

WITNESS STATEMENT

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

Statement of: ELLIOTT, SIMON

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

Occupation: GENERAL OPERATIVE

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: SIMON ELLIOTT

Date: 28/03/2018

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

This statement is about my role as a general operative for Masterdor Ltd.

I started working for Masterdor in 2009 when it was called LB Plastics. I spend around a year on packaging the doors. In 2010 I moved on to the Masterdor line as a general operative. My job role is to fit the hardware, for example the knockers, letter box and hinges. If we had no work sometimes I would help out on packaging, or pro tape which is a protective seal to protect the paint. For fire doors I also put on the intumescent strips. It comes on a roll and goes all the way round the inside and the outside of the frame. I mostly work on the Masterdor range and very rarely do I work on the GRP (foam filled fire doors) doors. For the Masterdor door all specifications are provided on a sheet of paper, with an address on it. This paper gets stuck on the packaging when it goes out. The door number and the date it is going out is also written on the inside of the hinge pockets. I do not work on the computer systems at all. I have no knowledge of any of the testing the doors go through.

I have no idea about the doors ordered for Grenfell Tower. I don't remember ever seeing that address on any doors I ever worked on. I don't know what types of doors they were but I would assume in 2012 when the doors were replaced, it would have been the whole set rather than just the door. I would say 99% of the doors go out in the frame.

I do not work on the glazing at all. From my knowledge we glaze all our own doors. I don't believe they

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are ever glazed in bulk and put aside. Each door is made for order. On occasion for a large order, we might make one or two spares, but they would be fully finished doors. I believe the glass is ordered in specifically for each door, and then fitted in the factory.

In my time I don't believe specifications for fire door 60. I do remember when the company was LB Plastics, one day they asked us to change the fire door 30, from 6 Intumescent strips around the lock down to 2. There was no explanation, but I suspect this was money saving. This stayed this way until recently when we have gone back to 6 intumescent strips around the lock. I think that was just because they found out how we used to do it. I would say the change was around 3-4 years ago. Fire doors are made in the same production line as normal doors.

I don't know about quality control or assurance checks. I put on what is needed in my section from the paper provided. It then goes to be fitted in the frame, then the windows are fitted, lastly it goes to packaging. GRP is different, the windows are fitted before the frame. I don't know of any doors being rejected for fire protection related faults, it is usually scratches or something like that.

As a production staff member, I understand that the lock and pads on the hinges should make the doors able to open whilst on fire for certain periods of time. But no one has fully explained the significance of the fire protection components.

Some doors are sent out without the ironmongery fitted. We can also do this with fire doors, but we add the intumescent strips.

I have been shown a poster of a door label. I don't usually use these as they are only used on GRP doors. But I have explained what I can and I exhibit this as SIE/01. The notes from the questions I was asked I exhibit as SIE/02.

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