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**WITNESS STATEMENT****(Criminal Procedure Rules 2015 R16.2, Criminal Justice Act 1967 S9, Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 S5B)**

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Statement of	Charley HOOK		
Age if under 18	(if over 18 insert 'over 18')	Occupation	Police Constable P1663 HOOK
This statement (consisting of 2 page(s)) 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 14/07/2020
Signature of parent / guardian / appropriate adult		Relationship of parent / guardian / appropriate adult	

This statement is in relation to my attendance at Akaya Lounge, Slough High Street, Slough on 31/05/2020 at around 01:00 hrs.

On the above date I was on duty crewed with PC SOHI, we were asked to attend the Akaya Lounge on Slough High Street due to a noise complaint. This came as a surprise to me as we were during the COVID19 lockdown which meant that the premises should be closed.

We attended the locations front entrance which is situated on the Slough High Street, we could see in to the property and I could make out numerous people in the rear, however the front door was locked. Due to this we went to the rear which is accessed via a side access road. We then knocked on the rear gate and informed the occupants that we were police, at this point the music which was playing stopped and I could hear people moving around. I could see through a gap in the gate and noticed around 8-10 people running towards the front doors and out of my view. I was then allowed in by a male. It was clear a party was taking place, there were 10 people left within the property, they had a portable speaker playing music and a small table set up as a bar with open bottles of alcohol. There were various half full/empty plastic cups containing what I suspect was alcohol around the property. The people that remained were seated in the seated area smoking shisha, and eating birthday cake.

I asked various times if there were any staff and was told there was not. There was one male who had let us in who told us specifically that he did not work there, it was not until we pointed out that he was wearing an "Akaya Lounge" jumper that he confirmed that he did in fact work there. He also confirmed that it was a private party and that he had been serving people with drinks.

He was asked if he could produce a licence to serve alcohol/play music and he stated that they didn't have one.

He then called the manager Umar KAYANI who attended the location. KAYANI was adamant that he had done nothing wrong as it was a "private party", despite the fact that I explained that the property should not be open due to the COVID legislation. I asked whether he had a licence and he too stated that he did not.

I have Body Worn Footage which is exhibited as CTH/01.

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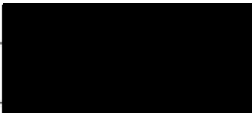
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