

Continuation of Statement of

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group were becoming more hostile towards officers despite there being no music now and being informed of the closure. A short while later officers I had positioned at the junction radioed that there was now an even bigger crowd advancing on them. I arrived at the junction to see a very large number of people, now upto 200 walking with purpose towards officers stood in the road. Suddenly objects began to get thrown from the crowd towards police. I saw traffic cones, cone lights, bottles and stones begin to land near Officers so that they had to quickly move out of the way. I again heard phrases similar to "storm them". Fearing imminent violence I drew and extended my baton as did my colleagues. I could hear shouts of "get back" but the crowd continued to throw items, some of which were landing on cars that had been temporarily stopped due to the group. We had been joined by two dog units who took the lead in dispersing the crowd. At this point there were two arrests to my left and along with the dogs this seemed to make the crowd withdraw. I told my officers and the dogs not to follow the crowd as they were now by the train station with nowhere to go as the barriers were down. There was a tense stand off for some time but the group eventually got onto trains and left the area. I was informed by another unit that Mr Cordell had also left with his equipment. I tasked arriving TSG with local reassurance patrols but shortly after they started I was advised that most of the group were wandering around near to Ponders End. I tasked TSG with following this group and was informed by their Inspector that their unmarked unit had overheard talk that the rave was now going to be South West of the original location. I was aware that TSG subsequently saw Simon Cordell by the Crown lane Industrial Estate where he has held a rave before and had stopped the group from forcibly breaking into this location. Finally after close to three hours later, the group dispersed and I was informed that social media was indicating the rave would now be Epping Forest. The whole incident took a vast number of resources to police and there were two arrests for drugs possession and two for drunk and disorderly behaviour. One officer was injured with a deep cut to his elbow requiring first aid by the Police FME and emergency calls whilst answered were subject to delay.

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