

Sussex Police Exhibit 14 – SIA guard (2) 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: _____

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 Maro-One Security as a door supervisor. I have worked for this company since November 2019. I have been a door supervisor at The Devonshire, Bexhill on sea since 28th February 2020.

The owner of The Devonshire is Artur KAPLLANI.

Since the COVID 19 restrictions, I and my colleague try to limit the numbers of person inside to the new maximum of 75. Artur over rules this when he hears and sees people asking for him and tells us to let them in. Artur also brings in tables from outside to up the seat capacity inside and brings in extra chairs from the disabled toilet which is used more as a store room. Artur intervenes and always tells us to allow more in and this happens all the time with the numbers inside being over 75 to about 110.

We do search persons entering with bags, rucksacks etc. and put the rucksacks in storage for collection when leaving. Persons who are invited in at the request of Artur are not ever searched.

I have stopped a really drunk male outside who was very loud and I did not want him to be allowed in. This male has called for Artur who after telling the male 'NO' he eventually lets him in.

During a recent incident where glass was smashed and a male was cut in a fight with another male. Artur blamed us the door security as he had been criticised by Police for clearing the scene up. My colleague and I had been dealing with everyone else and was not aware that it was our responsibility. I believe this was cleaned up by a member of Artur's staff.

Signature: _____

Signature witnessed by: _____

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