

**WITNESS STATEMENT**

CJ Act 1967, s.9; MC Act 1980, ss.5A(3)(a) and 5B; Criminal Procedure Rules 2005, Rule 27.1

Statement of **Jay SMITH** ..... URN: 

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Age if under 18 **Over 18** ..... (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: **Police Officer 205034**.....

This statement (consisting of: .... **1**..... pages 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 anything in it which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature: ..... Date: .....

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

On Wednesday the 06th of February 2013 I was on duty in Plain clothes in company with PC 171HT MUSSON and PC 448HT HOLLAND. At around 1350 hours I attended The Rhythm factory 16-18 Whitechapel Road E1 1EW. I spoke to the manager a Stuart T07940 930387 who agreed to show us around the club. Our conversation was based around the fact that over the last two (2) weeks there had been a significant rise in thefts from the venue. Stuart agreed that customers from the club had been calling on a Monday morning saying they had lost or had their mobile phones stolen while in the club. I asked Stuart about the security procedures on the door while the club is open, he gave me the details of the security manager as he could give me a detailed description of what happens, Dishaun (Security).

While walking through the club a few concerns were raised around the design and set up of the venue. The club is accessed through a front door via the street. The first room is used as a coffee shop during the day and is emptied out when the club is open. You then go to the back of this room to a corridor which leads into the first of two (2) club rooms. This corridor is poorly lit and has various staff only doors leading to offices upstairs. As you enter the first room there is a bar to the left and a stage to the right. The whole room is painted black with street art on various walls. The only seating I could see were a few scattered worn leather sofas pushed up against the walls. To the rear of this room was a double door leading to a very small corridor only big enough for around six (6) persons. This is pitch black and has a few hiding points which could be a very good vantage point for dippers. This small corridor then leads into a smaller club room, consisting of a smaller bar and stage with seating of the same standard of the first.

My concerns are that most of the club is poorly lit in vulnerable areas, there is inadequate seating supplied for the customers and I could not see a cloak room for the safe and secure storage of personal items. In addition to this there was one (1) A4 sized poster offering crime prevention on the front door. This is insufficient given the current level of crime being reported at the venue.

Signature: ..... Signature witnessed by: .....

**Witness contact details**

Home address: .....  
..... Postcode: .....  
Home telephone number ..... Work telephone number .....  
Mobile/pager number ..... Email address: .....  
Preferred means of contact: .....  
Male / Female (delete as applicable) Date and place of birth: .....  
Former name: ..... Ethnicity Code (16+1): ..... Religion/belief: .....

**Dates of witness non-availability** .....  
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**Witness care**

- a) Is the witness willing and likely to attend court? Yes / No. If 'No', include reason(s) on **MG6**.
- b) What can be done to ensure attendance?
- c) Does the witness require a Special Measures Assessment as a vulnerable or intimidated witness? Yes / No. If 'Yes' submit **MG2** with file.
- d) Does the witness have any specific care needs? Yes / No. If 'Yes' what are they? (Disability, healthcare, childcare, transport, , language difficulties, visually impaired, restricted mobility or other concerns?)

**Witness Consent (for witness completion)**

- a) The criminal justice process and Victim Personal Statement scheme (victims only) has been explained to me Yes  No
- b) I have been given the Victim Personal Statement leaflet Yes  No
- c) I have been given the leaflet 'Giving a witness statement to police — what happens next?' Yes  No
- d) I consent to police having access to my medical record(s) in relation to this matter: (obtained in accordance with local practice) Yes  No  N/A
- e) I consent to my medical record in relation to this matter being disclosed to the defence: Yes  No  N/A
- f) I consent to the statement being disclosed for the purposes of civil proceedings e.g. child care proceedings, CICA Yes  No
- g) The information recorded above will be disclosed to the Witness Service so they can offer help and support, unless you ask them not to. Tick this box to decline their services:

Signature of witness: ..... Print name: .....  
Signature of parent/guardian/appropriate adult: ..... Print name: .....  
Address and telephone number if different from above: .....

Statement taken by (print name): **PC185HT 205034 SMITH** ..... Station: **LIMEHOUSE** .....

Time and place statement taken: .....