Sussex Police Exhibit 13 – SIA guard (1) statement

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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: Door Supervisor

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 employed by Marc-One Security as a door supervisor. I have worked for this company since New Year's Eve 2018 and a door supervisor at The Devonshire, Bexhill on sea from then.

The Manager of The Devonshire I know as Artur allows only certain friends in, queue jumping those who had been waiting outside. He makes more room inside the bar area even when it is already full. The customers outside get angry about this and we have to deal with them. The guests that Artur let in are not searched and I am told that he will deal with them. Artur makes sure that we have no involvement with these guest who I would say are from the same country as Artur either Albania or Lithuania as they have the same accent as him. Artur is are extremely close to these guest and seem like family.

Artur allows locals to jump the queue who he knows and comes to the door to allow people in even the though the premise is full. I have pointed this out to him multiple times and explained how he could lose his Licence.

Another time when I was undermined was when I refused the entry of a drunk male who I knew spends a lot of money at The Devonshire. Artur shut us down allowing this male in. This male was already aggressive holding a bottle of champagne and calling anyone coming near to him a 'CUNT'. I warned this male but was told by his friends to leave him alone. The friends of this male are known to Artur.

During an incident where there was glass and blood on the floor, Artur was found by Police clearing this crime scene up. I and a colleague were later told we were to blame and that he would stop using our company to provide door security.

Signature: Signature witnessed by:

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