

WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r27.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s.9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5b

Statement of: JENCHNER, WARREN

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

Occupation: MANAGING DIRECTOR

This statement (consisting of 3 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 wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature: WARREN JENCHNER

Date: 15/08/2017

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded (supply witness details on rear)

I am the Managing Director of Apex Lifts, Arts House, Banks Lane, Bexleyheath DA6 7BH.I have been employed here for (35) thirty-five years and been the Managing Director for (20) of these years.Apex is a family run business established in 1970.Apex manufactures, supplies, fits and services lifts, and had some involvement with Grenfell Tower in 2006 and later around 2016 which I will explain further.

In 2006 we refurbished the existing lifts in Grenfell Tower having been contracted by Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea.This involved removing existing lifts and all workings around it, including the car and motors.All that remained was the shaft itself.Once fitted we maintained the lifts for a period of one (1) year; this is known as the Defect Liability Period.After that we were not contracted to maintain, service or repair the lifts.During the fitting, a Lift Consultant Company called BUTLER & YOUNG are the Project Managers and carry out ongoing checks.When work is completed they, London Borough of Kensington & Chelsea Lift Inspector, a competent person from the Insurance Company and a Lift Tester sign the work off as complete, with power checks and health and safety checks.There is also a report every six months for the lifts life span by the competent person.

In 2016 Rydon approached us for a price to supply and fit four entrances to two lifts on the first and second floor, following Grenfell Tower refurbishment where new flats had been made from old space. We supplied a price of £45,508.08 (forty-five thousand five hundred and eight pounds eight pence), which resulted in us fitting the entrances.Once the entrances were completed we finished and handed over to Rydon and had no further involvement with Grenfell Tower.

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Apex manufactures steel parts of lifts in the doors but nothing electrical. We have a separate factory in Sidcup. We also have our own lift fitters but also use other companies on occasion.

During the refurbishment of Grenfell in 2006 we used our own fitters but did not supply the equipment directly but got supplied following specifics from the Council. The car and door were supplied by Propbrook in Birmingham. The controls by Thames Valley Lift Systems. Door equipment by GAL in the USA and motors by Sassy in Milan, Italy.

In 2015/2016 when we installed the new entrances in Grenfell Tower we manufactured and fitted the entrances on behalf of Rydon. Thames Valley Lifts programmed the lifts at the time. In 2006 the lifts were refurbished as mentioned and set up to Ground in the event of a fire alarm activation. This means the lifts go to the ground floor in two ways; Either under fire control, whereby a box is accessed via a special key usually with the Fire Brigade or a smoke sensor fitted senses smoke and automatically brings the lift down. Apex does not fit or connect such sensors.

As a company we have done work at Grenfell Tower twice as indicated. We have also done workings at the Town Hall on behalf of Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea and that is the only involvement we have had with them. We have had no involvement to my knowledge of KCTMO.

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