

**WITNESS STATEMENT**

*(Criminal Procedure Rules, r. 16.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9)*

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Statement of Jodie KEAN .....

Age if under 18 Over 18.... (If over 18 insert "over 18") Occupation: Police Sergeant 2030.....

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 J Kean (witness).....Date: 26/4/2022.....

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

I am a Police Sergeant in South Yorkshire Police currently stationed at Barnsley police station, Churchfields, Barnsley. On Saturday 23<sup>th</sup> April 2022 I was on duty working on a public order van under the call sign BP1.

At 02:07 hours on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2022 we received information that there may be four underage males drinking in The Sugar Club on Pitt Street, Barnsley. At 02:19 hours I approached the door of The Sugar club in company with PC 1584 WRIGHT, PC 1639 GRANGE, PC 755 CRESSEY and PC 194 BINNS. As we walked into the venue, I was met by the Designated Premises Supervisor, Vlad SERCIUC. I had met SERCIUC the previous evening when we completed a premise check on the venue.

SERCIUC was angry that a second check was being completed on the premises. He was gesticulating and shouting something I could not hear due to the loud music inside the venue. As officers continued to complete a search of The Sugar Club for the underage males who had been reported to be inside, I spoke to SERCIUC and explained that we had received a call reporting that there were underage people drinking inside the venue. SERCIUC was clearly disgruntled and was shouting over the top of me, telling me that we were ruining the business and that we were scaring away all the customers.

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SERCIUC then appeared to calm down as I explained that we had received the report and had a duty to investigate. No underage males were located in The Sugar Club so I directed the officers to leave. As we were at the door leaving the premises SERCIUC was shouting that he wanted all collar numbers and names of Officers who had been inside. I provided the information to him. He was again, clearly unhappy that Police were in attendance and stated that he would make a complaint. He said he wanted no more than four officers in total when completing licensing checks. He claimed that police were affecting the business as we were 'SCARING AWAY CUSTOMERS'. He was questioning why there were so many officers and why we had returned for a second time.

Throughout this incident I would describe SERCIUC as being angry and difficult. He did not prevent us entering the venue, but he was visibly disgruntled. His actions could clearly be seen by members of the public and staff in and outside of The Sugar Club.

Signature: J Kean ..... Signature Witnessed by: .....