

WITNESS STATEMENT

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

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Statement of Benjamin JOHNSTON .....

Age if under 18 Over 18 .... (If over 18 insert "over 18") Occupation: Police Officer PC 2683 .....

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 wilfully stated in it, anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature .. B. Johnston 2683 ..... (witness) Date: 29/11/2022

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

I am a Police Constable in South Yorkshire Police. I was stationed at Barnsley Police Station on D Group Response from August 2020 to September 2022.

On 9th JULY 2022 I was on duty in full uniform in a marked police vehicle. I was tasked with conducting patrols within Barnsley Town Centre to manage the night-time economy.

As part of these patrols, we regularly conduct licensing checks by speaking to door staff, bar staff, and license holders of pubs and clubs.

On 9th JULY at approximately 00:34 hours I attended THE SUGAR CLUB on PITT STREET, BARNLSLEY. There was one member of security staff working on the door. This man identified himself as [REDACTED] and provided me with the Security Industry Authority number # [REDACTED] with an expiry date of 04.03.2023.

There were no other security staff present. This man had an ID scanner at the front entrance. This was functional.

I asked to see the manager and/or license holder and after a few minutes a man arrived from another premises. He identified himself as Tommy WHITE. WHITE presented premises license number 068586. He did not have his personal license with him, but instead showed me a photograph of his personal license number 095433. He took me to an office behind the bar and showed me the CCTV system. I can confirm that this was in full-colour. Mr WHITE then demonstrated that this system was capable of playback and stated that all footage was saved for 38 days.

I now cannot remember if I had my Body Worn Video camera turned on or not. However there is no footage saved on SYP DEMS. This footage may have been deleted after 3 months, in line with force policy.

I logged all of this information onto our "Street Safe" Document, and played no further part in the matter.

Signature: BJohnston ..... Signature Witnessed by: .....