

Miller, Gary

From: Hercock, Kevin
Sent: 22 April 2010 07:32
To: Miller, Gary
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Glade Festival 2009

Gary,

I have been asked to make you aware of some points of concern following last years music festival.

I attended the Glade Festival from the Thursday afternoon to Sunday evening, I was the driver of the prison van transporting people from the site to Winchester Police Station.

On arrival we were briefed that the organisers did not want police in the venue (the bowl), this was of concern to me as I believe that integration between the public and the police normally prevents issues before they have started. It also gave the feel that persons within this area were exempt from any laws and were free to behave in any manner.

The compound was not secure and there were frequently people wandering through the site, the condition of the access to the compound was awful. Police Vehicles were getting stuck and the limited parking would have become an issue should we have required a FCP if a major incident plan was put into place.

There were limited suitable access routes into the bowl, that would have made the evacuation of casualties difficult.

The security company employed were friendly and appeared competent, however the car park marshals and safety stewards were far from helpful. They appeared not to have been briefed in their role and were unable to provide even the most basic directions to allow people to get about the site. I believe these persons were unpaid, however received a free ticket. The people were often under the influence of drink or drugs, this fuelled with their lack of sleep would have rendered them useless in an emergency.

In relation to how this event was policed, I think it was minimal and relied on nothing going wrong. I fully understand that there are cost implications and these are not fully met by the organiser, however we police clubs with a capacity of 150 with a lates plus shift but the thousands at this venue were police with only a few more [REDACTED]

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The area of most concern which in my opinion highlighted the total disregard for the police, was the fact the person serving the hot food in the police tent was under the influence of drugs. The physical signs were present however there was no smell of alcohol. This was the same throughout the weekend.

Submitted for your consideration.

Kevin Hercock

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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: Michael Andrew Dassow
Age if under 18: 021 (if over 18 insert 'over 18')
Occupation: Police Sergeant 2343
URN: | | |

This statement (consisting of 1 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 willfully stated in it anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature: [Redacted] Date: 20/04/2009
Michael Andrew Dassow

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

Between 16 and 19 July 2009 I was on day duty as a logistics Sergeant at the glade Festival Matterley Bowl Nr. Winchester.
I was there on each day but remained within the command compound.

On one occasion I saw a male wandering around the compound. He was obviously a festival patron aged approx 23 and heavily intoxicated. I have a limited sense of smell and could not tell if this was from drink. He was staggering and slurred when I spoke to him. The male was looking for a lost green bag. I told him to report it to the desk inside the festival and pointed him down the hill to the gate. The male then attempted to walk past me in the opposite direction. I stopped him and told him to walk downhill towards the gate, he agreed then tried to walk up the fairly steep hill. I then ushered him towards the gate where a steward showed him through.
On speaking to security they were aware of the male and the green bag.
I had no other contact with the festival-goers.

M.Dassow PS 2343

Signature: [Redacted] Signature witnessed by:

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