

WITNESS STATEMENT/DATGANIAD TYST

(CJ Act 1967, s.9; MC Act 1980, ss.5A(3) (a) and 5B; Criminal Procedure Rules 2020, Rule 16)
(Deddf CT 1967, a.9; Deddf LIY 1980, au.5A(3) (a) a 5B, Rheolau Gweithdrefnau Troseddol 2020, rh.16)

Statement of Leah Sumner

Age if under 18/Oed os o dan 18: (over 18 insert 'over 18'/os yw dros 18 rhwch 'dros 18')

Occupation/Galwedigaeth: Environmental Health Technical Officer

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 willfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true. / Mae'r datganiad hwn (sy'n cynnwys tudalen(nau) a phob un wedi'i llofnodi gennyf) yn wir hyd eithaf fy ngwybodaeth a'm cred ac fe'lgwnaf gan wybod, os caiff ei gyflwyno fel tystiolaeth, y gallaf gael fy erlyn os byddaf o fwriad wedi mynegi unrhyw beth y gwn sy'n anwir neu na chredaf ei fod yn wir.

Signature/ Llofnod: 

Date/ Dyddiad: 25th October 2024

I, Leah Sumner am an Environmental Health Technical Officer, employed by Vale of Glamorgan Council, Shared Regulatory Services (SRS), covering the areas of Vale of Glamorgan and Bridgend.

I have held this position for two years. I graduated in 2022 with a degree in Environmental Health and am a member of the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health (CIEH). My responsibilities include the investigation of noise nuisances for which I am authorised under the Environmental Protection Act 1990. I also participate in the department's out of hours service.

On the 5th October 2024, at around 00:18 I received a call from my colleague Emma Aston – Environmental Health Officer, who was duty officer for out of hours this weekend, I was back up officer. Emma explained that she had received a call from the call handler and had spoken to the complainant regarding loud music from 14-20 Nolton Street, Bridgend and we would need to visit to witness potential noise from 14-20 Nolton Street.

We arranged to meet at the car park in Brackla Street, Bridgend behind the Wilkinson store.

At approximately 00:50, Emma and I arrived at the flats opposite 14-20 Nolton Street, Bridgend. While waiting for the complainant to let us in, I could not hear music outside. Once inside we stood in the lobby were the complainant informed us that the music had stopped but stated that it sometimes continued till 3am. We remained in the lobby for about 25 minutes. Although the lights were on and some individuals were visible at 14-20 Nolton Street, Bridgend, I did not witness any noise. We left the lobby of the complainant at approximately 01:15.

Later that evening on the 5th October at approximately 21:20 I received a call from Emma indicating that we needed to revisit the complainant's property from earlier that morning. We again met at the car park behind the Wilkinsons store.

While walking to the flat, I could hear bass coming from 14-20 Nolton Street, Bridgend. at around 22:12, we entered the complainant's flat, which is located opposite 14-20 Nolton Street. While speaking with the complainant and standing near the window in the bedroom at 22:32, I witnessed noise from people congregating outside 14-20 Nolton Street, Bridgend.

The complainant's window was slightly open, and I could hear the bass of the music occasionally throughout our visit, fluctuating in volume, possibly due to a door opening and closing as people entered

and exited the building. I also observed some singing, though I could not make out the lyrics. Emma and I left the complainant's flat at approximately 22:52.

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Work telephone No: [REDACTED]

Occupation: Environmental Health Technical Officer

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

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