

WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27. 2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B

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Statement of: PC Ian Clements 2362AS

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.

Witness Signature: Date: 26/03/2024

I have been a Police constable for over 30 years, I have been a Police licensing officer for Southwark for over 16 years.

The following is submitted in support of my representation with regard to the Temporary Event Notice given by Mr Lue Kong Gil for 30th March to 1st April 2024 Ref 2195000.

On the 24th January 2024 I attended the venue to view CCTV footage in relation to a serious sexual assault inside the premises on the 2nd January 2024. It became apparent that the CCTV was not working and no footage had been recorded since the 18th December 2023. It was explained to me that there had been a water leak at the venue which had damaged the CCTV and was no longer working.

On the 3rd January 2024 I received an email from Mr George Omah the DPS from club 701. The email concerned an incident inside of Kent Lounge on the 1st January 2024. A Champagne bottle had been thrown on the dancefloor hitting a female in the head, The Police and LAS had been called and attended. Mr Omah goes on to state that he had shown the CCTV footage to officers.

I am now concerned that either the CCTV was not working or recording on the 1st January or the footage of the incident I was investigating had been altered or deleted.

Either way, this gives me serious cause for concern as to the operation of this premises by the current premises licence holder Mr Eric Doe. This also gives me cause for concern that any further operation of the premises under its premises licence or Temporary Event Notice would undermine the licensing objectives. In particular the prevention of crime and disorder. I recommend a counter notice is served and this notice cancelled.

Witness Signature:

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