

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

(C.J. Act 1967, S2,9.M.C. Rules 1968 R58)

STATEMENT OF: Simon Cordell

AGE OF WITNESS (if over 21): 34

OCCUPATION OF WITNESS: Unemployed

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TELEPHONE:

This statement consisting of 7 page(s) 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 willfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated the 24th day of February 2015



Signed.....

Signature Witnessed by

YA/450/15

I am Simon Cordell; my date of birth is 26th January 1981. My home address is as stated above. I am making this witness statement in response to members of the police and local authority's application for an anti-social behaviour order.

I am currently in the process of trying to establish my company. I have not yet incorporated it; however, I am currently working on having it registered as a company. I am aiming to have it registered as a limited company with charitable status within the articles of the memorandum of association. I have become a member at general meetings held at my local community hall and in turn taking part in the daily challenges a community hall can be presented with. This has introduced me to various people who have helped me with good advice.

I have always wanted to give something back to the community. I have established my web site with a lot of help of others and have now "parked" my company, and I exhibit proof of this of this as SC/1. The company is not yet trading, but I aim to trade soon.

I was placed in the care system as a child, and I try to help vulnerable people. I know what it is like to have to fend for yourself. I exhibit letters of proof that I have helped homeless people as exhibit SC/2.

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I believe that this application is an attempt by members of the police and local Authority to find me guilty of offences I have not committed in turn having an effect on my health and stopping me from developing my company, and it is not acceptable or reasonable. I am in the process of developing a business plan for a festival at Barley lands in Essex. I had planned to have this event in 2014, however, the stress of the ongoing ASBO proceedings have stopped me from putting this festival on. I exhibit a draft business plan as exhibit SC/3, and a business submission form for a community festival as exhibit SC/4.

I was once arrested by members of the police outside White Sands Nightclub on 14th November 2013 at Brixton Hill and I had my van seized. The reason given for stopping me was that I had “tools of the trade” in my van and my insurance did not cover driving a vehicle on this basis. My vehicle was seized as it was alleged that I did not have insurance. I was actually insured at the time, and there were no tools in my van. I exhibit proof of my insurance as exhibit SC/4. A police officer gave incorrect evidence in court that he had not taken my vehicle because there were tools in it; however, he had made an inconsistent statement previously saying that there were tools in the van. I exhibit proof of this incident as exhibits SC/5, a witness statement authenticating the sound recordings I have submitted, exhibit SC/6, transcripts of sound recordings of conversations with police personnel and my insurance company, and exhibit SC/7, a sound recording of a phone call from a police officer to my insurance company, and exhibit SC/8, a further sound recording of a phone call between the insurance company and the police car pound. I was convicted of driving without insurance on the basis of his evidence. I am appealing against conviction on the basis that the police officer gave incorrect evidence to court. My insurance company has provided me with a letter of indemnity and witness statement in this respect; however, I am currently banned from driving as a result of the officer’s incorrect evidence. I exhibit the clerk’s notes from the Magistrates Court trial verifying that the police officer told the court that my Van had not been seized because of there being tools in the Van, and a covering email from Lavender Hill Magistrates Court, as exhibit SC/9, and I exhibit proof that I am currently banned from driving as exhibit SC/10. I had a legitimate reason for being at White Sands Nightclub as I was discussing becoming entertainment manager for White Sands Nightclub; I was going to see a friend about the possibility of a job interview. My van was empty on the date in question.

I accept that I own entertainment equipment. I have acquired these for my company. I am trying to build a company, and the aim was to rent the equipment out to people. I have prepared draft terms and conditions of business that I exhibit as SC/11. I was trying to hire the equipment out to conferences, school fates, local community events, private birthday parties until the stress became too

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much. I would hire the equipment out to private parties, and to people who could provide me with sufficient identification, and who could cover any damage to the equipment.

I have worked and attempted to work with charitable organizations, in particular Muswell Hill festival helping kids with cerebral palsy, as well as the local scouts Ponders End festival, Lock to Lock festival, Enfield Town Festival, Durant's Park Festival. I am a member on the committee at my local community hall, I have also been working alongside D.E.M.S event management service's in aid of Bliss who are a charity that helps premature babies. I have been building strong relationships with a view to developing a running business helping make a positive effect of today's people and society. I exhibit proof of my business relationship with D.E.M.S as exhibit SC/12. I am very concerned that this application is damaging my attempts to build a legitimate business by way of darkening my name and company brand. I had arranged a community charity children's fashion show fundraiser, and I exhibit proof of this in the form of tickets that had been printed for the event as exhibit SC/13. However, this event did not go ahead as planned as the stress of these ongoing proceedings meant I could not take part in it.

I am currently signed off from work due to problems that I am having. I exhibit proof of this in the form of my doctor's authorisation as exhibit SC/14. These proceedings have taken a large part in the deterioration of my health, by way of the stress caused.

I will now comment on the incidents that I am alleged to have been involved in and that form the substance of the complaint that has been laid against me.

I am alleged to have been involved in the organisation of and/or supplied equipment for and/or attended an illegal rave at Canary Wharf on 12th January 2013. I accept having attended a private party on this date I had been invited to; I did not organise any event on the 12th January 2013, and I did not hire out or lend any sound equipment or encourage anybody else to do so. I arrived at the occupied building at about 10 or 11pm. I was there for about 3 hours, and then I was attacked by an occupier of the building and I was hospitalised. I was taken to hospital at about 2am. I do not know what happened after I left, but I was not involved in organising any event and I did not rent or lend out any sound equipment in respect of this. I exhibit proof that I was hospitalised as exhibit SC/15. I also dispute that I have any criminal convictions for Class A drugs or for supplying any drugs. I did not cause any Anti-Social Behaviour on the 12th January 2013.

On the 7th April 2013, I was going out with my friends and I had some off-road bikes in the back of my van. I was looking forward to this day, and it had been arranged for a Sunday. We were waiting

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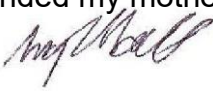
at Ellesmore Road when the police stopped my van outside my friends. Ellesmore Road is a house on a housing estate. I do not see how this is relevant to proceedings for an anti-social behaviour order; in addition, the prosecution offered no evidence in respect of the charges that were brought even though they were reliant on police witnesses. I had been wrongfully arrested for not having insurance when I was insured to drive. I did not cause any Anti-Social Behaviour on the 7th April 2013.

It is alleged that I was looking for venues in which illegal raves could be held on 24th May 2013. I dispute this. I had been contacted by a friend called Joshua who was living at 204 High Street Ponders End EN3 4EZ known as the Old Police Station at Ponders End. As I was driving towards 204 High Street I was stopped by members of the police. I consented to having my person and my car searched; however, I had not done anything wrong and nothing was found. I dispute making any comments about being able to attract people to illegal raves and illegal 3-day events. I did not cause any Anti-Social Behaviour on the 24th May 2013

In respect of evidence raised concerning an event at Hyde Park on 20th April 2014; I was hired by norml-co.uk to attend the event. I was told it was legal, and I was hired on a dry hire basis. I was doing the job on a 'no profit' basis, and this was because the person who hired me had been let down by someone else. Members of the police told me at the event that I had not been hired by the organisers of the event, and that I was not supposed to be there. I had been hired by norml-co.uk, and I had been told that this was a licensed event. I took the police at their word, and I did not use my equipment on that day. I exhibit proof that I was hired as exhibit SC/16 I did not cause any Anti-Social Behaviour on the 20th April 2014.

In respect of my presence at Unit 5 St George's Industrial Estate, White Hart Lane on 25th May 2014. I attended a commercial building that the occupiers were residing in having displayed s144 LASPO notices and in turn treating the premises as their home. There was no music played. I was not involved in the organisation of an illegal rave of any sort. I did drive there in my van VRM CX52JRZ, and I accept that I had 2 speakers in the van; however, I did not have a full sound system with me. I was using my van for storage. I had my van searched by members of the police, nothing was seized, and I went home I did not cause any anti-social behaviour on the 25th May 2014.

In respect of the 6th June 2014 at an occupied Warehouse on Progress Way in Enfield; I do not accept that I was present at this warehouse on that date. I was with a friend at my house on this date and attended my mother's house Lorraine Cordell my sister was present Deon Benjamin and

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family friend Jamie Duffy who has housing difficulty's and lives at all my family's addresses and helps out where needed due to health problems my family has.

In respect of the 7th June 2014 at a Warehouse on Progress Way in Enfield; I had been having a family drink in the pub/hall with my cousin Dwaine Edwards his leaving party went from the 07/06/2014 till the early hours on the 08/06/2014. I had arranged to drop a friend's locker keys off to him, I left the pub/hall to go and visit my friend who was residing at Progress Way. I accept that I was approached by members of the police, he asked me my name and my details, and I did not reply to him. He asked me to follow him back to where I had just come from, which was where my car was parked along the Great Cambridge Road. I did what he asked. I felt like I was being accused of organising a rave, which I had not done. I then waited in the petrol station a cross the road for my friend so that I could give him his locker keys back. I then left and went back home. I was not involved in organising any event at a Warehouse on Progress Way. At no point was any of my sound equipment used for this event or did I cause any anti-social behaviour on the 7th June 2014.

I was not present at any event on Progress Way on the 8th June 2014. I was at my mother's house with my mother, Lorraine Cordell and my Nan, Sister Deon Benjamin, and a family friend, Jamie Duffy.

On the 20th June 2014 I am alleged to have been involved in the organisation of and/or supplied equipment for and/or attended an illegal rave at 1 Falcon Park, Neasden Lane, NW10. I had been contacted and asked if I would hire a sound system out for a gentleman's birthday party. I agreed to do so, and the sound system and a van were collected from my house. My terms and conditions were signed and a deposit was given to me. I exhibit the terms and conditions and a copy invoice in respect of the transaction as exhibit SC/18. I received a phone call at 1am in the morning by a client who said that the sound system was being seized, and that the police were in attendance. I remember getting up and attending at around 1am to 2am. It took me 1 hour and 10 minutes to attend. I remember there being lots of members of the police present when approaching the address, I had been given. I parked my car and approached the police at the doors and spoke to the police officers I explained and showed the invoice and a copy of my terms and conditions of hire. I was allowed entry to pack the sound system away, and it was explained to me that it was being confiscated. I was allowed to collect the sound system from the police at a later date. I never returned the sound system to the client as he had breached my terms and conditions. I did not knowingly supply equipment for an illegal party. I did not cause any Anti-Social Behaviour on the 20th June 2014

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On 19th July 2014 I am alleged to have been involved in the organisation of and/or supplied equipment for and/or attended an illegal rave at the 198 Great Cambridge Road, Enfield Town, EN1 1UJ. This road is between my house and my mother's house, and it is the route that I usually drive when going to Mac Donald's. I was passing what is known as the old Carpet right, 198 Great Cambridge Road when I saw a man who I know to be homeless being detained by the police. As I was travelling on the opposite side of the Great Cambridge Road, travelling from Lincoln Road, I had to turn around at the closest traffic lights next to the Odeon Cinema. I noticed a car park a few premises before 198 Great Cambridge Road, a general car park opens to the general public and belonging to Magnet. I parked there as I could see that the police had blocked access to the car park belonging to 198 Great Cambridge Road. I locked my vehicle and walked up to where the police were detaining the person I knew. On doing so, a police officer approached me and told me I was under arrest for a possible breach of the peace. I was later released from police custody without any further action being taken. I was not involved in the organisation of any event on this day at 198 Great Cambridge Road, nor did I supply any equipment. I did not cause any Anti-Social Behaviour on the 19th July 2014.

On the 24th July 2014 I am alleged to have admitted to police officers that I organized illegal raves. At about 16:30 I was driving down Alma Road. I use this road to travel between my mother's house and my flat as it is the shortest route between both. My Nan also lived just off Alma Road just before her recent death. On travelling from my mum's house on the 24th July 2014 after visiting my Nan and my mother due to my Nan's illness my Nan was staying at my mum's house. I was going home to my flat. I used Alma Road as a route to travel as I often do. I noticed an unmarked police car as it was indicating to take a right turn, the opposite way from which I was travelling. I realized it was an unmarked police car as I had seen the driver on active duty in the local area. As I drove past it changed its indication to the way I was heading. It indicated left. The car followed me and then put on its blue lights. I pulled over to the left-hand side of the road, opposite the BMW repair center along Alma Road. On the left-hand side of the pavement leading to the back entrance of Durant's Park a male officer got out of the passenger side and approached my driver's door. I opened my window to a little and asked why I had been pulled over. The police officer said he was not sure why but his colleague had instructed him to do so. He then went back to his unmarked police car and re-approached my car window with his colleague the driver of the police car. I asked again why I had been pulled over, and the driver of the police car pulled out his truncheon and said I had to get out of my car, and that if I declined my window would be smashed. I got out of my vehicle as I did not have anything to hide, I had not committed any offence whatsoever, and I was not wanted. I was told I had been pulled over because I had driven too close to the car in-front of me. This car did not stop and had not been stopped by police. I was then accused of having drugs, and I was searched, and my vehicle

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was searched and nothing was found. I was then asked by the police what I was up to. I said that I was setting up my catalogue that I had been building with a friend, and that my website was nearly completed. I said that I was trying to achieve positive effects within today's society with my business I was trying to build a brand. This was a Thursday at 16:30. Once the police had checked everything they needed to us they parted after I had shaken hands with them. I then made my way home. I did not cause any Anti-Social Behaviour on the 24th July 2014

On 27th July 2014 in respect of an alleged rave on private land with a warehouse being occupied at the rear of Milmarsh Lane, Enfield. I am said to have been involved in the organisation of and/or supplied equipment for and or attended an illegal rave on this date. I attended a 20th birthday party at Milmarsh Lane, and I had dinner with people who were living there. I never knew of any event taking place on. I did not have any sound system on the premises. I understand that the sound system was moved at the request of police, the owners of the PA equipment was the occupiers, and I did not have any hand in this. I had been invited as a visitor. The occupants had placed LASPO notices on their premises. I did not own any of the sound equipment that was found there, and I did not rent or lend any sound equipment to anyone in respect of this occasion or take part in the organisation. I did not cause any Anti-Social Behaviour on the 27th July 2014.

I am further alleged to have been involved in the organisation of and/or supplied equipment for and or attended an illegal rave on the 9th to 10th August 2014 at Milmarsh Lane. I dispute this. I was not involved in organising any rave, and I did not supply equipment. The police have alleged that this event was run by Every Decibel Matters. I can confirm that I am not an employee of this organisation, or a shareholder, or a director and have no controlling interest in this company. I exhibit a letter sent from Every Decibel Matters Ltd "to whom it may concern" verifying this, I exhibit this as exhibit SC/19. I had gone to have a birthday dinner, but I was not present at an illegal rave. Police came and requested that people leave and so I left. I did have a conversation with the police concerning three empty C02 gas canisters that I had in my vehicle, VRM MA57LDY. I did display knowledge of nitrous oxide, but this was just in a general conversation with the police as it is information I had to learn when carrying C02 cylinders for welding. I do remember talking to a police officer about an occupier I had met called Jena having passed her first aid test. This was general conversation. I dispute encouraging any crowd behind a gate to come in. I did not try to incite others to breach the peace, and I did not try to put anyone in danger. I deny behaving in an anti-social manner on this date. I did not cause any Anti-Social Behaviour on the 9th 10th August 2014.

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