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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 A/Insp Hamill 201566 URN:

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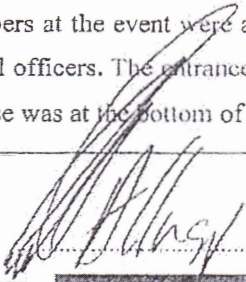
Age if under 18 Over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: Police Officer 201566

This statement (consisting of: 6 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: 06/08/2014

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On Friday 6th June 2014 I on duty in full uniform working as the Duty Officer for the Borough of Enfield. My working hours for this evening were 2200hrs to 0700hrs. During the early hours of the 7th June I was made aware of a potential Rave that was in progress in a discussed Industrial Building on Progress Way. I have had a CAD created reference 1047/7June and dispatched officers to the location to access numbers, crowd dynamics and gather information around times the vent is likely to run until and also to make contact or identify the potential organiser. Officers have reported back that Tyrone Benjamn and Simon Cordell where at location and the believed the event organisers. There were approximately 200 people in attendance, the event was covered by security officers who had stated that they were volunteers and not licences through SIA. Officers have spoken with staff to confirm that all fire escapes where clear, that there were sufficient fire extinguishers in place and that there were first aid kits available. The event was also being powered by generators. Staff were forthcoming with information, but refused to allow offices inside the venue. Due to call demand during the shift and low policing numbers it was inappropriate to enter the premises to seize the equipment and close the event, but deployed officers to conduct regular visits to the venue, where number at their peek where 500 but reported to be quite and peaceful. Local authority noise team were contacted reference T548832. The event was expected to run until 0700hrs on Saturday 7th June with plans for the event to continue again later in the evening on the 7th June. During the course of the shift we received a total of calls from local residence complaining about the noise of the rave. On Saturday 7th June 2014 I was again on duty in full uniform working as the Borough's Duty Officer for the hours of 2200hrs to 0700hrs. As with the previous evening I was made aware again of a Rave at an empty Warehouse of Progress Way. As with the previous evening, I have posted officers to make regular visits to the venue to access numbers, crowd dynamics and general intelligence around the event. During the course of the number numbers at the event were around 300. At 0200hrs I have attended the venue with A/PS Miles and two environmental officers. The entrance to the venue was located off progress way, down the side off "Tops Tiles". The warehouse was at the bottom of this side road behind a metal gate. The gate padlock had been removed and a

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security officer was opening the gate to allow access. As myself and A/PS Miles and the EO have approached the gate they have closed the gate preventing us access. I have introduced myself and asked to speak with the event organisers, to which a member of staff has disappeared into the venue and returned with a male who I would describe as light skinned black male, Approximate age of 35, wearing a white long sleeved t-shirt, grey bottoms. I recognised this male as Simon Cordell. I have introduced myself and asked if we could speak at the bottom of the road where the noise levels would allow us to talk. We have all moved to the bottom of Progress Way where I have introduced myself and explained the purpose of the visit and asked "It's Simon isn't it?" to which he has replied "Yes" I have then further asked "Simon Cordell" to which he has indicated that it was but not verbally confirmed the answer. I have introduced the two EO's the Simon who have explained the purpose of their visit and the fact that they were going to serve a noise abatement order, they have produced the paperwork and asked the male for his name to which he has refused to provide his details. It was explained that without the name of a person from the venue the EO's are unable to serve the paperwork. As we have been unable to progress this line of action, I have made the request to Simon Cordell to turn the music down. During the course of the 8th June we had approximately 40 calls complaining about the noise. During the course of the shift police had contact with several groups that had been attendance at the Rave, all of which where extremely intoxicated and by their behaviour had clearly been using drugs, which they confirmed they had used, but on police contact did not have any drugs on them. As officers where not permitted access into the venue it is unknown the extent of drug and alcohol abuse which may or may not have taken place within., however, a call from a member of public CAD 2410 of 8th June received at 0535hrs stated that drugs were openly being sold. In relation to any additional calls and increase in demand as the result of this illegal event taking place, at 0310hrs on the 8th June PS 92YE noticed a male from the roof of an adjoining building to the venue. The venue backs onto that of the Police parade site which meant as officers enter and left the premises they had a full and unobstructed view of the rear of the Rave premises, officers have attended the venue, however, the male had already come down from the roof. Staff where given advise as to ensuring that people do not get onto the roof again. At 0504hrs CAD 2290 8th June police were called to a male assaulted in the street. Officers and LAS have attended the location of WoodGrange Avenue where the male had injuries of suspected broken wrists and a bloody mouth, he initially stated that he had been attacked from behind but on investigation it transpired that this male had been one of the people seen on the roof earlier and had fallen whilst getting down.

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