

**WITNESS STATEMENT**

(CJ Act 1967, s.9; MC Act 1980, ss.5A(3)(a) and 5B; MC Rules 1981, r.70)

Statement of **Aaron KING** ..... URN: 

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Age if under 18 **Over 18**..... (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: **Police Officer**.....

This statement (consisting of: .... **1**..... pages 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 anything in it which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature: .....  ..... Date: **07/09/2014**.....

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded  (supply witness details on rear)

Further to my statement dated 15/08/2014 regarding an illegal rave on Saturday 9th August 2014 I have been asked to clarify the role that Mr Simon CORDELL had during the incident.

On the night I first noticed the location of the rave as a male quickly locked the gates upon apparently seeing my marked police vehicle. This male was Mr Simon CORDELL and it was him that initially said I could not enter and it was him who was very much in charge of deciding if Police were going to be let in. Indeed, having been let into the venue by Mr Cordell I had a number of conversations with him about whether what I saw constituted a rave and part of Mr Cordell's argument to stop me closing it down included telling me that it was a private party but that ultimately it didn't matter because he was applying for licences from the council and soon his events would be legitimate and could not be closed. The conversation was very much that this was his event and he would keep running them no matter where he had to go. It was Mr Cordell who showed me around the venue pointing out first aiders and piles of bottled water in an attempt to convince me this was a legitimate party. Having explained that I was going to order the rave closed or seize the sound equipment it was Mr Cordell who passionately argued against this whilst maintaining he did not want his sound equipment seized. Eventually, it was Mr Cordell who told other persons present that the event was closing and told people in yellow jackets to start packing up the equipment. Aaron King Ps 91YE 

Signature: .....  ..... Signature witnessed by: .....