DEFENCE STATEMENT

(Criminal Procedure and Investigations Act 1996, section 5 & 6; Criminal Procedure and Investigations Act 1996 (Defence Disclosure Time Limits) Regulations 2011; Criminal Procedure Rules, rule 15.4)

This Is My First Statement

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WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r27. 2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1930, s.5B

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Statement of: Mr. Simon Paul Cordell

Age if under 18: Over *(if over 18 insert 'over 18')*

Occupation: News Reporter!

This statement **(Consisting Of 8 Page{s)** all 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 in it anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Dated: 08/01/2026

(Signed)

(On behalf of Mr. Simon Paul CORDELL) **(Dated) 08/01/2026**

I, Mr Simon Paul Cordell, of 109 Burncroft Avenue PO BOX EN3 7JQ.

- **WILL SAY AS FOLLOWS**

1+ **Date of Incident: 26/08/2025**
2+ **Location:** Bail Address!
3+ **Background:** As detailed below!
4+ **I am a secure tenant living on the ground floor of Address:** 109 Burncroft Avenue Enfield En3 7jq, **Since 2006.**

Is prison *required* if you are found guilty of "touching an officer on the shoulder"?

No — prison is *not* automatically required.

There is **no law** or **Sentencing Act rule** that says you *must* go to prison for a minor contact assault on an emergency worker.

Here's what the official sentencing guidelines say:

🔵 1. What offence are we talking about?

Assault on an Emergency Worker
Under the *Assaults on Emergency Workers (Offences) Act 2018*.

The sentencing guidelines for this offence are published by the Sentencing Council [Sentencing Council].

🔵 2. What is the maximum sentence?

According to the Sentencing Council:

- **Maximum sentence: 1 year custody** (for offences before June 2022) [Courts and Tribunals Judiciary]
- **Offence range: Discharge → 26 weeks custody** [Sentencing Council]

This means:

👉 **The judge can give anything from an absolute discharge to a short prison sentence.**
👉 **Prison is NOT mandatory.**

🔵 3. What if the contact was minor (e.g., touching a shoulder)?

The guidelines say the court must look at:

Harm

- Was there injury?
- Was it serious?
- Was it minor?
- Was it accidental or reckless?

Culpability

- Was it deliberate?
- Was it reckless?

- Was it minimal force?

If the allegation is:

- a **single movement**,
- **no injury**,
- **no pain**,
- **no medical notes**,
- **no use-of-force form**,
- **no BWV showing aggression**,
- **contradictory officer statements**,
- **officer himself said he was "not sure"**,

…then this falls into the **lowest harm** and **lowest culpability** category.

For that category, the sentencing range is:

Absolute discharge → Fine → Community order

NOT prison.

This is directly supported by the guideline range Sentencing Council.

🔵 4. When do people actually go to prison for this offence?

Prison is normally used when:

- the officer is injured
- there is repeated violence
- there is spitting, kicking, punching
- there is aggression or hostility
- the assault is deliberate
- the defendant has a long record of violence

None of that matches what you described.

🔵 5. What the guidelines say about very minor contact

The Sentencing Council explicitly includes:

- **“Common assault / battery”**
- **“Assault on emergency worker”**

And the offence range includes:

- **Discharge**
- **Fine**
- **Community order**
- **Up to 26 weeks custody** (only for more serious cases)

This is confirmed in the guideline text Sentencing Council Courts and Tribunals Judiciary.

🔵 6. So to answer your question directly:

❌ **There is NO automatic prison sentence.**

❌ **There is NO rule requiring custody for touching an officer’s shoulder.**

❌ **The Sentencing Act does NOT mandate prison for this.**

✅ **The sentencing range includes non-custodial outcomes.**

✅ **Minor contact with no injury is at the lowest end of the scale.**

✅ **Prison is only used for more serious or violent assaults.**

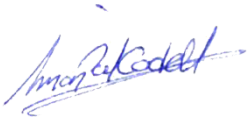
This is all directly supported by the Sentencing Council guidelines Sentencing Council Courts and Tribunals Judiciary.

If you want, I can now help you:

- write a **mitigation statement**,
- write a **factual account** for court,
- write a **letter to CPS**,

- or break down the sentencing guidelines even further.

Just tell me what direction you want to go.

(Signed) 

(On behalf of Mr. Simon Paul CORDELL) (Dated Signed) 08/01/2026

Signature witnessed by: