

## WITNESS STATEMENT

(Criminal Procedure Rules, r 16. 2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9)

Statement of: Adam Craven

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Age (if under 18): N/A

Occupation: Police Officer

I am a Police Constable within South Yorkshire Police currently stationed at Barnsley Police Station.

On Sunday 20th November at 01:23hrs, I was on duty in full Police uniform on mobile patrol in a marked Police van conducting patrols of the night time economy within Barnsley Town Centre. At this time, myself and my colleagues PC 669 SANDHU, PC 3698 POLLARD and PC 1584 WRIGHT attended at The Sugar Club bar, Pitt Street Barnsley Town Centre to conduct a licensing check.

One member of security staff was present directly outside of the front entrance to the club, that a male who provided his details to PC POLLARD as a [REDACTED] confirmed that another member of security staff was present within the club, that a [REDACTED] PC POLLARD remained outside of the clubs entrance recording [REDACTED] and the licensee Anna HARPERS details whilst PC SANDHU and I entered the venue.

There were no more than 10 persons present inside the venue, some of those seated and others stood near to a bar beside the venues entrance. None of the customers present within the venue were underage.

As PC SANDHU and I made our way through the venue, we entered the male toilets in which were no persons were present. Within the single toilet cubicle on the floor beside the toilet basin, I observed 3 small clear re-sealable empty plastic bags which are typically used to store controlled drugs.

PC SANDHU and I then made our way out of the males toilets and out of the rear door of the club, that leading into the venues smoking area. On the ground within the smoking area near to the venues rear door PC SANDHU located another small clear re-sealable plastic bag which contained a small quantity of white powder. PC SANDHU seized the plastic bag which he later booked onto the property system at Barnsley Police Station.

As PC SANDHU and I made our way back inside the venue via the rear door, I observed another small clear re-sealable plastic bag which was empty on the floor beside the boxing machine.

Prior to leaving the venue, PC POLLARD reviewed the clubs CCTV system with HARPER and confirmed that it was operating correctly as per the licence requirements. PC POLLARD further confirmed that the venues ID scanner was in operation and working.

As I left the venue at the conclusion of the licensing check I spoke with PC POLLARD who informed me that [REDACTED] was wearing a body worn video camera as per the licensing requirements but that [REDACTED] was not wearing a camera. PC POLLARD

informed me that HARPER had stated that when more than one member of door security is working at the venue only one of them is required to wear a body worn video camera.

This statement 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 of Witness:



Date: 30-11-2022