

**WITNESS STATEMENT**

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

Statement of: LANGLEY, NATASHA

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

Occupation: POLICE OFFICER

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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.

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Date: 08/07/2017

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On Tuesday 13th June 2017, I was in full uniform conducting counter terrorism patrols around Soho area. I was the operator in the marked response police van, serial 994A, our A/SGT for the serial was APS JOHNSON 2808CN. My tour of duty started at 2200 hours and we went to Soho to carry out our CT patrols.

During this time, the rest of the serial and I went back to Charing Cross Police Station to do our notes.

At around 0100 hours on Wednesday 14th June 2017, the Insp for serial 994A said there was a fire in a block of flats. At around 0130 hours, the driver for serial 994A and I went to pick up PC KEENE 3549CN from the hospital so that we could be ready to be deployed to the tower. PC WIMMER 3264CN had to stay at the hospital as he had to be checked over by a doctor. The INSP of the serial gave authorisation to use the blue lights and sirens to pick the rest of the serial up as we were to be deployed to the Grenfell Tower as a matter of urgency as the incident had escalated.

Serial 994A arrived at the contact point soon after this, at around 0230 hours. The serial got out of the van and carried as many short and long shields as we could carry down to the site. We hastily walked down to the meeting point to the east of the tower where we were needed, I put the shields down onto the ground and saw in the corner of my eye a bright light. I looked up and could see the fire at Grenfell Tower. The

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fire looked to mostly come from the left hand side of the building, the flames were blazing high. However I could still see that the blaze still occupied the top half of the building.

We were instructed to cordon off a road on Bramley Road, W10, near Latimer Road Station. The cordon was put up next to the Golden Bar.

When I got to the cordon on Bramley Road, W10 I looked up to the tower and the blaze now appeared to have occupied the whole of the top half of the building. The flames were very high and I could see the flames coming out of the windows. The street was quite busy with alarmed neighbours. I was trying to liaise with the public asking if anyone was inside or if they were hurt. I was told by my Insp that the advice given was to tell anyone inside that they must self-evacuate and put wet cloth over their face. A fireman asked the crowd if anyone was either inside or knows anyone who is inside.

Whilst he was taking details of people, I spoke with a man who said that he had a family member inside and that he has spoken to them on the phone some time ago. The family member told him that they were told to stay inside, I told this man that anyone inside needs to self- evacuate and put wet cloth over the face. I then instructed him to give his details to the fireman as he was collecting information of who was inside. I then carried on preventing people walking through the cordon as there was some distressed neighbours trying to go through. The Golden Bar was opened to be used as a place to treat the wounded and a place of rest for the fireman, police officers and paramedics.

About an hour and half after I got to the cordon, I looked up at the building and saw something flapping on the roof, it looked to me as if a plank of wood was waving. I thought it may be someone waving a plank of wood to alarm someone they were there, so I informed APS JOHNSON 2808CN immediately who put this information straight onto the radio channel. MPAS said due to the smoke they couldn't see the top of the tower. I saw a few moving pieces of what appeared to be wood and something white moving around. About fifteen (15) minutes later, MPAS said the things I could see moving was debris being blown around. The public were informed of a community centre near where they should go to find about people who have survived or to give information about who may be inside, this was initially done in the Golden Bar, however it very quickly got busy and members of the public were trying to get through the cordon, so they were re directed to the community centre.

I continued to liaise with the public to try and comfort them as it was extremely stressing seeing Grenfell Tower burning from where we stood.

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At around 1000 hours, early turn came to the cordon to relieve us. Serial 994A was instructed to go to Kensington Police Station for a de- brief. My involvement during the Grenfell Tower incident is as above, my main role was to cordon off the Bromley Road, W10. I did not take any statements at the scene.

This statement will act as my original notes.

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