

Botanica bathroom trasher says video has 'destroyed her life'



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The woman at the centre of the infamous Botanica Bar and Bistro video says she's now living a nightmare after footage of her and a group of friends trashing a pub bathroom went viral on Tuesday.

In an interview with Nine News Perth the 23-year-old woman, who did not want to be named, said she had been swamped with abuse - even death threats.

"I've just been completely humiliated by the whole of Australia... it's spread everywhere so quickly," she said.



Perth lawyer John Hammond says no legal action should be taken against woman who filmed "girls gone wild" video. *Photo: Facebook*

"The death threats, being compared to ISIS, being told I'm actually worse than ISIS."

The woman, who is seen dancing with a bin on her head in the video clip, apologised for her actions but claimed she was not aware she was being recorded and is considering legal action against the person who filmed it.

"I'm pretty sure we've all done something behind closed doors that we would not wish anyone to see," she said.

"You don't know how this can affect someone's life.

"It's completely destroyed mine and the other girls' [lives] – don't sell someone else's life for a little bit of fame."

The person who recorded the incident, however, told WA today the women knew she was there and even played up for the camera.

The video, which emerged on Monday, shows a group of four girls stumbling around a bathroom covered in unrolled toilet paper - as one puts a bin on her head and dances suggestively.

By Wednesday evening, the footage had been viewed online more than 250,000 times.

Botanica venue manager Brodie Sherring said they had already identified the girls in the video and banned them.

"We do know who they are, and we have the facilities to place bans. We have everyone's ID's so we have the ability to ban them," he said.

"It's a pretty rare occurrence that stuff sort of happens to that extent - and the fact that it was caught on camera too.

Commenters were not amused with the drunken display, which according to those at the pub, happened around 9.30pm.

"This is not funny - it's appalling that young women getting so drunk and creating havoc is considered amusing. It's sad!" one said.

Others have expressed their sympathy at the recording.

"Oh man, this is why I'm glad iPhones weren't around back in our loose days," another commented.

Mr Sherring said they had security covering the whole venue.

"It'll be interesting to see what happens on Sunday - I think everyone who comes here regularly would've seen the video by now," he said.

"I think we'll probably spend a little more time in and out of the bathrooms in terms of security just to make sure that nothing else happens."

Mr Sherring added that some regulars had been in contact with him personally, as the video had upset them.

"A lot of them feel a sort of ownership to the place, and after they saw that they felt a little angry that someone would bring the reputation of the place down a little bit like this.

"It's the ones who are pretty loyal to the place - and that's most of our crowd on a Sunday - and these girls who are in the videos were not here every week from what I've heard."

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