

WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27. 2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B

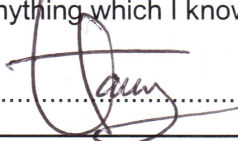
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Statement of: Adrian Michael Coombs

Age if under 18: (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: Police Superintendent

This statement (consisting of 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 wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature:  (witness) Date: 25th February 2016

I am a nationally accredited Public Order Gold and Silver commander and regularly command events and incidents in Essex as part of my role.

On the 6th June 2014 at approx 16.30 hours, I attended an area of Aveley Essex, known as Davey Downs country park. At a location under junction 31 of the M25, I saw a number of marquees being erected (four). The land around the site was clearly in the open air. Having confirmed that the land was owned by Thurrock council and no permission was in place to use it for a rave, I approached a male who at first introduced himself as Daniel the organiser of the event. I had been given intelligence that this male was in fact a Chris Lewis. When I challenged him on this he confirmed he was actually Chris Lewis born 24/02/1975, white north European. After a brief conversation I asked him to leave the land and served him a notice under S63 CJOPOA and told him he could not return. Mr Lewis took the notice and I gave him an explanation of the offence he was liable to commit if he failed to comply with my direction. I gave him three hours to remove the marquees and to vacate the land which he duly did. I left the land in the hands of Thurrock Borough council to secure.

*12:20 to 25
26th May 16*

Adrian Coombs
Superintendent
OPC

Signature:  Signature witnessed by: