

WITNESS STATEMENT


CJ Act 1967, s.9; MC Act 1980, ss.5A(3)(a) and 5B; Criminal Procedure Rules 2005, Rule 27.1

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: 2..... 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: **15/08/14**.....

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

On Saturday 9th August 2014 I was on duty in full uniform posted as Acting Inspector. Shortly before 2230hrs I was informed via our GPC that Intel had been received via social media that there was going to be a large illegal rave somewhere in the region of Millmarsh Lane, Enfield, EN3. I was advised that this was being advertised on Facebook by "Every Decibel Matters" who run unlicensed events. At this time I was in company with Ps Ames 123YE and we made our way to the location. On route I informed the control room of what was potentially occurring and accepted the offer from some units to attend the location to assist me. On arrival in Millmarsh Lane it was obvious that something was about to happen. There were a number of groups of teenagers who were milling around clearly looking for something. Millmarsh Lane is an industrial road with two major 24hr factories but borders residential areas which are divided apart by Mollison Road. At this time on a Saturday the streets were very quiet so these groups stuck out. After a brief search I noticed two metal gates next to the Greggs Factory which suddenly closed as we passed them. We stopped and I got out and approached the gates. Although dark, street lighting was on and I could see a male was using a chain and lock to secure the gates. I could hear music coming from further inside. Stood by the gate I immediately noticed an IC3 male who I know to be Simon CORDELL. I recognised Mr Cordell as I have previously spoken to him recently at illegal raves where I have seen him setting up sound equipment and subsequently taking it away when confronted by Police. I explained to Mr Cordell why we were there but he immediately denied it was a rave. Mr Cordell stated first it was a private conference but then said it was a birthday party. When asked about permission to be there he stated friends were squatting on the land and they had said he could stay. I explained to Mr Cordell that I needed to come onto the site to see what was going on as for all I knew he could be damaging it or stealing from it. Eventually after promising I would not remove anyone squatting and only myself and Pc Ames would come in, Mr Cordell agreed that we could come in. Near to the gate was a silver Ford Focus index MA57LDY which I knew was Mr Cordell's. The boot was open and I noticed it contained three large thin industrial gas bottles. From experience I knew this was likely to contain nitrous oxide which is currently used on the rave scene as a

Signature:  Signature witnessed by: