

**WITNESS STATEMENT**

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

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Statement of: Rhian James

Age if under 18: Over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: PC 441

In which language would you prefer to give your evidence: English

In which language would you prefer to give your oath/affirmation: English

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:



Date: 19/01/2021

I am Police Constable Rhian James collar number 441 of Dyfed Powys Police currently stationed at Carmarthen.

On the 8th October 2020 I was on duty, in full Police uniform and in the company of Annwen DAVIES a Trading Standards Officer. We were tasked to conduct venue licensing checks in the areas of Pendine, St. Clears and Laugharne to ensure venues were Covid compliant. At 20:45hrs we attended at the Santa Clara Public House in St. Clears.

On entering into the pub, the Welsh football game was on the television and I witnessed a group of 15-20 persons sat at the tables in front of the bar area. One of the tables had more than six persons sat around it. There was no two metre social distancing between the tables, which were all full. Sat around one of these tables was the licensee.

On entering the pub, the bar man was sat behind the bar and was not wearing a face mask. There were no screens on the bar, and table service was not being provided. A number of customers were seen to approach the bar and asks for drinks. A one way system was also not in place.

Customers were witnessed leaving their seats and walking around the pub with no face coverings. The licensee himself left his seat to speak to officers, and walk around the pub with no face covering. During the conversation the licensee stated that he was finding it hard to comply with the Covid regulations due to the football game being on.

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