

Sussex Police Exhibit 12 – SIA Manager’s statement

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RESTRICTED (when complete)**WITNESS STATEMENT**

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

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Statement of: [REDACTED]Age if under 18: Over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: Area Manager

This statement (consisting of 1 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: _____ Date _____

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

I am the Area Manager for Marc-One Security. I have worked for this company on and off for the last 18 years. I returned in June 2019.

Part of my role is to ensure a venue has Security and that it runs smoothly. I ensure that the correct staff are used for the type of venue and change the staff if necessary.

The company has staff currently working at The Devonshire, Bexhill on sea. I am aware from our staff at this venue that they are being overruled by the manager called Artur. For example customers are queueing outside of the venue waiting to be allowed in. People entering after 11 pm are searched. Certain people arrive and make a phone call, Artur then comes outside and allows these persons inside and no searches of them takes place. This causes issues for my staff as it annoys the people outside queueing. My staff have also removed a drunken male from inside The Devonshire, but overruled by Artur who allows the drunken male back in again. I am aware that the premise should only be allowing 75 persons inside. My staff are informing me that Artur is allowing in 150 to 200 persons.

My staff are trying to do their job correctly but seem to be undermined by Artur.

Myself and Marc-One security owner have had a meeting with Artur and explained that 3 door staff are required as 2 cannot cope with the number of entrances and exits he is currently using. Artur claimed that he could not afford this.

Since another violent incident where Artur closed the venue that evening. He has now requested 3 door staff.

I have decided to change the staff we currently use at The Devonshire and I will place an older and more experienced team who will not be undermined by Artur.

Signature: _____ Signature witnessed by: _____

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