

**WITNESS STATEMENT**

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

Statement of: WEBSTER, ANDY

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

Occupation: CONTRACT MANAGER

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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.

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Date: 07/02/2020

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This statement is made to assist the Metropolitan Police Service with the investigation into the Grenfell Tower Fire and made from memory.

Within the statement I shall explain the role of Manse Masterdor, my role as project manager for Manse Masterdor and I will also mention by name some of the people I worked alongside to deliver the project.

I started in the industry as a joiner and also worked as a carpenter obtaining many years of practical experience and knowledge. I then progressed onto becoming a window surveyor and from there onto project manager / contract manager roles and currently still work within the industry.

Around 2004 or 2005 I joined Manse Masterdor. I worked in Scotland and Brighton and then became the

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London area project manager responsible for all the projects being delivered in the London area, however this did also include projects outside the M25 radius. After approximately 12-18 months of being in my London role I first became aware of the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea. As an overview I would describe my role as liaising with the clients, ensuring surveys were conducted and to oversee the new doors being installed correctly and within time scales. I had the responsibility of projects from the feasibility stage right up to completion handover. Around 2013 I was offered either a National role within Manse Masterdor for a lesser salary or the option of redundancy; I opted for redundancy and left the company.

Manse Masterdor were manufactures, suppliers and installers of timber, composite and GRP doorsets to local authorities, and the construction industry throughout the United Kingdom. Manse Masterdor was acquired by LB Plastics and were owned by the Litchfield Brothers investment group. Manse Masterdor were located in Knaresborough, North Yorkshire and also at Ambergate, Derbyshire. I was based out of an office in Wantz Road, Dagenham, London, and travelled around the various sites depending on which projects were on going at the time. I reported directly to Graham POLLARD who was the National Operations Manager and I had the installers, surveyors and site supervisors reporting to me.

The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea (RBKC) were one of the London Housing Consortiums (LHC) clients, who were looking to improve and update the front doors of their properties within their housing portfolio. Manse Masterdor were awarded the contract which was arranged via the LHC. The client was the Kensington and Chelsea Tennant Management Organisation (KCTMO) who were in charge of managing the RBKC housing stock. The project was to supply and fit fire rated composite doors across their housing estates which included Grenfell Tower. However, I was never personally involved in obtaining the contract as this wasn't my role.

During the project I attended several project meetings and progress meetings which were usually held in

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the KCTMO Office situated in a rented office near Grenfell Tower to the side of the play area at the rear. The meetings were minuted by KCTMO and distributed by email. The agenda usually discussed the different progress stages of the door replacement project, access issues and general customer liaison which covered the various housing estates not just Grenfell Tower. Abi ACOSTA (KCTMO), Natasha BROWN Manse Masterdor's resident liaison officer and Alex FOMIN (LHC) and I usually attended the meetings, I believe Graham POLLARD and the KCTMO resident liaison officer whose name I can't remember may have been present on the odd occasion too.

I attended Grenfell Tower in my capacity of Project Manager. I had a work space at Grenfell Tower but I wasn't on site every day, perhaps once or twice a week. Initially I was there on site more at the beginning of the Project than when it was in progress. Natasha BROWN, as the resident liaison officer, was on site and based there every day. While on site, I was involved in obtaining door surveys with the surveyor and door fitters who also completed the surveys. I also measured for the new incoming doors,

However I wasn't able to gain access to inside of all of the properties. I never dip sampled.

The doors at Grenfell Tower were replaced with the Manse Masterdor, GRP FD30 which is a 30 minute fire resistant door. At the time I did not have any formal qualifications regarding fire doors or training regarding fire doors from Manse Masterdor but had some knowledge of Approved Document B. The fire doors were manufactured in Manse Masterdor's factory in Derbyshire and delivered to site where they were stored until installation was completed. The FD30's were chosen I believe by the client the KCTMO and I think the residents had 3 styles and 4 different colours to choose from.

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I don't remember the exact length of time it took to complete the door replacements at Grenfell Tower, but I remember it could not be completed in one go, as with all contracts we had access issues and not all the doors were changed as the KCTMO did not enforce all to be changed i.e. not all were leaseholders.

The doors are manufactured through a detailed production process in the factory, the door blanks are sourced from Distinction Doors and glazed within the factory but I have little knowledge of this as I was based on different project site and not involved in the procurement of materials or production of the doors. Fire testing of doors, the frequency of testing and any changes to the doors were dealt with the relevant department at the head office of Manse Masterdor, and again this is something I was never involved in as this wasn't part of my role as project manager.

At the conclusion of the door replacement project, site visits were conducted in the presence of Abi ACOSTA and Alex FOMIN. The doors were signed off by the KCTMO surveyor and this was at first Abi ACOSTA and towards the end various other people as stand-ins. We visited the doors that Abi ACOSTA requested and they were inspected by her and Alex FOMIN as he also prepared reports, presumably on behalf of LHC. I wasn't notified of any serious problems relating to the doors, only odd matters for example a door being too stiff, or minor adjustments that were required but nothing more than this.

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