

**WITNESS STATEMENT**

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

Statement of: GALLAGHER, BEN

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

Occupation: FIRE OFFICER

This statement (consisting of 1 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: B GALLAGHER

Date: 02/06/2019

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

This is a further statement to the one I made on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018 regarding the fire at Grenfell Tower.

In my first statement, I mentioned some notes that I made. I exhibited them as BG/1 and BG/2.

The first set of notes that I made are BG/1. Today I signed an exhibit label, MPSZ13336945 which I produce as exhibit BG/1.

The second set of notes that I refer to are BG/2. Today I signed an exhibit label MPSZ13336946 which I produce as exhibit BG/2.

Additionally, I described when I first went into the tower and opened the lift door. I said that I couldn't remember for sure whether I used a drop key or button, but from memory thought that I may have used a key.

Today, I was shown a video by Investigator Paul FULLER, who has taken this statement. It shows my crew and myself in the downstairs lobby area. The video shows a time of 01.33.02 which is about the correct time that I was there.

It then shows me going to the lift where there is already a key in place. I don't know who placed the key there in the first place. I can be seen trying to operate the lift with the key.

I was trying take control of the lift. The lift doors opened and you can see me peer into the lift. I saw the smoke as soon as the doors opened. I mention the smoke in my first statement.

I left the key there. You can see that on the video. I don't know what happened to the key afterwards.

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