

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

(CJ Act 1967, s9; MC Act 1980, ss5A(3) (a) and 5B, Criminal Procedure Rules 2005, r27, 1(1))

Statement of : **Sarah LUTAAYA**

Age of Witness (if over 18 enter "over 18"): **Over 18.**

Occupation of Witness : **Environmental Health Enforcement Officer**

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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.

Signed: 

Dated: 11th May 2019

I am Sarah Lutaaya, I am employed by the City of Westminster as an Environmental Health Enforcement Officer since March 2002. I hold a Master of Science Degree in Environmental Health and a Diploma in Acoustics and Noise Control. I have worked as a Noise Enforcement Officer for Westminster for seventeen years.

On Thursday, 25th October 2018, three noise complaints were received regarding loud bass music emitting from 100 Wardour Street. Mr [REDACTED] contacted the Noise Team at 22:26 hours. I spoke to him at 22:57 hours, he told me that the music was very loud, however, he did not require a visit but requested me to speak to 100 Wardour street. At approximately 22:52 hours, [REDACTED] logged his complaint; I spoke to

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him at 2334 hours and he agreed for the Noise Enforcement Officers to visit his premises. The last call was from [REDACTED] at 23:19 hours, who was not keen on a visit. On arrival to Soho Lofts, [REDACTED] during the early hours of Friday, 26th October 2018, in the ground floor foyer, standing near the lift, heavy bass could clearly be heard. Whilst on the [REDACTED]; heavy bass music could be heard in the living area and bedroom. It was intrusive and would have been difficult for an average person to have a quiet enjoyment of their premises or sleep. In my opinion the noise witnessed constituted a statutory nuisance as defined by section 79(1) (f) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990. Through my investigations, I identified 100 Wardour Street as the source of noise. Spoke to the DPS, Leslie Kwarteng, explained the purpose of the visit. Requested a substantial reduction in the bass level, he spoke to the 'DJ' who complied with the request. We discussed the issue of the sound limiter, he assured me that it was not being bypassed. In addition, he explained that the sound limiter was scheduled to be reset by the Environmental Sciences Team. As there were plans in progress to deal with the matter at hand, a s80 notice under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 was not deemed appropriate. On return to the office, I emailed John Crockford on my findings and concerns as he was due to visit the premises on Tuesday, 30th October 2018.

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