

WITNESS STATEMENT

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

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Statement of Christopher PHILLIPS

Age if under 18 Over 18.... (If over 18 insert "over 18") Occupation: Police Sergeant 576.....

This statement (consisting of 4 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 C.PHILLIPS (witness) Date:29/09/2022.

Statement commenced at 09:22hrs, 29/09/2022.

I am a Police Sergeant in The South Yorkshire Police currently based at Barnsley Police Station, South Yorkshire. My current role is as a Duty Sergeant attached to Rota B, within a Response policing function.

At 00:45hrs on the morning of Saturday 11th June 2022, I was on duty in full Police uniform engaged on mobile public order patrol in Barnsley town centre on Wellington Street, Barnsley. Part of my duties on that evening included foot patrol and visiting licenced premises in the town centre to ensure compliance with licence conditions.

In order to manage night time economy, specifically licenced premises in Barnsley. A rolling police operation takes place each weekend, known locally as Operation Street Safe. Part of the operations function involves checking licenced premises licensing conditions contained within a briefing document, which is briefed out to Police officers engaged on patrol in the evenings over the weekend.

The premises checked are varied and change on a weekly basis and can change due to specific sporting or bank holiday events.

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The briefing document used as part of operation Street Safe usually lists the licensing condition for each premises where a visit is required. Once the licensing check is complete, any breaches are documented within the operation document, which is monitored by Police Licensing Officers and uploaded to relevant licensing software, known as 'Inn Keeper'.

At the time and date specified above, I had cause to visit The Sugar Club, 7 Pitt Street, Barnsley, S70 1AL for one such licensing check.

Upon arrival at the premises, I saw and spoke initially to the door supervisor working at the club, who identified himself to me as [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] initially stated that the DPS was not available due to dealing with a matter within the club. However, after just a few minutes a second male emerged from the club who identified himself to me as DPS Thomas Lee WHITE and produced BMBC badge number 095433.

I checked inside the premises and only a few customers within the premises, three in total. External seating area to the left of the front door contained approximately four others. All customers appeared of age.

I went through the list of licensing conditions with the DPS and noted two breaches. The first relating to them not displaying the violent incident protocol. The DPS stating that they had discussed this with the Licensing Officer Kirsty GREEN and that she was aware.

The second being the lack of an ID scanner. The DPS stated that the laptop required to run the software was broken and was due to be replaced the following day.

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These breaches were recorded on the Operation Street Safe document and uploaded upon my return to the station.

At 00:02hrs on Sunday the 12th June 2022, I was again on duty in full Police uniform engaged on mobile public order patrol in Barnsley town centre on Wellington Street, Barnsley house. Part of my duties on that evening included foot patrol and visiting licenced premises in the town centre to ensure compliance with licence conditions.

At the time and date specified above, I had cause to visit The Sugar Club, 7 Pitt Street, Barnsley, S70 1AL for one such licensing check.

Upon arrival at the premises, I saw and spoke initially to the door supervisor working at the club, who identified himself to me as [REDACTED]. Also present was the DPS Thomas Lee WHITE who produced BMBC badge number 095433.

Again, I went through the list of licensing conditions with the DPS and noted two breaches. The first relating to them not displaying the violent incident protocol as discussed the previous evening.

The second being the lack of an ID scanner. Again, the DPS stated that the laptop required to run the software was still broken and that they intended to discuss this with the Licensing Officer Kirsty Green on Monday morning as they had a meeting scheduled with her.

These breaches were recorded on the Operation Street Safe document and uploaded upon my return to the station.

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At 00:20hrs on Saturday the 2nd July 2022, I was again on duty in full Police uniform engaged on mobile public order patrol in Barnsley town centre on Wellington Street, Barnsley house. Part of my duties on that evening included foot patrol and visiting licenced premises in the town centre to ensure compliance with licence conditions.

At the time and date specified above, I had cause to visit The Sugar Club, 7 Pitt Street, Barnsley, S70 1AL for one such licensing check.

Upon arrival at the premises, I saw and spoke initially to the door supervisor working at the club, who identified himself to me as [REDACTED] stated that the DPS was unavailable to speak with me due to being busy with tasks inside the club.

I went through the list of licensing conditions with the [REDACTED] and noted a breach relating to the lack of an ID scanner.

These breaches were recorded on the Operation Street Safe document and uploaded upon my return to the station.

Statement concluded at 10:06hrs 29/09/2022.

Signature: C.PHILLIPS..... Signature Witnessed by: