the motorcycles, ATVs and dirt bikes overtaking vehicles on the road, traveling at high speeds on the sidewalks and in the opposite direction of travel creating dangerous driving conditions for other motor vehicles on the road and pedestrians on the sidewalks. While in my marked Police vehicle, I followed behind the large group in attempt to safely monitor their status. At the intersection of Elmwood Ave and Bissell St. Patrolman Ferrerras informed me stop my marked Police vehicle. I maneuvered my marked police cruiser over and assisted other officers who were on scene with a male subject who was involved in a possible collision. While on scene, I observed a male subject on the ground with other officers assisting him. I went back to my cruiser and positioned it to block off the road for safety and prevent any vehicles or pedestrians intervening with the investigation.

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I, **Patrolman Louis Ferreras**, voluntarily, without threats or promises, make the following statements:

Q: What is your name?

A: Patrolman Louis Ferreras

Q: What is your date of birth?

A: N/A

Q: What is your present address?

A: N/A

Q: What is your occupation?

A: Police Officer

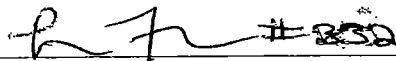
Q: What is your present phone number?

A: N/A

On Sunday, 10/18/2020 at approximately 1750 hours, I along with Patrolman A Diaz was assigned to the Broad St Detail due to assist with high volume of calls and complaints of illegal motorcycles, dirt bikes and ATV's in the area. During my shift the dispatcher broadcasted that a large group (approximately hundreds) of motorcycles, ATV's and dirt bikes were recklessly driving around the eastside area. At this time all officers assigned to the Broad St Detail along with Districts, 1, 2, 3, 8, 9 were requested to the area to assist and disperse the large group. As police were arriving to the area I observed hundreds from the large group dispersing in different directions in to the city. Moments later the dispatcher advised police the large group were now making their way to the south side (District 3) area. While arriving in the area of Elmwood Avenue I observed approximately three hundred of motorcycles, ATV's and dirt bikes driving recklessly outbound on Elmwood Avenue towards Cranston. I observed a number of these operators on the motorcycles, ATVs and dirt bikes displaying profanities towards police and recall hearing one of them saying "come earn your pay." From my observations many of these operators created a hostile environment and had no regard for human life. As these operators in the large group were overtaking vehicles on the road, traveling at high speeds on the sidewalks and in the opposite direction of travel I observed these behaviors almost cause numerous possible accidents. While in a marked Police vehicle, Patrolman Diaz (driver) and I followed behind the large group in attempt to safely monitor their status and attempt to prevent any vehicles from coming in to collision with large group from behind. I activated the overhead lights for the safety of the large group while assisting officers and to also make other drivers on the road aware of our presence due to the dangerous situation the large group was creating. At the intersection of Elmwood Ave and Bissell St. I informed Patrolman A. Diaz stop the cruiser as I observed through the passenger side rearview an operator of a black Moped make a hard right on to Bissell St. I observed numerous officers also making their way to Bissell St. Once I made it to Elmwood Avenue and Bissell St I observed a male subject on the ground with other officers assisting him. I observed that the male subject's legs were caught underneath the Moped so assisted in removing the Moped from on top of him.

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I, **Carly Cabral**, voluntarily, without threats or promises, make the following statements:

Q: What is your name?

A: Carly Cabral

Q: What is your date of birth?

A: N/A

Q: What is your present address?

A: 325 Washington Street

Q: What is your occupation?

A: Police Officer

Q: What is your present phone number?

A: 401-272-3121

On Sunday 10/18/2020, I was assigned to the Broad Street detail (Broad Street 3). I was the operator of Plate 176 and was riding in a doubled capacity with Patrolwoman Caba. The Broad Street details were dispatched to numerous locations throughout the city to disperse an influx of illegal motorcycles and off road vehicles. At approximately 1750 hours I was operating my marked cruiser outbound on Elmwood Avenue with additional cars from the Broad Street Detail monitoring a large amount of motorcycles and ATVs in an attempt to escort them out of the city. I observed numerous off road vehicles operating in a reckless manner, changing lanes without turn signals, turning into oncoming traffic, and maneuvering in front of passenger cars. As I approached the area of Bissell Street I observed a marked cruiser in front of mine and a black moped with an unidentified male operator take an abrupt right turn onto Bissell Street before mounting a curb and losing control of his moped. At this time I exited my marked cruiser and attempted to check on the operator's status while with another officer was able to lift the moped off the operator.

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I, **Yesenia caba**, voluntarily, without threats or promises, make the following statements:

Q: What is your name?

A: Yesenia

Q: What is your date of birth?

A: NA

Q: What is your present address?

A: 325 Washington St

Q: What is your occupation?

A: Police Officer

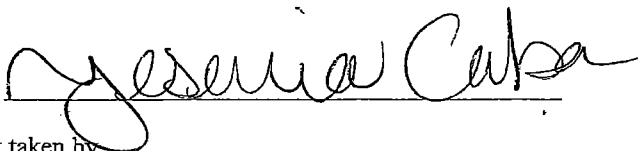
Q: What is your present phone number?

A: 401-272-3121

On Sunday 10/18/2020, I was assigned to the Broad Street detail (Broad Street 3). I was in the front passenger seat of Plate 176 and was riding in a doubled capacity with Patrolwoman Cabral. The Broad Street details were dispatched to numerous locations throughout the city to disperse an influx of illegal motorcycles and off road vehicles. At approximately 1750 hours, Patrolwoman Cabral and I were traveling outbound on Elmwood Avenue along with other marked units from the Broad Street Detail monitoring a large amount of motorcycles and ATVs in an attempt to escort them out of the city. I observed numerous off road vehicles operating in a reckless manner, changing lanes without turn signals, turning into oncoming traffic, and maneuvering in front of passenger cars. As we approached the area of Bissell Street I observed a black moped and an unidentified male operator take an abrupt right turn onto Bissell Street and mount a curb where the operator came to an apparent stop. I then observed another marked cruiser in front of ours come to a stop behind the moped, at this time I observed a clearly marked and unobstructed stop sign fall on top of the operator of the moped. I then exited my marked cruiser and observed the unidentified operator lying on the ground; I immediately attempted to check on his status and advised dispatch to summon a rescue.

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