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Description of exhibit: Copy of notes made
after Grenfell Tower Fire

From place/person: Rob Brown

Taken by: DC Longden Date: 29-01-18 Time: 1300

Sealed by: DC Longden Date: 29-01-18 Time: 1300

**I IDENTIFY THIS EXHIBIT AS THAT REFERRED TO IN
MY STATEMENT**

Signature: R.E. Brown

Signature(s) of additional witness(es)

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WITNESS STATEMENT

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

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Statement of:

Robert Brown

Age if under 18:

over 18

(if over 18 insert 'over 18')

Occupation: **Fire Control Officer**

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: *R.E. Brown*Date **16.06.2017**

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded

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(supply witness details on rear)

I am a fire control officer in Surrey Fire and Rescue Service with 13 years and 9 months of service; I am currently serving as a Crew Commander.

I have been an operational Fire Control Officer since 2003

I have received a request from Fire Investigation Department to make a statement regarding the fire that occurred at Grenfell Tower, Ladbrook Grove. Kensington, London W11 1TQ on the 14th June 2017.

This statement is produced based on the evidence and information known to me to date.

At 02:30 hours on Wednesday 14th June 2017, I was Officer in Charge working in SFRS Control, when I monitored Firefighter Control (FCC) C. Anderson responding to a 999 call (Incident 12115). FFC C Anderson responded to the 999 call, and a distressed sounding female caller shouted an address, that was hard to distinguish, and said "he was trapped." Surrey Fire were not attending any incidents at the time. Through further questioning FFC Anderson confirmed address, initially as Flat 194 Renfield Towers, Latimer Road, London, W11 1TQ, Flat was on 22nd floor, and that caller was a relative of male trapped in Flat 194. At 02:33 hours, after an address had been confirmed and whilst FFC Anderson remained talking to caller, I contacted London Fire Brigade (LFB) to pass details of incident. I stated to LFB details of incident, Fire Person Trapped at Flat 194, Renfield Towers which was on the 22nd floor. LFB gave me reference of 76029 and I gave Surrey reference – Incident 12115.

At 02:47 hours, I monitored FFC Anderson respond to 999 call, Surrey Incident 12116. The same female caller stated her partner was still on the phone to the relative trapped in the flat. I prompted FFC

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Anderson to obtain a mobile telephone number for the relative trapped in the flat. FFC Anderson obtained mobile telephone for relative trapped in flat and confirmed his age as 70 years old. FFC Anderson advised caller she would pass this information onto LFB so that they would be able to contact relative trapped in flat back. I observed FFC Andersons passing information onto LFB.

At 03:07 hours, I monitored FFC Anderson respond to 999 call, Surrey Incident 12117. The same female caller was still in contact with relative trapped in flat who stated that he could now see flames and a lot of smoke in flat. At 03:08 hours, I went through to LFB stating that fire was in flat. LFB stated that advice they were giving was to wrap something wet around themselves and to get out as quickly as possible. I relayed the advice to FFC Anderson, who contacted caller to relay to relative trapped in flat. At 03:11 hours, LFB requested that I contact neighbouring Fire Services that may have received calls, to inform of advice to give out to persons still trapped in flats at Grenfell Tower. I contacted Kent Fire at 03:11 hours and Essex Fire at 03:17 hours and advised them of LFB advice to persons trapped in Grenfell Tower.

At 08:52, I dealt with a request from LFB for details of the calls Surrey responded to. I emailed LFB and copied in Group Commander (GC) Strudwick, with brief incident details, summary and confirmed tapes would be requested at Surrey Control and made available by GC Strudwick.

I finished my shift at 09:00 hours. *R.E. Brown*

Signature: *R.E. Brown*Signature Witnessed by: *[Signature]*