

**WITNESS STATEMENT**

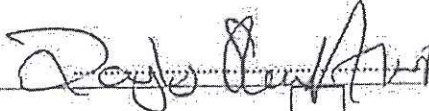
CJ Act 1967, s.9; MC Act 1980, ss.5A(3)(a) and 5B; Criminal Procedure Rules 2005, Rule 27.1

Statement of **Douglas Skinner**..... URN: 

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Age if under 18 **Over 18**..... (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: **Police Officer 189003** .....

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.

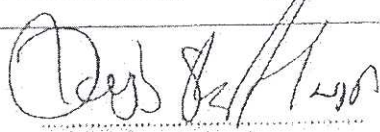
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On Saturday the 19th July 2014 I was on duty employed as the Duty Officer for Enfield Borough. At about 2210hrs a call came in stating that there were about 20 persons pulling into an estate and the informant thought they were trying to set up a rave. The crowd were by an empty building called Carpet Right and had actually gained entry to the rear of the premises. I instructed officers to go to the venue and try to stop anyone else gaining entry to the premises. I made my way to the scene. There was a metal gate across the entry to the car park but this had a thick chain and a padlock around it so that it could not be opened. I walked to the rear of the premises where there were several vehicles and about 15 persons. I saw large black boxes which had speakers and sound systems inside them. I received a call from our control room stating they believed up to 100 persons were going to arrive at Southbury Road train station to attend a rave at this location. As a result of this intelligence I believed that the premises were going to be used for a rave.

I saw a male I knew to be Simon Cordell who came out of the building. I have known Cordell for over 20 years. I had previously dealt with him at a rave on the 7th of June which he organised in Progress Way Enfield which lasted for several days. I spoke to him at that rave during the morning as police had received numerous complaints re the noise over a twenty four hour period. Groups of youths from this rave were also committing mass shoplifting offences from the petrol station opposite, as a result of these offences the petrol station had to close its shop. Several buildings on the industrial estate were also damaged and thousand of pounds of damage were caused.

Outside Carpet Right I spoke to Cordell. He admitted that he was just organising a party for some friends and that was all. I explained to him that we were expecting 100 plus people to turn up at Southbury Road and to be told where the rave was happening. I explained to him that as the organiser of this rave I was holding him responsible. I then received a call stating that large numbers of youths were arriving in Southbury Road.

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These youths would be trying to find the location of the rave. Due to this and to prevent disorder in the area I requested the Commissioners Reserve of TSG be called out to deploy to Enfield Borough and patrol the area. I also informed Cordell that as the organiser of the rave it was my opinion that his actions would result in breaching the peace in the surrounding area. This could result in damage to property, both the premises and surrounding area and violence breaking out. As a result of this to prevent of breach of the peace I arrested Cordell. He was taken to Edmonton Police Station and released at 0400hrs when I was satisfied a breach of the peace would be unlikely to now occur.

By removing Cordell (the organiser) the other people present left the premises and eventually drifted away from Southbury Road. The music equipment was loaded into a van at the scene. However it could not leave the car park as the gate was chained and padlocked. At about 0200hrs the van was able to leave by driving over the pavement between the barriers. No further raves happened on the borough that night.

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