

**WITNESS STATEMENT**

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

Statement of: KRIVSOUN, ANNA

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

Occupation:

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This statement (consisting of 2 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: A KRIVSOUN

Date: 30/06/2017

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

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This is my statement about what I saw in the early hours of 14<sup>th</sup> June 2017 when Grenfell Tower caught fire and the conversations I had with Hesham RAHMAN.

I have known Hesham RAHMAN for about 17 years, since I was 14 years old. At that time Hesham started a relationship with my mother and that is how I was introduced to him. Their relationship ended but they remained very good friends and I stayed in contact with him as well.

At about 1:00 am on 14th June 2017 I was in my mum's flat, that is in a block about 100 metres from Grenfell Tower when I smelt smoke, but didn't know straight away where it was coming from. About 20 minutes later I looked out of my mum's kitchen window and could see that Grenfell tower was on fire, with flames covering about one third of the building, on the other side to Hesham's flat.

I called Hesham on his number 079 [REDACTED] 13 straight away. He answered on my second call and I told him to get out of the block as it was on fire, Hesham said, "OK, I'm going to get dressed".

I got dressed myself and went outside to get a better look at what was happening. I called Hesham again when I got outside and he told me he had been told to stay in his flat by the fire brigade so he was doing that. I stayed outside and carried on calling Hesham about every ten minutes to check he was alright. I could see the fire spreading and told Hesham to put towels down under the door sills. The fire reached the top floor really really quickly and started moving around his Hesham's side of the block. I called the Fire Brigade a few times to make sure they knew that Hesham was in his flat on the top floor and that he was disabled. They kept saying he should stay in his flat.

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At about 2:00 a.m. I called Hesham again and he said that he had tried to get out but the smoke was very thick and he couldn't see anything. I called the Fire Brigade again at about 2:30 am and was told that the advice was now that people should try to get out of the block.

At about 3:00 a.m. I was speaking to Hesham and could see the fire was now on his side of the building.

At about 3:30 a.m. I called Hesham again and he said the corridor in his flat was full of smoke and that he was in his living room.

At 3:43 a.m. I has another call with him, I'm not sure whether he called me or I called him but when it connected I could hear him coughing and struggling to breathe. I was trying to get him to talk to me but I'm not sure he could hear me and he didn't respond. I am certain of the time because I checked me phone just after the call connected. The call disconnected and I kept trying to call Hesham, the phone was ringing but not being answered. At the same time I could see the whole top floor, including his side was on fire. I kept calling Hesham with no answer, the phone was ringing up until about 6:00 a.m. when it stopped connecting.

I didn't record any of the conversations but the call times are on my phone.

I don't think that Hesham went anywhere during our conversations, I was talking to him every ten minutes and he didn't say he had gone outside his flat or was with anyone else, he only told me he was in his living room looking out of the window.

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