

**OFFICIAL****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: **James WILLIAMS**Age if under 18: **O18** (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: **Police Officer 11187**

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: **James Williams**Date: **28/07/2021**Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded  (*supply witness details on rear*)

On Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> of September 2020, I was on duty in full uniform conducting licensing checks in Maidstone Town Centre. Around 00:15hrs I attended Century Club, Lower Stone Street to see if there was any music events or breaches in Coronavirus Legislation. On my arrival there were a number of males and females queuing outside the venue. The venue had loud music and lights emitting from inside as if it was a nightclub.

I engaged door staff to see if Miss LOCATELLI was available to speak to me. My observation was due to how loud it was she was unable to hear what door staff were saying to her. I entered the venue and it was clear that there was no social distancing and no Coronavirus Legislation was being adhered to. Members of the public were everywhere, dancing and drinking as if there was no pandemic. I located Miss LOCATELLI near the bar and informed her that it was in their interest to turn the music down and start clearing members of the public as it was a clear breach of Coronavirus Legislation. A short time later the venue began to clear and whilst I was out the front residents from the street appeared and expressed their disgust of the venue. Whilst engaging the residents, all parties including customers and staff became very heated with various insults being thrown at one another. I took the residents back to their residence to prevent any offences being committed. The residents expressed

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concerns about the customers gathering outside the venue, being a general nuisance, shouting, swearing and disrupting their sleep during the early hours of the morning. Also, the street being used as a private car park for the venue's customers. I explained to the residents to keep a record and report to Police and the Local Authority any further incidents.

Signature **James Williams**

Signature witnessed by