

1. Made on behalf of the Claimant
2. Witness Statement of Markandu Mathiyalakan
3. Statement No. 1
4. Exhibits
5. Dated 02.08.2017

IN THE EDMONTON COUNTY COURT

CLAIM NO:

BETWEEN:

THE MAYOR AND BURGESSES OF
THE LONDON BOROUGH OF ENFIELD

Claimant

-and-

MR SIMON CORDELL

Defendant

WITNESS STATEMENT OF MR MARKANDU MATHIYALAGAN

I, Mr Markandu Mathiyalagan, of Flat 117 Burncroft Avenue, Enfield, EN3 7JQ make this statement believing it to be true and understand that it may be placed before court.

Insofar as the content of this witness statement is within my own personal knowledge it is true and insofar as it is not within my personal knowledge it is true to the best of my knowledge.

I WILL SAY AS FOLLOWS

1. I am the tenant of Flat 117 Burncroft Avenue, Enfield, EN3 7JQ. My flat is located two floors above the Defendant's. I live there with my wife and children. I have been house to this Property with my family on 11th September 2014 by Waltham Forest District Council. The Property was given to me as a temporary accommodation.

2. I make this Witness Statement in support of the Claimant's application for an injunction to stop the Defendant from causing intimidation, harassment to me and other residents.

BACKGROUND

3. The problem with the Defendant started a few months after we moved into the property, after the Defendant approached me asking me to write a letter of support in relation to a problem he was having with the lady that used to live at Flat 113 Burncroft Avenue. I refused to write the letter and told the Defendant that I do not want to get involved as I did not have any problems with the lady. Since then the Defendant has made living in this block difficult for me and my family. He has been very aggressive to my family and I and has continuously intimidated, threatened and harassed my wife, cousin and me.
4. The Defendant have repeatedly accused us of making noise inside our flat even though our flat is situated two floors above his and the person living directly below us have never complained to us about noise. He has shouted abuse at us, damaged our properties and aggressively demanded money from me. My family and I are constantly living in fear and my wife is frightened to stay at home and has had to accompany me to work on several occasions and stayed in the car with our young daughter until I finish work.
5. The Defendant has slashed my car tyres, damaged my fuse box and has physically threatened to hit me with a piece of wood. He has a big dog that he brings out with him without a lead when he approaches us and he has used the dog to intimidate us. He also allows the dog to bark and run freely inside the communal hallway and staircase without a lead. I have reported

all the issues to the police and Waltham Forest, the local authority that placed me in the property but each time the police attends, the Defendant will lock himself inside his flat and will refuse to answer his door.

6. On 6th August 2016 at 6pm, the Defendant threatened and shouted abuse at me and my wife, he aggressively demanded money from me and threatened to beat me up. He repeatedly swore at my wife, called her a 'witch' and tried to stop me from going up the stairs to my flat by standing in front of me and placing his hands on the railings.
7. On 8th August 2016, the Defendant aggressively banged on my front door, shouted abuse at me and my wife and accused us of making noise. He then used a screw driver to damage the lock on my electric meter cupboard and removed the fuse box thereby cutting off our electricity supply. I reported the incident to the police and was given reference number CAD 7934/August 2016.
8. On 27th September 2016 at 11:45pm, I was confronted by the Defendant as I returned to my flat with my wife and young daughter and he threatened and swore at me and demanded money from me.
9. On 28th September 2016 at 5:30pm, the Defendant aggressively banged on my front door and threatened and shouted verbal abuse and swear words at me and my wife. He also aggressively demanded money from me.
10. On 8th December 2016, the Defendant aggressively banged on my front door while my wife was alone in our flat with our young daughter and accused her of making noise. He also shouted abuse and threats at her. The incident was reported to the police and I was given reference number 5227336/16.

11. On 11th December 2016, the Defendant aggressively banged on my front door and accused us of making noise, he also shouted abuse and threats at me and my wife.

12. On 23rd December 2016 at 3:43pm, the Defendant banged on my front door while my wife was alone at home with our young daughter, he shouted abuse at her and asked her to go to the bathroom and turn off the taps. He also removed our electricity fuse thereby cutting off our power supply. I reported the incident to the police and was given reference number 5753/23rd December 2016.

13. On 26th December 2016 at about 12:30pm, my family and I was going out and as we got to the first floor, the Defendant came running up the stairs towards us with a towel round his waist and started to shout abuse at us and accused us of tampering with water and stopping the water supply to his flat. I tried to explain to him that we also have restricted water supply to our flat but he will not listen and continued to shout abuse at us and followed us until we left the block.

14. On 3rd January 2017 at 10:47pm, the Defendant confronted me, my wife and our two-year-old daughter as we returned from a family outing and followed us up the stairs and started to shout that we were deliberately banging on the water pipes and making noise. The Defendant also talked about saving me from being beaten up by some unknown persons, he stated that he caught my wife and I making noise inside my bathroom, called me a 'lying cunt' and asked me to swear on my baby's life that we were not banging. He continued to shout abuse and threats at us for about 15 minutes.

15. On 21st January 2017 at 6:21pm, the Defendant aggressively banged on my front door, swore and shouted abuse and threats at us and accused us of making noise.
16. On 31st January 2017 at 6:10pm, the Defendant aggressively banged on my front door, shouted abuse and threats at us and accused us of banging on the floor. Later in the evening of the same day I discovered that all four tyres of my car which was parked outside the block have been slashed with a sharp object.
17. On 5th May 2017, I was walking out of the block when I saw the Defendant talking to two council officials and as I walked past them, the Defendant said to me that he will ruin my life and that he was going to present evidence to the police about my illegal activities. I did not respond or say anything to him.
18. On 12th May 2017 at about 12pm, my wife, was at home with my daughter and my cousin when the Defendant came up to my front door and started to bang and push aggressively on the door, shouting for my wife to open the door saying that he wanted to talk to her. The Defendant knew that I had gone to work and that my wife may be alone with our young daughter but he insisted on my wife opening the door for him while shouting abuse at her.
19. On 1st June 2017, I was at work when my wife telephoned me to complain that the Defendant and two other males came and banged on my front door for about two minutes. My wife was alone with our young daughter at the time and she was very frightened because of the loud banging on our front door.

20. On 9th June 2017, my cousin returned from work late at night and as he opened the main communal door, the Defendant came out of his flat and started to shout abuse at him. As my cousin brought out his mobile phone to record the incident, the Defendant snatched the phone from him. A struggle ensued as my cousin tried to get his phone back from the Defendant. The Defendant then physically attacked my cousin; he grabbed my cousin round his arm and neck and injured his arm thereby causing it to bleed. My cousin managed to get his phone back and called the police. The police attended within 10 minutes and my cousin explained to them what happened and they went to speak to the Defendant but he refused to let them in.

21. On 16th June 2017 at 11:55am, the Defendant confronted my wife outside the main entrance door as she was going to pick our daughter from school and accused her of making noise. The Defendant also said to my wife that he has our bank account and personal details and that she should tell me to pay him money.

22. On 18th June 2017 at 11:55am, the Defendant confronted my wife outside the communal entrance door as she was going to pick our daughter from school and said to her that he knows what time she goes out and when she returns and to tell her husband that he wants to speak to him.

23. On 23rd June 2017, my cousin returned from work at 11:35pm and as he entered the block, the Defendant came out of his flat with his dog barking and without a lead and started to swear and shout abuse at my cousin. The Defendant then attacked my cousin by punching him twice on the chest and tried to push my cousin out of the block. The Defendant snatched my cousin's mobile phone as he tried to record the incident but he managed to get the phone back. My wife heard the commotion and woke me up and as we came out of my flat shouting at my cousin and wanting to know what

was happening, the Defendant went back into his flat. We then called the police, they attended and we explained what happened. The police then went and knocked on the Defendant's door but he refused to let them in.

24. On 28th June 2017 at 11:45am, the Defendant confronted my wife outside the main entrance door as she was going to pick up our daughter from school and demanded to talk to her. My wife told him that she cannot stop to speak with him as she was on her way to collect her daughter from school but the Defendant ran after my wife, stood in front of her and started to shout at her. The Defendant told my wife that he knows all our personal details including our full names, date of birth and bank details. The Defendant demanded that we should pay him some money and that my wife should tell me to come and talk to him. The Defendant also accused my wife of making noises inside our flat.

25. On 30th June 2017 at 11:45am, the Defendant confronted my wife as she was leaving the block to go and pick up our daughter from school and accused her of slamming the door. My wife denied slamming the door and the Defendant called her a liar and proceeded to swear and shout abuse at her.

26. On 2nd July 2017 at 5:18pm, my family and I was going out to visit some friends and as we were about to exit the block, the Defendant popped his head out of his front door and asked me when I was going to hand over the money to him. I told him that I was not going to give him any money and that he should go and work so that he could earn some money. As we left the block, the Defendant came running after us and was shouting abuse and swearing at me and said to me that I should pay him some money if I want him to leave me and my family alone. The Defendant also said to me that he has all our personal details including phone numbers, date of birth

and bank details and that I must pay him to have them back. I told him that I will not pay him and to do whatever he likes with the details.

27. The constant verbal abuse, swearing, intimidation and aggressive behaviour from the Defendant towards my family and I have made it difficult for us to live in our own home. The fear of not knowing when we will be confronted with vile and aggressive behaviour as my wife and I go out or return to our home has caused us severe stress and anxiety. My wife is afraid of leaving our flat on her own due to fear that the Defendant will confront and shout abuse at her. We are having to tip-toe inside our flat for fear of being accused of making noise even though we live two floors above the Defendant. The Defendant has caused us immense hardship by vandalising my property and although I cannot prove it, I am certain that the Defendant was responsible for slashing my car tyres, damaging my meter cupboard and removing my electricity fuse several times and restricting water flow to my flat. Also, I no longer park my car outside my block in Burncroft Avenue because of the car being vandalized. I now park a few streets away, about ten or fifteen minutes from my home instead of outside my block which is about a minute from my flat. I do not see why we should have to live this way.

Statement of Truth

I believe the facts in this Witness Statement are true.

Signed M. Mathiyalagan

Name: Mr Markandu Mathiyalagan

Dated this 02 day of August 2017