

WITNESS STATEMENT

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

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Statement of Catherine Simpson

Age if under 18 Over 18 (If over 18 insert "over 18") Occupation: Detective Constable 2389

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  (witness) Date: 21/09/2022..

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

I am a Detective Constable in the South Yorkshire Police Service currently stationed at Barnsley.



On Friday 29th July 2022, I was on duty when I phoned Ashley STOCKTON on a mobile number ending 5994. I have asked Ashley if I can view and download some CCTV footage from The Sugar Club, 7 Pitt Street, Barnsley, S70 1AL following an incident I was investigating that took place on Sunday 24th July 2022. I had searched the police systems to establish the owner and contact details for the premises, this showed to be Ashley STOCKTON.

The conversation was brief, but I arranged to attend The Sugar Club on Wednesday 3rd August 2022. I understood I would be meeting a male called 'Tommy' to be able to view and download the CCTV footage.

At 9pm on Wednesday 3rd August 2022, I was on duty when I attended to The Sugar Club. There I met a male who introduced himself as 'Tommy' and the Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) for the premises. I assumed this to be Thomas WHITE who I knew to be the DPS at the time of attending.

When I attended the premises, the CCTV system was situated behind the bar area in a side room/cupboard. Tommy showed me a live screen that was playing the CCTV on. Tommy was only able to playback the incident I was requesting to view and download. Tommy stated that he had no knowledge of how to download the footage, and previously when officers attended they had done this themselves.

Tommy stated it was a newly installed system and this was the reason he did not know how to download it. I subsequently made further arrangements to re attend on Sunday 7th August 2022.

At 2000hrs on Sunday 7th August 2022, I re-attended to The Sugar Club in company with CCTV officers  and  from the Imaging Unit. On arrival to the premises, it was closed from the outside, due to open at 2100hrs. There were no door staff present, and the entrance door was closed. I was greeted by two members of staff (names not known) and shown to the CCTV unit. The staff were not aware I had made arrangements with Tommy to re-attend. Staff advised that Tommy was no longer the

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DPS and a new person was due to take over the role, though they were unable to provide the details of who this was.

Inside, was a DJ playing music loudly, and at least 4 other adult males and females sat near the DJ at a table, drinking what I assumed to be alcohol, though no alcohol was being served from the bar. This group then left within half an hour of my arrival, and the premises opened shortly after 2200hrs.

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