

WITNESS STATEMENT

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

Statement of: VERNALL, ANDREW

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.

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Date: 29/09/2017

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I am the above named person and am making this statement in relation to the fire at Grenfell Tower. This statement details my companys involvement in the maintenance of the Fire Safety equipment at Grenfell Tower. I hold the position of Managing Director of Allied Protection Ltd and have been since January 2017. On the 18th December 2014 (18/12/2014) KCTMO commence their procurement exercise. On 06/02/15 (06/02/2015) Allied Protection respond and submit a PQQ. On the 02/07/15 (02/07/2015) Allied are notified of successful PQQ by KCTMO. On 04/03/16 (04/03/2016) Allied submitted our ITT. In June 2015 Allied entered a loose agreement with K & T to service selected fire equipment on an ad-hoc basis. This effectively was a internal sub-contractor arrangement. On 27/05/16 (27/05/2016) Allied were notified of ITT success by KCTMO (subject to outcome of leaseholder consultation). This contract commenced on 01/04/2017 (01/04/2017). On the 05/08/15 (05/08/2015) we were unable to service the dry riser due to work being carried out on the refurbishment. On the 12/08/15 (12/08/2015) we were unable to service the fire alarm, AOV and emergency lighting due to work being carried out on the refurbishment. On 12/11/15 (12/11/2015) we were unable to service the fire alarm, AOV and emergency lighting due to work being carried out on the refurbishment . On 09/12/15 (09/12/2015) Emergency Lighting Service carried out, lights found to be faulty and a quote provided by KCTMO, no response and no instruction has been received by Allied in response to quote. The AOV was not operational as was the fire alarm due to the refurbishment. On the 18/01/16 (18/01/2016) the service of the AOV, fire alarm and emergency lighting was cancelled by Claire WILLIAMS of KCTMO due to refurbishment. On the 16/03/16 (16/03/2016) the hose reels were removed as instructed by KCTMO on 15/03/16 (15/03/2016). These

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were removed by fire control services. On the 19/04/16 (19/04/2016) the service of the AOV, fire alarm and emergency lighting was cancelled by Claire WILLIAMS due to refurbishment. On 01/08/16 (01/08/2016) a service of the dry riser was completed and no faults reported. On 24/10/16 (24/10/2016) a service of the fire extinguishers was carried out and no faults reported. Fire extinguishers are only located in the high risk areas of the building. ie the basement and the plant rooms on the top floor, there are none in the communal areas. On the 17/01/17 (17/01/2017) the AOV, fire alarm system and emergency lighting were serviced and no faults reported. On the 18/01/17 (18/01/2017) the dry riser was serviced and no faults were reported. As of the 01/04/17 (01/04/2017) Allied are under new contract with KCTMO. On 13/04/17 (13/04/2017) an asset verification visit was aborted due to there being no caretaker on site. On the 15/05/17 (15/05/2017) the AOV was serviced and no faults reported, however the ground floor wasn't looked at as the engineer was called off to look at another KCTMO site. On the 25/05/17 (25/05/2017) Allied were called out to look at a cable coiled in the ceiling of the roof. The engineer who attended indicated that he believed a smoke detector should be fitted to the end of the cable. This was reported to KCTMO.

On 14/06/17 (14/06/2017) Allied received a call out at 01.06am from KCTMO requesting an alarm re-set. The engineer attended at 01.50am but was unable to access the building due to the fire and police cordon. Statements have been obtained by Allied, from engineers who have attended Grenfell Tower. They are as follows Syed ALI, Magnus GEORGE, Barry MCAULIFFE and Robin WEBB. Allied Protection Ltd had no involvement in installing and designing any of the fire detection systems. We solely provided planned and reactive maintenance to the dry riser, AOV, EML and fire extinguishers. We didn't provide any advise on the systems we maintain and not involved in the fire risk assessment work and nor have we seen the fire risk assessment reports. I'd like to add that we have requested O & M manuals from KCTMO but have not received any, on any of the systems on buildings controlled by KCTMO. Allied Protection were not responsible for the installation of the domestic smoke alarms within the flats or their maintenance. In relation to the fire alarm system in the communal areas which Allied were responsible for maintaining/servicing, these were silent alarms, with no sounders or bells fitted, activation of a device reports to a fire alarm panel. I do not know who installed Fire Systems, this would be detailed in the O & M manuals which we've requested and not received.

Cross reference the Allied Protection Ltd Electronic evidence file.

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