

Continuation of Statement of Jason AMES.....

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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