

WITNESS STATEMENT

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

Statement of: BARWIS, JOHN

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

Occupation: FIRE INVESTIGATOR

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: J R BARWIS

Date: 06/10/2017

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

- 1.I, John BARWIS am a Watch Manager (WM) in the London Fire Brigade. I have been in the London Fire Brigade for 26 years. I have held the rank of Watch Manager for 10 years. During these years I have completed many level one fire investigations as an officer in an operational role.
- 2.I have been working in the London Fire Brigade Fire Investigation Team since 2015. During 2015 I undertook a three week Fire Investigation course, consisting of two weeks theory training with 'Bureau Veritas' and a one week residential practical course in Fire Investigation with 'Gardiners Associates'. This was followed by a six month training secondment where I had to prove competent in the various job related roles. I took up a permanent position within the Fire Investigation Team in November of 2016. I also have a level 7 Certificate in Advanced Investigative Practice.
- 3.My principal duties involve the examination of fire scenes to determine the area of origin, the cause and to observe how the fire and people behaved. I have investigated approximately one hundred and seventy fires in my current role.
- 4.This statement refers to a PowerPoint presentation that I created on the 4th July 2017.
- 5.Whilst reviewing thermal image camera (TIC) footage taken by operational crews at the Grenfell Tower fire on the 14th June 2017, I found footage that showed the first and second BA crews from North Kensington and Acton fire stations, to enter Flat 16, Grenfell Tower. The TICs had been collected from fire stations by the LFB Fire Investigation Team in the days following the fire.

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6.I was asked by Group Manager PUGSLEY (Head of LFB Fire Investigation Team) to produce a PowerPoint presentation, to provide an overview of key points recorded on the TICs. I did this by taking screen shots of video images recorded on the TICs memory and displayed them in a PowerPoint along with calculated times at which the footage was taken by crews. I calculated the times by comparing the time on each TIC with GMT, at the time of downloading (*therefore times cannot be guaranteed as completely accurate*).

7.I submit a disc as JRB/43 containing the PowerPoint which I burnt on the 6th October 2017.

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