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CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO ADMISSION

Arrested at his home address after his mother raised concerns about his mental state - he was allegedly verbally threatening towards his neighbour and (?) neighbour's children. Simon's mother called police who arrested him. He was seen by the FME [Force Medical Examiner] at Wood Green police station, then referred for MHA.

CURRENT MEDICATION

Olanzapine 5mg

PERSONAL & FAMILY HISTORY

Mr Cordell was born at North Middlesex University Hospital. He has a younger brother and sister. Mr Cordell says he knows his maternal grandmother attempted suicide on a number of occasions and had admissions to mental hospital. Mr Cordell's father worked as a union representative and his mother ran her own computer company.

Mr Cordell says he did not get on well with his father who was a violent man. He was violent towards Mr Cordell, Mr Cordell's mother and siblings. Mr Cordell left home at the age of fifteen and was homeless for a while. He was placed in to care after stealing a pint of milk. He was placed in a series of children's care homes around the UK, but says that each time he would steal a car and drive back to London.

Mr Cordell said he was pushed hard to achieve at school by his father and that he was "an A-star student" for most of the time. He says he was intelligent and would do the work at other times and as a result would often just "mess about" in class. He went on to college and studied engine mechanics, completing a city & guilds qualification. After leaving school he went on to get jobs in the construction industry.

Mr Cordell says he has tried to build himself up a business for providing party entertainment. At the moment he says he is not able to earn from this due to the restrictions of his bail.

Mr Cordell has had one long term relationship which he describes as "my first true love". This is with a woman called Diana who is currently studying physiotherapy. They were together thirteen years but he says she has moved back out of his flat in recent months. Mr Cordell thinks this is