

## IN THE GRENFELL TOWER INQUIRY

HARRIBOY (HARRY) DISSON

### STATEMENT OF TRUTH

1. My Name is Harriboy Disson, my date of birth [REDACTED]. I am a male. [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

2. Background

3. I do not remember what floor my dad was on at the time of fire. I do remember they built extra floors, I did not know when this was done, but someone in my family made me aware. I know my family was staying with my dad, Charlie lived there, I used to stay over and basically all my family did at some point.

4. Health

5. My dad has a bone disorder [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

6. [REDACTED]

7. I do not know the name of this disorder.

8. I believe that dad had a walking stick and he used to get pain in his legs, he used to complain about it all the time. I think he had arthritis as well because he was always

rubbing his legs and saying that they were hurting all the time. I have seen him do this all my life him, I saw this right up until I was 18 [REDACTED]

9. [REDACTED]

10. [REDACTED]

11. The last time I saw my dad was two weeks before he died. [REDACTED]

12. Grenfell Tower

13. I do not know when dad moved to the Grenfell Tower.

14. Layout

15. When you get out of the lift, you turn right and then you turn left again and then you can see dad's flat. I remember my dad's door was red/burgundy and it was a big massive heavy thing and I remember when I opened it when I was young I could feel the weight of it. I believe that it had a spring back feature, but I am not too sure. He had a letter box, it was a metal one. There was no problems with dad's door. I don't remember if there was a draft in the door. The door would always slam as it as heavy it was big. The door would always automatically shut. We used items to keep the door open sometimes. I remember there was hinges but they weren't visible. I am not sure how many were there.

16. You can see a little bit of his bedroom, as soon as you walk in, it is a slim corridor at first and you turn left immediately on your right is his bedroom and on the left is the bathroom and toilet, they were together. In-front you can see another little corridor and on the right is the kitchen and then you walk into the front room and my dad had a sofa on the left and a cupboard and you can pull the door crossed and there was another space, it was like a mini room inside it. He used it as a cupboard, it was very long and he used it for storage. He used to have a table in the middle and his TV in the corner.

17. In the kitchen there was a space in the wall so you could see the kitchen and it can look through to the living room.
18. Dad's windows were huge they were silver they were made out of metal. I believe they were single glazed. I can't remember if there were any drafts in the windows.
19. I remember there was a smoke alarm in the passage and in the front room. I do not know if they were battery/electric.
20. I do not remember if he had an extractor fan, I believe he might have but I am not too sure.
21. I remember the doors in the bathroom and bedroom, they were white with silver handles, I believe they were thin doors. I cannot remember if the doors were open or shut at any time.
22. Lifts
23. I remember there was two lifts. I never got stuck in the lifts. They were next to each other, there was a mirror when you went in and it was at the back of the lift and there was a camera up the top in the corner and you can't muck about with the camera as it was in a metal box and had a see through plastic laying in front of the camera and had buttons were next to the door on the inside and you would press whatever floor you wanted to go to.
24. I can't remember them breaking down at all.
25. Other people's flats/landing
26. All of the doors of my dad's neighbors were the same. I remember you could hear noises and smell people's food when you was outside the flat in the landing but not inside.
27. I can't remember if there were any fire alarms outside on the landing. They had a hose pipe, I can't remember if it was on the landing or by the staircase.

28. The lights on the landing were normal. The lights on the staircase was darker they weren't as bright. The staircase always felt very closed and were made out of grey concrete. The stairs was very small. You would normally stop to let people walk past you. They were small and could only fit one person going up them.
29. The doors to get to the staircase were heavy and had a spring back feature they had a glass panel inside so you can see through.
30. Rubbish
31. Sometimes the chute would be broken and people would leave rubbish beside it and some of the neighbors would leave rubbish by their doors. It was frequent that the chute would be broken.
32. Caretaker
33. There was someone there I believe he was a security guard, and there was an office on the ground floor. You could go and speak to them if they had any problems.
34. Fire Safety
35. Dad would have rang the fire brigade and he would have listened to what he said. My dad did not speak to me about any fire safety checks in the building.
36. Complaints about the Flat
37. Dad never spoke to me about whether he made complaints about the flat, but he probably did.

#### STATEMENT OF TRUTH AND CONSENT

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true. I further confirm that I am willing for this statement to form part of the evidence before the Inquiry and be published on the Inquiry's website.

Signed: 

Date: 29.5.18.

Harriboy (Harry) Disson