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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 **Jason AMES** URN:

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Age if under 18 **Over 18** (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: **Police Officer 206011**

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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Date: **15/08/14**

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On Saturday 09th August 2014 I was on duty in full Police uniform driving a marked police vehicle in the company of A/Insp King when at 2221 hours we were informed of CAD 9717 which related to some intelligence received that stated there was likely to an illegal open air rave in the region of Millmarsh Lane, Enfield, EN3. As this was very new information we attended the location as quickly as possible so that we could assess whether there was a possibility of ending the rave before it began.

We arrived in Millmarsh Lane at 2232 hours and straight away I could see a number of small pockets of young people walking east along Millmarsh Lane. These groups particularly stood out as the area is an industrial estate and is usually very quiet at time of night.

We worked out these youths were making their way to an open air area next to the Greggs Bakery. This area appeared to be the ground on which a building used to stand. It was fenced off and the front gates were chained shut with a motorcycle chain and a padlock. I could here music coming from the venue and I could see small numbers inside and a couple of tents.

We exited our vehicle and approached the gates in order to speak with the organiser.

Manning the gate was a mixed race, IC3 male I know as Simon CORDELL. I was aware of a lot of intelligence on our indices that suggests Cordell is known to be the organiser of most of the raves that have been happening in the Enfield area.

We asked if we could come in to the venue and speak with him. Cordell refused initially stating that there was no rave. He stated that it was a private 'conference.' He stated that there have been a few people camping on the land as they had nowhere else to go. He stated that they are having a few friends over for a private party. After persuasion Cordell allowed A/Insp King and I entry to survey the area.

Inside I could see around 20 - 30 people milling around, 2 small camping tents, a large set of speakers and sound system and a supply of bottled water.

Cordell was informed that the rave was going to be closed down and despite a slight resistance to this by him

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trying to quote legislation at us he agreed to pack up and leave. He was reluctant but co-operative at this stage. We restricted access to any new comers to the venue and asked for a few more units to come to the location to help with dispersal of the small numbers that were in attendance and deter any new arrivals.


The venue had more or less emptied but the organisers were still packing their equipment away. As this was happening a crowd of approximately 100 people arrived in Millmarsh Lane at the same time. This appeared odd to me that so many people turned up all at once. The crowd appeared to be angry at the fact that Police had interrupted their evening and were shouting and advancing on officers. One of the group shouted, "Lets just storm it." Cordell appeared to have realised that this crowd was in attendance and half emerged from the venue and appeared to be encouraging the crowd to act up and try to force their way into the site. After a short time however, the crowd started to disappear. They moved back towards the junction of Millmarsh Lane and Mollison Avenue. A/Insp KING asked some the officers present to follow them up to the junction and restrict access to Millmarsh Lane.

Once this had happened, reports came over the radio that more numbers were arriving and that more officers were going to be needed in order to control the group. There were also reports of missiles being thrown at officers. A/Insp King and I went to the junction of Mollison Avenue. I could see a large crowd of 200 - 250. Crowd was very verbal and on the whole were advancing towards officers. There were a number of members of the crowd that were throwing traffic cones, traffic beacons and bottles at officers. I ordered the officers to form a cordon across the road and a number of officers also drew and racked their batons as a show of force and a deterrent. I did this also. A/Insp KING had asked for a dog van to attend the scene and the dog and handler assisted in driving the crowd back. TSG commissioners reserve was also on route.

There were two members of this crowd, a male and a female, that persisted and did not back down and leave. These two were detained and subsequently arrested by officers. The male had to be restrained on the floor. Following this exchange the crowd started to move back towards the Brimsdown British Rail station. This is where they stayed for the remainder of the incident. The odd one or two members of the crowd came forward and was verbal but otherwise they slowly dispersed on to the trains and left the area.

A/Insp King instructed 2 Police units to remain at the junction of Millmarsh Lane and Mollison Avenue in order to keep revellers away from the location.

This incident caused major disruption to the public by temporarily closing Mollison Avenue which is a major artery into North East London. It drew response team officers away from there core buisness which not only impacted on Enfield Borough but also on surrounding boroughs who had to relinquish resources to assist Enfield.

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