

WITNESS STATEMENT

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

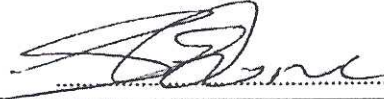
Statement of **Steve ELSMORE**..... URN:

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Age if under 18 **Over 18**..... (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: **Police Officer 206372**

This statement (consisting of: ... **12** ... 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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Date:

11/8/14

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

I am a police officer attached to the Anti Social Behaviour Team as part of the Community Safety Unit based at Enfield Civic Centre:

This is a statement of hearsay evidence compiled from police records to be relied upon in regards to an application as allowed by Section 1(c) of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 as amended by the Anti Social Behaviour Act 2003 against **Simon CORDELL** born 21st January 1981, of 109 Burncroft Avenue, Enfield. EN3.

I have looked at the following police databases, Police National Computer (PNC), Crime Reporting and Information System (CRIS) and Criminal Intelligence (CRIMINT). The PNC holds information concerning arrests, case progression and previous convictions; it also holds information about vehicle ownership. CRIS is the database police use to record crime and document the investigation. The CRIMINT database holds intelligence provided by Members of the Metropolitan Police Service or information they have been told by members of the public.

This statement aims to show supporting evidence of the course of behaviour by **Simon CORDELL** I will be providing the hearsay evidence obtained from these police indices as this information has either been witnessed first hand by the officers themselves or passed on by independent witnesses. There is an operational need to protect the identity of some witnesses who, for example, are too frightened due to fear of reprisal by the Defendant to give evidence. Those witnesses whose names are known and were content for their identity to be disclosed are given in the statement. In the case of the information obtained from these police indices coming from named Members of the Police Service it is felt that it is neither practicable nor proportionate to require each witness to be called individually to give evidence in court.

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Simon CORDELL is known to police and has 28 previous convictions. A copy of his PNC is available with this application.

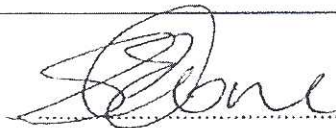
Illegal Raves

Illegal raves are a strain on society; they break down communities and cause residents and members of the public harassment, alarm and distress due to noise nuisance and the amount of individuals that come into the area. These raves are usually poorly run and cause damage not only to the buildings being used but to the environment. The properties being used for such events are commonly disused buildings; the organisers have no idea as to whether these buildings are safe. Recently there have been a number of deaths at raves; the most recent was a young 15 year old male who died at a Rave in Croydon which was believed to be attended by around 2000 revellers. Raves are notorious for drugs being present. These illegal events have a huge impact on Police. Officers are called to the venues and also there are a huge number of calls from members of the public and residents complaining. This type of illegal event cannot be tolerated and action must be taken to disrupt these events and if a court order is not granted then Simon CORDELL is free to continue to organise such events. Simon CORDELL has openly admitted to officers that he runs such events and has even bragged about it to Police.

Reports involving Simon CORDELL:

1. On 10th August 2014, Officers arrived at Millmarsh Lane, there was numerous young people milling around trying to locate the rave which was eventually found on the North footway just by the Greggs factory. It was a small strip of concrete completely open to the air with a large amplified sound system at the far end obstructed from view of the street by vegetation. Simon CORDELL was at the gate and immediately shut it on Police arrival. Eventually, Mr CORDELL agreed to let me and A/PS AMES onto the property to confirm there was no damage or theft offences being committed. Simon CORDELL's silver Ford Focus VRM MA57LDY was present and contained at least three massive nitrous oxide tanks. When queried he admitted he had seen the news article about the dangerous effects of this and how the Government would probably

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regulate it. There was about 30 people in so in discussion Mr CORDELL was told it was an illegal rave and I would be seeking Supt authority to seize the sound equipment. Mr CORDELL began to pack away his equipment stating it was a birthday party only but he was going. Whilst stood waiting for him to leave a group of about 100 teenagers turned up on mass and immediately became confrontational stating there were going to storm the rave. As we had good numbers the group initially dispersed but tried to go via a back entrance to the venue which led to arrests when scuffles with Police started. The group the completely moved off but returned about 20 minutes later in even bigger numbers. The situation quickly escalated as the group started throwing cones and general road furniture towards Police. Luckily dogs were on hand and the crowd was dispersed after numerous missiles were thrown at Police and a number of arrests were made. The group then hung around and got on trains only to try and enter Progress Way and the previous rave site. It was only large numbers of TSG that prevented the group forcing their way in. Again, Simon CORDELL and his silver Focus were present. Eventually, the group began to move off. The net result was at least 4 arrested for various public order and one officer injured who may required a stitch or two to his arm. Simon CORDELL's attitude is that he is a modern day business man and the actions of the group had nothing to do with him. It was fortunate more officers were not injured.

Ref: YERT00376728. PS KING.

2. On 27th July 2014, Police drove down MILLMARSH LANE, ENFIELD, because information had been received that a rave would be taking place that evening. Police drove down and found the rave, which was on a piece of land between Greggs and Pugh Charles Glass. This appeared to be a driveway that was over grown, but had a gate on it, which people at the rave had the key for. Police spoke to the people inside and they did not know if they had any first aiders there and they said that they had one fire extinguisher on the site. The people there let police in and there was no alcohol there, but they had water to drink. The rave was outside on open land. There was a big stack of speakers which was being powered by a van belonging to Simon CORDELL. Police saw the van drive out with Simon CORDELL driving it. The rave was a 20th birthday party for one of the people there. The rave was organised by Simon CORDELL and was connected to another rave on ALMA ROAD.

Ref: YERT00376227. PC CHANDLER.

3. On Thursday 24th July 2014 at around 1625 hours, plain clothes officers from YE Gangs Unit had cause to stop the following male on ALMA ROAD EN3. Simon CORDELL. He was driving a silver Ford Focus vrm MA57LDY on which he is insured, but is not the registered keeper. He was stopped as he was driving about

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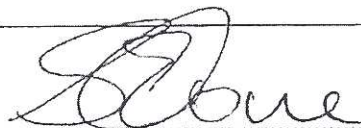
1" from the bumper of the car in front of him and his driving was erratic. He claimed to know the other driver; this male however approached officers saying he had been driving like that behind him since YR. CORDELL was obstructive as usual, refusing to get out of his vehicle etc. He stated that his solicitor has a big case going where all his criminal records will be wiped as Police have unlawfully picked on him for years etc. Of interest he stated that he has 4 brand new speaker systems at home which he is happy to loan people for raves etc and that he is inundated with requests to run raves. He stated that he has 20,000 followers on one social media network and 70,000 in another. He says that he could organize a rave and get 20,000 people at it without any problems what so ever, and that he gets lots of requests from anarchist type groups etc to run raves for them. Of note he claims Occupy London, Black Block and other anarchist groups have been asking him to organize one for Notting Hill Carnival so that they can "Cause carnage and mayhem".

Ref: YERT00376229. PC EDGOOSE.

4. On 19th July 2014 at 2205 hours Police were called to the Carpet Right show room on the A10 Great Cambridge Road Enfield regarding a possible rave in the empty premises. There was about 20 people inside the premises with sound equipment which they were about to set up. When officers arrived they blocked the front of the venue to stop anyone else getting in. The main organiser was spoken to by Police. This male was Simon CORDELL. He admitted to organising the party and said he was expecting several hundred people. Whilst dealing with CORDELL Police were told that crowds were gathering outside Southbury Road train station waiting to be told where the rave was. After a long conversation with CORDELL he was arrested to prevent a breach of the peace and taken to Edmonton Police Station C/N 01YE3597/14 refers. As a result of his arrest the people inside the venue all left. The music system was loaded into a white van VRM PE52UHW. The owner and driver of this vehicle was Elliot LAIDLER. He stated it was the first time he had worked for CORDELL. The van could not leave the car park as the key for the padlocked gate could not be found. However after two hours the vehicle was able to leave by driving over the pavement. CORDELL was released at 0400 as a breach of the peace was no longer likely to take place. Clearly CORDELL makes a living by organising raves in North London. Of note is when officers searched the car park after everyone had left they found a set of keys by the electronic steel shutters. These keys opened the shutters to the premises and on the key fob attached to the keys was a PIN number for the alarm system. This is how youths gained entry to the premises. It is possible that CORDELL has obtained them via the security company or an ex employee.

REF: YERT00376024. INSP SKINNER.

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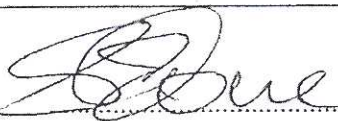
5. C/N 01YE/3597/14 relates to the arrest of Simon CORDELL as above. He was arrested to prevent a breach of the peace due to setting up a rave. He was later released from custody.

6. CRIS 1914855/14 - CAD 11854 20th June 2014. Police discovered a Rave being set up at 1 Falcon Park, Neasden Lane NW10 and closed the rave down on the authority of Chief Superintendent Gideon SPRINGER. All persons at the rave left the venue upon Police advice to leave. However under S64 CJPO the vehicle and sound system were seized from the DJ again under authority of Chief Superintendent Gideon SPRINGER. The vehicle VRM CX52JRZ a white Ford transit was removed from the property and taken to Wembley Police Station. The owner of the vehicle is Mr Simon Paul CORDELL. The vehicle was later restored.
PC HAWORTH.

7. On 7th June 2014, it came to Police notice that a rave was taking place in an empty Warehouse in Progress Way, Enfield EN1. Simon CORDELL and Tyrone BENJAMIN have set up a rave in the empty warehouse. Officers attended fire fighting equipment/escape exits seen. Approximately 200 people in attendance all well natured. YE1N A/Insp HAMILL aware and unable to close down due to insufficient units available. Rave is due to finish at 0700 but start up again at 2200hrs.

Ref: YERT00374531. PC SHINNICK.

8. On 25th May 2014 at 23:21 hours, Police were called to Unit 5 St Georges Industrial Estate, White Hart Lane N17 by the security guard at the venue stating 'suspects were on premises'. Police attended the venue and a large group of approx 20 young males and females, between 18-35 years of age and of mixed origins ran out of the rear of the industrial estate through an alleyway leading to Thetford Close N13. Several males were still inside the premises claiming to be squatters. The remote viewing CCTV at the venue was contacted and the alarms had just been activated and it had footage of several suspects causing damage to the security cameras and door locks at the venue upon opening the premises. After several minutes and upon hearing Police organising entry to the premises in order to search for suspects concerned in Criminal Damage the remaining occupants ran out of the rear doors to the venue. The front shutter then opened and a White Ford Transit vehicle VRM CX52JPZ attempted to exit the premises. The driver an IC3 male gave the particulars of Simon CORDELL. He stated that he had just attended the venue to give his friends some food as they were squatting. The rear of the Transit van contained a set of large speakers and music equipment but CORDELL insisted he used the equipment for festival work and was not setting up for a Rave. Several young males and

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females continued to arrive at the venue dressed in suitable evening attire for a rave then promptly left upon seeing Police.

Ref: YRRT00323197. PC HOODLESS

9. On Sunday 20th April 2014 Cannabis 420 day was being held in Hyde Park W2. Police noticed a white Ford Transit Van CX52JRZ with a trailer on tow and a large generator on the trailer. The driver admitted that he was asked to attend to supply support to a band that was going to attend the event. The driver gave his details as Simon CORDELL. Vehicle had been driven onto park roads within Hyde Park and was asked to leave prior to large numbers attending the event. He did so but will be one to watch out for next year should this vehicle return to the park for next year's event.

Ref: PKRT00056539. PC BROWNE.

10. On 24th May 2013 at about 2030 hours Police responded to reports of a suspect on at the Old Ponders End Police Station. On Arrival Police contained the area. Simon CORDELL was seen exiting an alleyway to the side of the Police station at the rear of the Kinder Garden Centre. In the car park to the rear of the premises was a Silver Ford Focus MA57LDY. Whilst waiting to gain access Joshua HOLLY-FIELD popped his head over the boarding to the premises and climbed over on Police request. He was detained and searched with nothing found on his person. When asked why he was in the ground of the premises he stated "Squatters rights, I haven't done anything wrong, you can speak to my lawyer who is with your colleagues round the front". This lawyer turned out to be Simon CORDELL. Whilst officers checked for signs of break-ins it was established through HOLLY-FIELD that they were looking for a place to set up rave over the bank holiday period. The Focus was searched in the presence of CORDELL as it smelt strongly of cannabis with a negative result. CORDELL stated that when he sets up raves he attracts in excess of 500 people over a 3 day period. CORDELL is planning to set up a rave and actively looking for the premises.

Ref: YERT00360430. PC JACKSON.

11. Cris 4208625/13 - Relates to a public order matter. On 7th April 2013, Police were called to Ellesmere Street E14 where an informant had seen a group of males load a flat screen TV into the rear of a white Ford Transit panel van VRM CX52JRX. The informant was a local resident and was particularly concerned as her neighbour had been recently burgled. The vehicle was in Ellesmere Street junction of Upper North Street there could see there were 4 males sat in the front cab. The person in the driving seat was a light skinned IC3 male. Police parked behind the van and PC ASTON got out of the car to get round to the van. PC SCOTT

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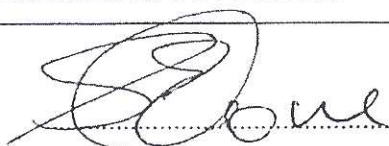
opened the car door to speak to the driver and he said "What the fuck do you want, you can't stop me". We identified ourselves as Police Officers by displaying my warrant card and he continued to say you have no power to stop me what are your powers. It was explained why we were there and why we had stopped him. He remained aggressive saying that we did not know how to do our job and that we had no powers to search him. The other males in the van were telling the male to calm down and let us get on with it. He was still aggressive saying that he was all legit saying that we had no reason to be there. He then turned off the engine and jumped out the van and walked toward the pavement. We explained he was detained for the search and he continued to shout "Don't you fucking touch me, I can walk around". He continued to question our grounds and I again explained them to him. An elderly member of the public was walking past and he shouted at him "Oi mate the fucking Police want to search you coz they think you may be a burglar". The male turned round looked in disgust and walked off again. CORDELL continued to walk around by our vehicle and it was again explained he was detained for search as he was walking away from him Police took hold of his right arm. As this happened he shouted "Don't fucking touch me". He was continually aggressive. He was shouting "Get the fuck off me" and members of the public were at their windows trying to see what was going on. PC ASTON was trying to take out his left arm while PC SCOTT was trying to take out his right. He was shouting "Get the fuck off me" continually and another unit arrived. Handcuffs were applied in the rear stack position as he was still being aggressive and uncooperative. As he calmed down it was again explained why he was being searched and he said "you can't fucking touch me". He was searched under section 1 of pace and nothing was found. The van was searched and again nothing was found. The others males were searched under the same powers and nothing was found. PC ASTON did check on the van and the pnc stated that it had no insurance. CORDELL stated he had traders which could not be proved so the van was seized. He said "you are not fucking taking my van". At 1446 he was arrested for no insurance and section 5 of the public order act as he could not provide a valid name or address. CORDELL was later charged with no insurance and Section 5 public order.

PC SCOTT.

12. On 12th January 2013, Canary Wharf reported that they had a rave at Wood Wharf and supplying information to the vehicle that were involved gaining entry and carrying equipment. VRM YK60XJM, registered to GEOPOST Birmingham and VRM MA57LDY registered to Simon CORDELL. He is known for drugs Class A, supply of drugs, possession of weapons and violence. Research for around the MPD shows that this male is heavily involved in illegal Raves around London.

Ref: HTRT00376798. PC PURCELL.

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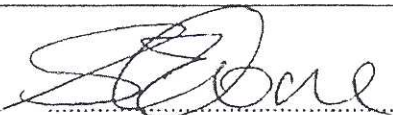
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As you will see from the below, there are a number of CAD calls from members of the public complaining regarding noise, or complaining about individuals from the rave in their garden and using the area as a toilet. It is quite clear from the below that this has caused a large number of residents harassment, alarm and distress and has had a huge impact on their lives.

CAD's from 7th June 2014:

1. CAD 1012 7/6 - Call from member of the public at 01:53 regarding Progress Way/Great Cambridge Road. Caller states that some kids have broken into a warehouse and seem to be having a rave. They are in an old warehouse and has seen about 200 people.
2. CAD 1323 7/6 - Call from member of the public at 02:41 regarding industrial estate, Lincoln Road. Caller states that he can hear very loud music and it has been going on for an hour or two.
3. CAD 1722 7/6 - Call from member of the public at 03:58 regarding factory close to where she lives. Caller was awoken by smashing glass and believed persons were in an empty factory. Caller looking out of window, large group gathered. Police already aware.
4. CAD 1816 7/6 - Call from member of the public at 04:15. Caller states that there is noise coming from a small factory, not sure of the address but just off of the A10, past the Toyota garage. Caller has spoken with Environmental Health and they have informed him that they finish at 3am.
5. CAD 2141 7/6 - Call from member of the public at 05:50. Caller calling about an ongoing rave that is taking place behind his house. This is identical to the ongoing rave.
6. CAD 2255 7/6 - Call from member of the public at 06:24. Caller states that loud music from location. Caller believes that it could be a rave. This is the rave in Progress Way.
7. CAD 2271 7/7 - Call from member of the public at 06:27. Caller states that there is a rave and that it

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has been going on all night.

8. CAD 1047 7/6 - CAD from PC 239YE. Regarding Warehouse at Progress Way. Rave at location, organisers Tyrone Benjamin and Simon Cordell. Police have attended earlier; there are 200 people at the location. Enfield Council made aware.

9. CAD 3037 7/6 - CAD call from member of the public at 09:20. She states that there is an illegal rave near to her home address. She believes it to be near the Safe Store just off the A10. Caller states that she is a night worker and has returned home to severe noise pollution. She assumes that her neighbours have called Police as the noise is very bad.

10. CAD 1608 7/6 - CAD call from a member of the public at 03:34. Caller believes that there is a rave going on in Warehouse next to his property. Lots of noise. Location: Progress Way.

11. CAD 2601 7/6 - CAD call from a member of the public at 08:09. Caller states that last night there was a rave


12. CAD 2637 7/6 - CAD call from a member of the public at 08:18. Informant states that an illegal rave is still going on at the location. She states that Police have already been out. She is very frustrated and she has not slept all night and the base is making the house shake.

13. CAD 2672 7/6 - CAD call from member of the public at 08:16 to report an illegal rave at Progress Way.

14. CAD 2854 7/6 - CAD call from member of the public at 08:56 to report that illegal rave is still going on at the warehouse.

15. CAD 3005 7/6 - CAD call from member of the public at 09:22 to report that the rave is still going on and that drugs are possibly being used.

16. CAD 3252 7/6 - CAD call from member of the public at 10:07. He states that there is a rave going on in the warehouse near him. He states that there are 40 people outside by more inside. He states that

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they are urinating everywhere and being very inconsiderate with their behaviour. Caller also believes that they are taking drugs. Location: Progress Way.

17. CAD 3986 7/6 - CAD call from member of the public at 11:47. Caller states that there is an illegal rave going on. Caller has tried calling EHO but none working. Location: Progress Way.

18. CAD 4323 7/6 - CAD call from member of the public at 12:25. Caller states that there is an illegal rave coming from the rear of his location. He states that the music is really loud and all the neighbours are complaining. Location: Progress Way.

19. CAD 5206 7/6 - CAD call from member of the public at 13:57. Caller states that loud music coming from the rear of her property, which has been going on all night. Location: Progress Way.

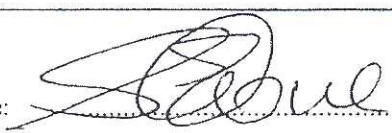
20. CAD 8841 7/6 - CAD call from member of the public at 07:08. Caller states that there is a rave at the location if he closes his window the noise. Informant states that people keep climbing over his fence and walking through his back garden. Location: Progress Way.

21. CAD 10393 7/6 - CAD call from male at 22:38. He states that he has been to an illegal rave and has been robbed by males with a knife. The rave is Progress Way.

22. CAD 10481 7/6 - CAD call from member of the public at 22:47. Caller states that there is a rave going on at the factory down the road, the music is very loud and several hundred people at the location. They have broken into the industrial estate.

23. CAD 10506 7/6 - CAD call from member of the public at 22:44. Caller states that there is a rave going on at a warehouse. It went on all last night and has just started up again. The caller knows that she will not sleep because of this.

24. CAD 10471 7/6 - CAD call from member of the public at 22:45. Caller states that the noise has started again in the warehouse at Progress Way. It's unacceptable and the council are not dealing with it.

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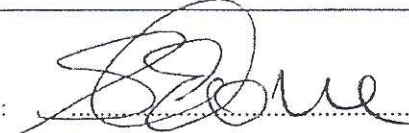
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25. CAD 10742 7/6. CAD call from member of the public at 23:01. Informant ringing to report ASB. Informant advising of illegal rave within neighbouring street. Informant states that they have been on hold to the council for 20 minutes.

26. CAD 10967 7/6. CAD call from member of the public at 23:25. Caller states that he believes that there is an illegal rave going on. Caller states that a load of cars have shown up. Caller states that he can hear loud music and caller states that this happened last night.

CAD's from 8th June 2014:

1. CAD 47 8/6. CAD call from member of the public at 00:00. Caller states that she would like to report an illegal rave, that happened all night.
2. CAD 340 8/6. CAD call from member of the public at 00:29. Caller states that there is an illegal rave/party at the storage place. Caller states that this is not the issue. Suspects are peeing and pooing in her garden. Caller has spoken to security at the location who have told her it is an illegal rave.
3. CAD 625 8/6. CAD call from member of the public at 00:54. Caller states that the rave from last night has started up again.
4. CAD 793 8/6 - CAD call from member of the public at 01:10. Caller wishes to make a noise complaint. He can hear loud music and its keeping him up. The same thing happened last night. He has spoken about himself going round there. He has been advised not to do that.
5. CAD 2410 8/6. CAD call from member of the public at 05:35. He states that there is an illegal rave with about 200 people. Drugs are openly being taken and sold. Caller noticed this on his way home as they are all over the street.
6. CAD 3151 8/6. CAD call from member of the public at 08:45. Caller states that the rave is still on going and has been unable to get any assistance from EHO.
7. CAD 3319 8/6 - CAD call from member of the public at 09:39. He states that he has just been down to

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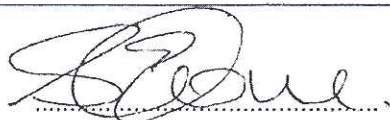
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the location, there are people weeing and shitting at the location.

CAD's from 19th July 2014:

1. CAD 9804 19/7 - relates to a call from security staff to 198 Great Cambridge Road. Informant states that he has attended the location to find a notice on the door that states that people are squatting in the building. Officers attended; there were a group of 10-20 squatters inside. Officers confirmed that there was no sound equipment.
2. CAD 10635 19/7 - relates to a call at 22:07 from a male who stated there are about 20 people pulling into the estate and it looks like they are planning an illegal rave. Caller states that they have brought alcohol and decks. Caller states that he can see them bringing alcohol into the building and that they are around the back by Magnet and Carpet Right. Officers attended, they were informed that there were 100 people at Southbury Road Station, believed going to the rave. The organiser (CORDELL) was arrested. Commissioners reserve (TSG) requested. People were turning up but were moved on by officers.
3. CAD 11822 19/7 - relates to a call at 23:44. Member of the public contacted Police to attend outside Southbury Road BR station. Caller states that there is a large group outside on the pavement causing a disturbance outside the station. There are about 200 of them blocking the road and pavement.

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