

WITNESS STATEMENT

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

Statement of: KENNEDY-MACFOY, EDRIC

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

Occupation: FIRE OFFICER

This statement (consisting of 4 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: 06/07/2017

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

As I mentioned in my earlier statement provided to the Police up until about a week ago I was CREW MANAGER at BATTERSEA BLUE WATCH. BATTERSEA is a rescue station so based there are USAR (Urban Search and Rescue) trained firefighters. As part of USAR we are trained to deal with collapsed buildings, train crashes, major incidents that require a specialist team with specialist equipment. We also train alongside DVI teams.

We form part of a FIRE RESCUE UNIT whose capabilities include EDBA among other things.

June 14th was the second day of our day duty and June 15th was the first of our two night duties – nights running from 8.00pm to 9.30am. We had been told that at 7.00am on the 16th June we were deployed our USAR teams to GRENFELL TOWER to work alongside the DVI teams. This meant every member of the watch who was on duty had to attend. We took the pump ladder, the Fire Rescue Unit and two prime movers – trucks that carry pods with USAR equipment.

We arrived a GRENFELL TOWER at about 7.40/7.45am with myself and watch manager (WM) Dave WATERMAN getting off the machines in SILCHESTER ROAD and walking through to GRENFELL. We were met by GM Julian SPOONER who told us where our machines were to be positioned. I then briefed my crew telling them which items of equipment were required and then I tasked certain crew members to get ready to accompany the Police DVI teams. We then met with the Police DVI teams and were briefed as to who was working with who and what they would be doing.

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I was in the first team with WM Dave WATERMAN. We were kitted out with respirators and I was wearing my orange USAR gear, latex gloves and so on. I also had my dragon light with me. My role was to provide lighting for the team, make sure the area was safe and assist the DVI team.

We went up to the 13th floor where we dealt with two victims.

The first was a small black kid who I would say was about 8-10 years old. The DVI teams were detailing things about him like the clothes he had on, taking photos and tagging him and so. Once they had done all of this he was placed in a body bag. I didn't help do this.

However, the second victim on the 13th floor was a lady who was black and middle-aged. She was a slightly larger lady and so I had to assist in moving her. We were able to establish that her name was Mary MENDE from ID documents found in her pockets. She was also wearing a bracelet with the name "KHADEJA" inscribed on it. I helped to place her in a body bag and along with others assisted in bringing her down from the 13th floor and taking her to what I believe was a makeshift mortuary set up at GRENFELL TOWERS.

Once we had assisted with those recoveries we were dismissed. I believe we left the scene at about 3.00/3.15pm arriving back at station at 4.00pm ready to start our second night duty at 8.00pm.

Khadeja is actually spelt Khadija and her surname is SAYE.

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