

WITNESS STATEMENT

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

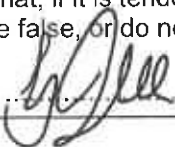
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Statement of T/PS 2948 GARETH LEE

Age if under 18 Over 18.... (If over 18 insert "over 18") Occupation: POLICE OFFICER

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: 04/11/22

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

I am a Temporary Police Sergeant in the South Yorkshire Police, currently based at Churchfields Police Station, Barnsley.

On Friday 2nd September 2022, I was on duty in full police uniform, working a 1700x0300 shift. As part of this duty, I was on mobile patrol as part of a public order van. The main duties for the van were to police the night-time economy and conduct licensing checks with pubs and clubs in the town centre.

One of the locations to visit to carry out checks was Sugar Club, Pitt Street, Barnsley, which is subject to a number of licence conditions.

Some of the licence conditions are –

- Recognised ID scanner linked up to a central working data base. An ID scanner will be used at all times when security staff are employed. Images to be kept for 31 days and shall be downloaded and made available to South Yorkshire Police and authorised officers of the council upon request.
- To be part of the town centre radio scheme and acquire a suitable number of radios sets for the premise
- Security staff to be employed from 19:00, with an additional guard from 22:00 on both Friday and Saturday nights, in addition to an overriding risk assessment. Should the venue open prior to 19:00 a full assessment will be completed for the use of security staff.

Signature:  Signature Witnessed by:

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At 2340 hours on the above date, I attended Sugar Club and noted there were two members of door staff on duty. They were [redacted] and [redacted]. They both displayed SIA licence badges. Upon speaking with the security staff, they could not provide details as to the number of patrons inside and when I queried the use of the ID scanner and the Town Centre CCTV radio system, they could not furnish me with much information other than neither of them were working.

I then spoke to the Designated Premises Supervisor who confirmed that both the scanner and radio were not working and hadn't been for the whole evening. The DPS handed me the radio and this was switched off and had a flat battery. The DPS assured me that both systems would be fully operational upon a return visit later that evening.

I then liaised with the Town Centre CCTV operator who confirmed that Sugar Club was not a club that was listed as having radio communications with them.

I documented this information on the Op Street Safe document at the time of attendance.

Signature:  Signature Witnessed by: