

Statement of witness

(Criminal Procedure Rules, r.27.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s9; Magistrates' Courts Act, s.5B)

Statement of: Rebecca Padfield
Age of witness: Over 18
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Occupation: Principal Environmental Health Officer
Employer: Exeter City Council

This statement consisting of 2 page 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 that I do not know to be false or do not know to be true.

1. I am Rebecca Padfield employed as a Principal Environmental Health Officer by Exeter City Council. I hold a degree in Public and Environmental Health and am an Associate Member of the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health. I am authorised to enforce the provisions of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 in relation to noise nuisance and, in particular, I am authorised to assess whether a statutory noise nuisance has arisen.
2. On Friday 15th July I was undertaking routine noise monitoring visits with my colleague Philip Gilbert. As part of our visits, we attended the Heavitree Social Club, Wingfield Park, 2 East Wonford Hill. I was aware that a Noise Abatement Notice had previously been served in respect of loud music from this premise.
3. We arrived and parked in the car park of the premise at 23.00. There appeared to be a function taking place towards the rear. There were a number of people outside and the door for disabled access was open.
4. We listened from the car park, loud music was clearly audible, and was reverberating around the area appearing louder at the end of the car park where it meets properties at Heavitree Park.
5. We monitored for a period of 20 minutes, leaving at 23.20, during that time the following songs were identified:

Hey Baby
500 Miles, The Proclaimers
Take me Home, Country Roads
YMCA, The Village People
Saturday Night, Wigfield
Vengaboys

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6. At no point during the visit did I witness the volume of music being turned down or the door being closed.
7. In my opinion the noise from the music being played was at an unreasonable level and was a breach of the Noise Abatement Notice.

Signed: R. Padfield.....

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