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WITNESS STATEMENT

**Criminal Procedure Rules, r 16.2; Criminal Justice Act
1967, s. 9**

The Civil Procedure Rules 1998

Statement of:

Age if under 18: *(if over 18 inserts 'over 18')*

Occupation:

This statement (consisting of **[0]** 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.

Signature:

(witness) Date:

I, Ms. Lorraine Cordell, of address 23 Byron Terrace London **PO BOX N9 7DG**.

I WILL SAY AS FOLLOWS

I am writing regarding the action I took when I, Miss Lorraine Cordell, saw my son Mr. Simon Cordell's PNC in **2014** and noticed incorrect information within it.

On **10/02/2014**, I made a call to the City of London Court and was told to put my request into an email to westminster.mc@hmcts.gsi.gov.uk It was about a conviction for failing to surrender to custody at the appointed time on **25/01/08**, which on my son's PNC stated he was found guilty when, in fact, the case was dismissed by the court.

After paying a fee of £5.00, I was able to get the memorandum of conviction from the case of Simon Cordell heard on **03/03/2008**, which clearly shows that the conviction for failing to surrender to custody at the appointed time on **25/01/08** was dismissed by the court.

This case has caused a great deal of suffering to my son. He has been refused bail multiple times and also remanded to prison due to this incorrect information being on his record.

I have tried to get this removed along with other errors and even filed a complaint, only to be told the record is correct without the police even checking. Now, if my son ends up in a police station, I carry the memorandum of conviction and warn the police beforehand, showing them

the memorandum, which they state they can't go by—they can only go by what is on the record, which is not in my son's best interest.

The other errors on my son's PNC are covered below. I did not contact all the courts, only the City of London and Highbury Corner Magistrates Court.

I tried to call Highbury Corner Magistrates Court many times, but no one picked up the phone, so I emailed my request on **19/02/2014** to GL-HCORNERMCENQ@hmcts.gsi.gov.uk. I needed the information urgently due to the impact this was having on my life. However, it took the court until **13/03/2014 at 14:47** to inform me that I could pick up the information from Enfield Magistrates Court, as you will see from the emails.

I went to pick up the information from the court on **13/03/2014** and met a lady at the office named Odjida Benedicta B, who asked me to take a seat and said she would come out to talk to me.

Upon speaking to Odjida Benedicta B, she was very confused as this had never happened to her before. There were so many convictions not listed in the court files, making it seem like they had never been in a courtroom before. I asked her if the information could have been lost, to which she stated no, it could not. She asked me to come over to the office window, went inside, and then opened the window to show me the books where the court records were kept and how they were bound. If any papers were missing, it would be clearly visible due to the way the books were bound.

Odjida Benedicta B came back out of the office, and we sat back down to talk. She passed me a piece of paper with the records she was able to find, marked with stars or crossed out where no records had been found in the register, which I asked if I could keep. She also gave me a list of the convictions she could find and stated that if I needed any more help, I should contact her. She told me I needed to deal with the information that could not be found on the register, as it was like the cases had never been in a courtroom, which I said I would do.

I was trying to get an official letter after this, as the paper Odjida Benedicta B had given me showing the stars was not enough. I could not get hold of Odjida Benedicta B by email or phone, and no one else wanted to discuss anything with me regarding this issue. So, I went to Highbury Corner Magistrates Court many times, where I spoke to many people. I was told Odjida Benedicta B no longer worked there, and emails were not being replied to—I would get the read receipt but then nothing else.

I then spoke to someone named Flo at the court, and she said she would sort it out, but this never happened. In the end, I had a meeting with the manager at the court. I was told the books

had been moved from Tottenham Magistrates Court to Highbury Corner Magistrates Court and they could not find them. The reason I was told this was because I stated that if it takes someone to go over all the data again to deal with this and write a correct letter, then this is what should be done. That's when I was told the books had been moved from Tottenham Magistrates Court to Highbury Corner Magistrates Court and they could not find them. I was not happy as it seemed no one wanted to help me, and I was getting nowhere, and no help was being given.

John Forster had also asked the legal adviser if a letter could be written regarding the issue and what had been done and checked, and the legal adviser stated:

"Further to your request for a letter from the court regarding the alleged erroneous entries on the PNC, the legal adviser has stated that the court cannot supply this information: you must make your request through the police."

But I had already gone to the police, and they stated they could not help me, the court had to deal with it. I even filed a complaint with the police to try and get them to look into it. They came back too quickly, stating the PNC was correct, even the failing to surrender, which clearly was not as that case had been dismissed. So, I believe they never looked at anything and just stated they did, and the PNC was correct, which clearly it is not.

I have so many emails regarding all of this, but no one could help me correct the PNC. As of today's date, **15/10/2024**, the PNC still stands with all the errors, and I have not been able to do anything or get any help to correct it.

On **30/01/2017**, I submitted an application for access to personal data held by the Metropolitan Police Service. This got me nowhere as they came back and refused me, stating it was a speculative search of data. The odd thing is, I submitted the same application for access to personal data held by the Metropolitan Police Service for my whole family on the same date, and they were processed. So, how could I do the same search for data on all my family and get the request, but for Simon, it was a speculative search of data and refused? I even went to the ICO regarding the refusal, and nothing could be done.

This is where I got up to. You will need to complete the ACRO data info. I even went to ACRO and got two SARs.

CITY OF LONDON	
1.	03.03.2008 failing to surrender, should not be on your PNC record as found guilty, as the case was dismissed by the court.
HIGHBURY CORNER MAGISTRATES COURT	
2.	06/08/97 there us a question regarding this date, and if it was in the reg. THEFT OF VEHICLE AND DRIVING
3.	12/11/97 there is a question about this see below 13/11/97 but it seems as if the 12/11/97 is on the system but what case is it for? on the PNC it is for THEFT OF VEHICLE AND DRIVING

<u>4.</u>	<u>13/11/97</u> is not in the reg she questioned if the <u>13/11/1997</u> was heard on the <u>12/11/97</u> was for X2 BURGLARYS
<u>5.</u>	<u>21/05/98</u> she could not find in reg (but I am questing this as you went to young offenders)? was for ROBBERY?
<u>6.</u>	<u>05/01/01</u> not in reg PO8SE99ING CONTROLLED DRUG CLASS B
<u>7.</u>	<u>17/08/2002</u> not in reg
<u>8.</u>	<u>24/04/2003</u> not in reg PO8SE99ING CONTROLLED DRUG CLASS B

Signature:

Signature witnessed by:

Witness contact details

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Name of witness:

Home Address:

Postcode:

E-mail address:

Mobile:

Home Telephone Number:

Work Telephone

Number: Preferred means of contact (*specify details for**vulnerable/intimidated victims and witnesses only*): Gender: Date and

place of birth:

Former name:

Ethnicity Code (16 + 1):

DATES OF WITNESS NON-AVAILABILITY:**Witness care****1+**. Is the witness willing to attend court? If 'No', include reason(s) on form **MG6**.**2+**. What can be done to ensure attendance?**3+**. Does the witness require a Special Measures Assessment as a vulnerable or intimidated witness? (youth under 18; witness with mental disorder, learning or physical disability; or witness in fear of giving evidence or witness is the complainant in a sexual offence case) If 'Yes' submit **MG2** with file in anticipated not guilty, contested or indictable only cases.**4+**. Does the witness have any particular needs? If 'Yes', what are they? (Disability, healthcare, childcare, transport, disability, language difficulties, visually impaired, restricted mobility or other concerns?).**Witness Consent (for witness completion)****1+**. The Victim Personal Statement scheme (victims only) has been explained to me☐ Yes, No ☐**2+**. I have been given the Victim Personal Statement Leaflet.☐ Yes, No ☐**3+**. I have been given the leaflet "Giving a witness statement to the police..."☐ Yes, No ☐**4+**. I consent to the police having access to my medical record(s) in relation to this matter (obtained in accordance with local practice.)☐ Yes, No ☐**5+**. I consent to my medical record in relation to this matter being disclosed to the defence☐ Yes, No ☐**6+**. I consent to the statement being disclosed for the purposes of civil, or other proceedings if applicable, e.g. childcare proceedings, CICA.☐ Yes, No ☐

7+. Child witness cases only. I have had the provision regarding reporting restrictions explained to me.

☐ Yes, No ☐

8+. I would like CPS to apply for reporting restrictions on my behalf.

☐ Yes, No ☐

9+. I understand that the information recorded above will be passed on to the Witness Service, which offers help and support to witnesses pre-trial and at court.

☐ Yes, No ☐

Signature of witness: **PRINT NAME:**

Signature of parent/guardian/appropriate adult: **PRINT NAME:**

Address and telephone number (of parent etc.), if different from above:

Statement taken by:

Station:

Time and place statement taken:

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