

WITNESS STATEMENT

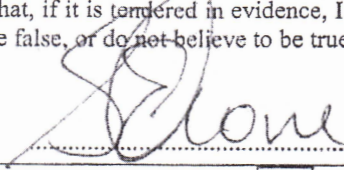
CJ Act 1967, s.9; MC Act 1980, ss.5A(3)(a) and 5B; Criminal Procedure Rules 2005, Rule 27.1

Statement of Steve ELSMORE..... URN:

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

This statement (consisting of: 5..... 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: 14/01/2015

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

Further to my recent statement dated 11th August 2014 and in relation to my application for an Anti Social Behaviour Order with regards to Mr Simon CORDELL, I wish to add the following information.

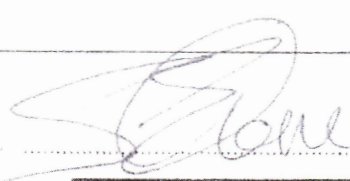
I am aware that at the interim hearing on 5th November 2014 at Highbury Corner Magistrates, Mr CORDELL made certain representations in relation to his company "Too Smooth".

I have searched the Police systems as I am aware that Mr CORDELL stated that he had a curfew so was not leaving his house between certain times. The last bail conditions that I can find were issued at Woolwich Crown Court in April 2014 and had no curfew attached.

I have discussed entertainments licenses with the Police and Council licensing officers and they have informed me that if Mr CORDELL was to use a venue that was already licensed, he would not need to apply for regulated entertainment unless he wished to extend the event above and beyond the hours that the licensed premises already holds.

However, he could apply for a temporary event notice (TEN) to extend existing hours or indeed apply for an event in an unlicensed premise. The drawback to a TEN is that it limits numbers to no more than 499 people at any one time.

Police and Council can object to TEN applications within 3 days of the application being submitted.

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The Police licensing officer has checked, in my presence, the Borough of Enfield's licensing system where applications get lodged and has confirmed that Simon CORDELL has never applied for anything regarding entertainment.

I have spoken to Enfield Council with regards to Simon CORDELL supplying generators to them for certain events and cannot find anything to confirm that he has. Should he have supplied such generators then these would have been for legitimate events, certainly not Rave's in disused warehouses. I have managed to ascertain that the Town Show and Fireworks is not organised by the Council and is organised by Enfield District Scouts. They have confirmed that Simon CORDELL did supply them with a Human Gyroscope for the Town Show in 2013. It was apparently them that approached Mr CORDELL after seeing the Gyroscope parked up. Apparently Simon CORDELL did not supply any equipment for the fireworks.

A Companies House check has been conducted under the name of "Too Smooth" and Mr CORDELL'S postcode and there is nothing registered that can be found. Further checks can easily be made should Mr CORDELL be able to provide a Company Number.

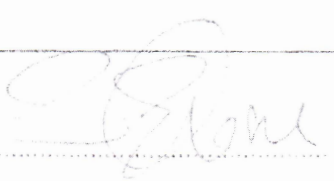
On Wednesday 10th December 2014, officers attended Kempe Community Hall to try and obtain more information with regards to Simon CORDELLS role. The hall is managed by the Kempe Hall Community association and is currently run by Diane JOHN, unfortunately she was unavailable due to being sick. Officers managed to speak with her assistant, Hayley, who stated that she was not sure of what Simon CORDELLS role was. She did however state that CORDELL was a member of the committee at the hall and that he had turned up Monday of that week to attend the committee meeting. Prior to that Monday she stated that she had not seen him for around 2 months. CORDELL had told them that he had been ill.

Since my previous statement there have been other information reports. I have copied and pasted the details of the information reports directly onto this statement

Crimints

1. On Sunday 23/11/2014 police stopped the following two males who were seen walking around an industrial estate on STOCKINGSWATER LANE, ENFIELD AT 0110 hours.

Both males were evasive to questioning and appeared to be under the influence of drugs.

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When first stopped CORDELL was very aggressive and agitated and tried to walk away from police, once he calmed down he appeared very paranoid and continually looked around.

Simon CORDELL

dob 26/01/1981 109 BURNCROFT AVENUE EN37JQ

MALE

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of 109 BURNCROFT AVENUE, EN37JQ

He was wearing a Long black/grey square check hooded coat, Blue Jeans, Black Nike Trainers with a white swoosh tick.

The other MALE was

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

He gave an address of [REDACTED]

He was wearing a black 3/4 length jacket, with a grey zip up nike hoody underneath with a navy thick jumper under that, cream cargo trousers and black Nike trainers.

[REDACTED] told police that he was staying with **Simon CORDELL**

CRIMINT REF YERT00380198. PC STARKEY.

2. On FRIDAY 19th SEPTEMBER 2014 at approximately 1415 hours, I, PCSO Gary CARTER 7225YE attended a pre arranged meeting with the Manageress of KEMPE COMMUNITY HALL.

I was in the company of my colleague PC Colin HEDGES 113YE.

KEMPE HALL is situated next to BULLSMOOR LIBRARY on KEMPE ROAD, EN1.(KEMPE HALL, 46 KEMPE ROAD, ENFIELD, EN14QW.)

The Manageress was friendly and hospitable - kindly offering me and PC 113YE cold bottled water before the commencement of the meeting.

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Whilst at the Community Hall numerous local residents had varying reasons to attend the hall, and the manageress had a friendly rapport with all of them.

She is obviously a popular and respected key community member.

Recently the Elsing Estate has become one of Safer Estates priority patrol areas.

This is mainly due to youths congregating on KEMPE ROAD, EN1. They tend to loiter on a village green like area flanked on one side by a parade of shops and KEMPE HALL on the other.

The majority of the youths are unknown to officers and when spoken too politely engage in conversation. However amongst them are known GMG members, who noticeably stand out from the others by their surly countenance.

As the Manageress and KEMPE HALL are such an integral part of the community the SAFER ESTATE'S arranged the meeting as means of introduction.

We were informed that the hall can be hired by its members for varying functions.

We were also informed that the local youths were allowed to use the hall as a youth club. Wednesday - 1800hours to 2200hours.

The Manageress told us that she has not encountered any problems with the youths who attend.

We did, however, warn her that the group who attend the youth club could consist of gang members and that if she should have, at a later date, any concerns, to notify SAFER ESTATES. We also recommended the use of a knife arch at one of these meetings.

The Manageress seemed keen to liaise and work with SAFER ESTATES in resolving any issues that could occur at the youth club.

Also present at this meeting was the following MALE -

Simon CORDELL

dob 26/01/1981

MALE

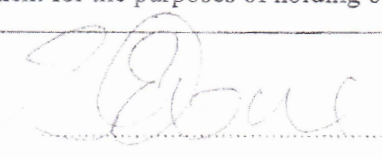
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Address unknown.

Mr CORDELL has in the past, been known to police. He appeared to be there in an advisory capacity, and when we made delicate enquiries as to why Mr CORDEL was there we were informed by the Manageress that "he is helping us".

Mr CORDELL had an entrepreneurial persona with his brief case and lap top. He spoke of his events Management Company called "TOO SMOOTH" and presented a thick catalogue consisting of all manner of to hire equipment for the purposes of holding outdoor events - speakers, canopies, band stands etc.

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Out of curiosity I asked Mr CORDELL where he stored such a huge collection of equipment and he told me that he had "THREE lockups", and further explained that he had just spent £5,000 on a generator.

Mr CORDELL has a wide ranging vocabulary which initially impresses. However, when he expounds one of his, many, theories, he does so at great length, losing his narrative flow.

By the time he has eventually finished what he has to say it is completely incomprehensible. Leaving the listener utterly bemused.

He was with a FEMALE associate who seemed to be a friend of the hall Manageress. CORDELL and the FEMALE showed us a project they were working on.

The project was outlined on Mr CORDELL'S laptop. What we were shown was a proposal document of massive length and detail. This proposal was to be a presentation to be made to ENFIELD COUNCIL

I asked Mr CORDELL and the FEMALE if they could explain what the project was about.

I was told that they plan to organise a local community festival consisting of local businesses and organisations.

If, having successfully done this in ENFIELD they would then go on to do a festival in all 33 boroughs of LONDON.

There was no denying that the proposal document was extensive and impressive. However when asked, Mr CORDELL had not actually got a date to make the proposal to the relevant authority at ENFIELD CIVIC CENTRE.

I asked where, if given permission, the 'festival' would be held and he told me LEA VALLEY Leisure Centre, PICKETTS LOCK.

When given the opportunity to speak to the Manageress alone she tactfully asked how long she had known Mr CORDELL, she told officers that she had only just met him that day.

SAFER ESTATE'S concerned that even though Mr CORDELL presents himself in a business like manner (and it could be a possibility that he is at KEMPE HALL on legitimate business) he is, none the less, well known to police for holding and organising "ILLEGAL RAVES".

And, was doing so as recently as AUGUST 2014.

CRIMINT REF: YERT00378853. PCSO CARTER.

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