

WITNESS STATEMENT

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

Statement of: LOBJOIT, RUSSELL

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

Occupation: HART OPERATIVE

This statement (consisting of 17 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: 29/03/2018

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This is my account of the fire that occurred at Grenfell Tower on WEDNESDAY 14 JUNE 2017.

I will mention a number of people all of whom work for the LAS. CAD 247/14JUNE2017

On THURSDAY 29th MARCH 2018 I was interviewed by DC Nav JOHAL and PC Gemma RYAN at [REDACTED], LONDON AMBULANCE SERVICE HART BASE, ISLEWORTH. Below is a detailed summary of my account. I was able to refer to my notes and an event log, reference 0483-2000, whilst providing this statement to Police.

I will refer to the following item in this statement, which I exhibit:

- RSL/01 — Map of area around Grenfell Tower
- RSL/02 — One (1) disc containing 26 photographs of incident at Grenfell Tower
- RSL/03 — Notes I made after attendance at Grenfell Tower

I have been in the LONDON AMBULANCE SERVICE (LAS) for almost thirteen (13) years, starting as

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a paramedic technician. I have been a motorcycle paramedic and I am currently Hazardous Area Response Team (HART) Operative. I joined the HART team two years ago, and I am based at CLOCK TOWER ROAD, LONDON AMBULANCE SERVICE HART BASE, ISLEWORTH. The role of HART includes taking paramedics into a hazardous environment where other paramedics would not usually go into including water jobs, working at height, confined spaces and other hazardous environments. There are four vehicles in a HART team. I have also taken a further Urban Search And Rescue (USAR) Course, and so I am USAR trained. My current role is now as an HART Operative. The training I have received for this role began in January 2016, this was an eight (8) week course ran by National Ambulance Resilience Unit (NARU).

As a HART Operative we have a different set of kit which is more suitable for the incidents we attend, this is Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). This is so that we can work in the areas we have been trained for. It is not heat or fire resistant but is flash proof. I am also trained in using Extended Duration Breathing Apparatus (EDBA). This kit consists of two air cylinders and is the same as what EDBA trained Firefighters use. I received two weeks of training for using EDBA at Morton fire college. We get used to working in hot smoky areas. It is the same course that a Firefighter would complete and includes some searching and using the breathing apparatus. EDBA is not a piece of equipment that we would regularly use for our role but we are trained to use it for when it is required.

I have attended some large incidents in my career with the LAS, namely the CROYDON Tram Crash and the APOLLO Theatre collapse. I am aware of GRENFELL Tower but I do not recall specific occasions that I visited. But I am familiar with the area having grown up in West London, and I went to school in the area. I know of the tower and location.

I started my night shift 1900 on TUESDAY 13th JUNE 2017, I was based at ISLEWORTH. I was working with DOM STARK, and we were using a white hire van as our vehicle. This is a vehicle with magnetic signage, our call sign was Y232 call sign. Before the GRENFELL incident we were dispatched to a person under a train at Oxford Circus. After dealing with that we went to ST THOMAS hospital and met with the HELICOPTER EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE (HEMS) team. We were sat in the hospital and then all our radios went off at the same time for a call. This was around 0130hrs with details provided as a multiple pump fire to an art gallery in SW11. The HEMS team also received the same call.

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We were all told to report on arrival. There was some confusion as to why HEMS would be called to an Art Gallery at night. Myself and Dom made our way to our vehicle, I was driving the vehicle. There was no MDT in the vehicle so Dom STARK put the SW11 address into his sat nav. I had my own radio personal with me, as did Dom. We then drove in blue light conditions.

On our journey we went past SOUTHWARK Fire Station, and saw a Fire appliance leaving their station, I assumed we would be going to the same call. I expected them to go the same way as us but they turned towards LAMBETH BRIDGE which was a different direction to where we were heading. I kept going towards SW11 and I was at BATTERSEA DOGS HOME when the incident location changed, this was information given to us on the radio. We had already travelled around five (5) minutes on blue lights. We received a different address of GRENFELL Tower. I was aware of the area as I had been to school near the tower. We had been close to LADBROKE GROVE at an earlier time. I was therefore aware of roadworks on LATIMER ROAD. I knew the address, I crossed over BATTERSEA BRIDGE and I drove towards EARLS COURT. We received no further information on the incident except a flat fire in GRENFELL tower. We already knew it was multiple pump fire. We caught up with fire appliances and I was able to overtake them. I could see three (3) or four (4) appliances following behind us.

The RVP had been given as BOMORE ROAD, and we made our way down AVONDALE PARK ROAD. I thought as this was a dead end road it would not matter if we were pinned in. It was dark but the traffic conditions were light which was surprising as we approached SHEPHERDS BUSH. We turned left into AVONDALE PARK ROAD. I heard Y251, who was on the A40 on the chatter channel, we heard him say he could see the whole tower was ablaze. We run on our own Chatter Channel and monitor another channel that the Incident Response Officer (IROs) work on. There was no traffic I remember on the radio at that time.

We parked at the end of AVONDALE PARK ROAD ('A' on RSL/01 map). We parked just before 0152hrs, this is the time we booked on scene. We got out of the van and went to the back of the van to get changed into our PPE, ground kit. There were about a dozen people who appeared and came to the back of the van. I believe they had come out of the tower. They were covered in soot and were panicky. They were trying to give us phones to speak to people in the tower and wanted help. One handed me a phone and instinctively I took the phone and listened to it for a second. I heard a person screaming and I handed

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the phone straight back. I do not know who this person was or if they were female or male, I just heard a scream. I told the group to go towards to the Leisure Centre. I said this area as I knew it was there and as it was an open large space that was covered and could act as a focal point for them to gather. I told them that people would come to help. Most of the people listened and made their way to the leisure centre. I carried on trying to get dressed. Dom gave a windscreen report stating that there were people with minor injuries. I could not see the tower but could smell an acrid fire smell. I felt this incident was not like a usual incident that I have attended.

I got equipment together. I took out the suction, life pack, paramedic bag, response and oxygen bag, forward mass casualty pack with treatment for up to 8 patients, a tombstone kit, burns dressing, paramedic bag and sheets for casualties. It took about two minutes to get the kit together. We carried all the kit. We normally take an Oxygen and O2 bag and my paramedic bag, we did not discuss the kit we just grabbed everything we could. We started to run along the footpath by the leisure centre. As we got nearer, we were able to see Grenfell Tower ('B' on map). This was the first time I saw the tower. It was a big block of flats with runs of fire up the one side. The corner nearest to us had the runs of flame going up like petrol had been poured. The fire was getting bigger and bigger. I could hear screaming and people hanging out of their windows waving clothes. There was one man standing outside his window, I have no idea how he got there. I could hear the high pitched tone of smoke alarms coming from a distance away. The fire was on the outside and it was bright orange, like a glow. It had taken a minute to get to this point from the vehicle to where I first saw the tower. There was a sea of people coming towards us. I do not know if they had come out of the tower. We kept telling them to go to the leisure centre if they approached us. I did not see blue lights from emergency vehicles at this point.

We were aiming to go to the direction of the tower, there was no assigned meeting point at this stage as far as I am aware. There were no vehicles access along the footpath we were walking on. We got to the edge of the leisure centre and saw the fire engines on GRENFELL ROAD. We dumped kit on the grassy area outside the leisure centre ('C' on map). There were lot of people here. By now, the tower was above us and close by. I could feel the heat from the tower. There were bits of burning debris falling from the tower. The debris was burning and falling in flames. I could see lots of hoses going in to the tower. The fire fighters were going in and out of an entrance into the tower. I had not seen any casualties at this point. I took a photograph to send to Control so that they could see the incident we were dealing with. I ended

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up getting too wrapped in the incident to send this.

I could see IRO (Incident Response Officer) Laurence IAONNOU who was the Incident Commander near the fire appliances. I spoke with him and asked him what he needed from us. He had only just arrived so he was trying to find out what was going on. He was giving a report to EOC (emergency operation centre), which it Control. He said to us to organise a Triage. We asked him if there was a number of casualties expected, he said he did not know. Dom and I said to Laurence we would set up the triage point ('E' on map). We did not see any other paramedics on scene at this stage. I said to Dom to set up the triage point and I would go and set up a Casualty Clearing Station (CCS). Any patients brought to triage would be taken to the CCS for treatment. They would be marked up as priorities, P1, P2 and P3. I walked towards the leisure centre where I met the same HEMS team I was with at ST THOMAS. I told them there was no point going further but we needed a CCS. We decided to put the CCS in front of the leisure centre in line of sight of triage but far enough away from the falling debris.

We knew we needed a suitable RVP and the area was getting congested, that HEMS had struggled to gain access to the incident. The HEMS doctor contacted EOC. We looked at a map on a phone and LATIMER ROAD was suggested, but I mentioned the roadworks. The area was becoming gridlocked so I suggested CLAREDON ROAD. I said I would run there and make sure it was ok. We moved the CCS further away from triage in case the tower collapsed and far away to protect from falling debris ('G' on map). This was near the leisure centre.

By now, there were two other HART operatives on scene. I left them to set up with some of the kit we had left there. I went to check for the RVP location and I checked an alleyway and made sure a trolley could get through. There was not much traffic in the area. I tried the radio to state this RVP would be okay, but I could not hear due to the ambient noise. I buzzed the HEMS doctor on scene and confirmed that the RVP was good ('H' on map). I ran back to the scene to where Laurence was. I asked him to update the controllers as to where the RVP would be.

The flow of people was different now, members of the public were milling around. The CCS was still being set up when I got back to the leisure centre. There are red, yellow and green ground sheets for P1,

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P2 and P3 patients. They are triaged based on the status of patient, for example, oxygen, patient monitoring and burn severity. Usually with triage, the people are tagged and then any initial treatment such as opening up airwaves, then they are moved to the CCS for treatment.

Dom had set up the triage point, it had not taken very long. In the triage area I opened a mat up, a fire officer came and said to keep that area clear. So we discussed moving it. Two (2) HART operatives were with the HEMS at the CCS. I saw another ambulance at the Kensington Leisure Centre but I saw no crew. As I went back to Dom at the triage and a Firefighter came out of the tower with a child in his arms. The firefighter said nothing to me but he handed her to me. She was light skinned with dark long hair and massive eyes just looking at me. She was screaming for her mum and dad. I tried to calm her down. I asked her name and she said Tasmin or Yasmin. She was [REDACTED] years old, and from flat 2-something. She had minor burns and had soot all over her. Dom tagged her and I carried her to the CCS.

The CCS had HEMS and two HART operatives, Y231, and a couple of other LAS staff in there. I handed the young girl to Matt HALLAM, she was the first person to be taken to the CCS. She was a P2 patient. She had stopped crying by the time we got the CCS. I left her with LAS staff in there and I ran back to where Dom was at the triage point, and I got given another patient by LFB. The Firefighter said this person was from the same flat as the young girl. I do not know if the Firefighter meant this was to do with Yasmin, or if it was the same Firefighter. The person handed was a small adult male. He was clearly unwell and floppy with bad respirations. I was able to carry this man as he was that slight. I carried him to the CCP, he was classed as P1.

I thought I should find something to take the patients back and forth. I took a trolley bed and a chair from the ambulance parked at the side of the road which I saw earlier. As I got back to triage I saw Dom with Clive DYETT of HART there. A firefighter flopped a male into the chair as soon as I opened the chair out. It was an ASIAN male, I could hear his respirations over the noise. His breath was not regular, short breath and long gasps, this could be a sign of dying. I put his head between my elbows to try and get his airway open, opened his airway. I then ran with him in his chair to the CCS. I passed a HEMS paramedic running towards a Fire Control Command Unit on GRENFELL Road. This male was a P1 patient. When I handed over this P1 patient I saw the staff in there were carrying out CPR on the first male I had dropped off there. I saw the [REDACTED] year old girl sat on a yellow mat watching the male having CPR.

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I ran back with the chair to the triage point. The fire brigade wanted us to move the triage point into the lobby of the tower to collect the patients. I said this was not safe with the debris and the hoses everywhere. It was too unsafe to get the patients out of that area with us, so I refused to move the triage there. I told the Fire Officer it was not viable and we were staying put for our safety and patient welfare. This conversation got quite heated. The underneath of the walkway was beginning to fill with smoke from inside the tower. There was water up to our ankles as it was collecting between the hoses. They wanted us to come forward, Dom started to move but I told him no as it was unsafe.

I was able to see that the environment was changing every time I ran back and forth. There were more Firefighters, more noise and more debris dropping down from the tower. Four Firefighters were carrying a man out, carrying arms and legs, so one on each side of the male. They placed him on the floor in front of us, I said to Dom he was P1. He was flat and did not move. I knelt down to his head to push his arms closer so I could move him to the chair but his arms have not followed meaning his bones were broken. I saw his legs were damaged. I touched his chest but it felt like a bag of mush, there was no movement from the chest. As I went to say he is dead, a firefighter said he was found outside the building. I believe this male had jumped from the tower. He was completely unresponsive and I knew he was dead. The male was a large male. I do not recall his race. I could not hear his chest as it was so loud, on touching him I knew he was dead. At a major incident if a person is brought to the triage area deceased we do not carry out CPR. We put a dead tag on him. We discussed where to put the body. Initially we chose the pavement on Grenfell road, but we were concerned people would see this from the flats if people were still inside. Instead we moved him near the green area near where we were working ('J' on map). He had not been officially recognised as life extinct at this point, not 'ROLE' - Recognition Of Life Extinct, but a dead tag is placed on him. Jenny DOIDGE, a HART EAST operative helped me move this male.

At this point, was the first time I saw a Police Officer. I told him about the deceased male, we asked the fire bridge for a tarpaulin to cover him. There were no cordons that I could see that this point. We left that area, I went back to triage. I was given another patient but I do not recall who. I ran back to the CCS and there were three (3) cardiac arrests being treated simultaneous. They were moving the deceased to an area. A Police Officer said that they had gained entry to the leisure centre however there was no

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electricity. I suggested to the Police Officer that we use the leisure centre as a morgue and he agreed. We used the side entrance through to the main foyer. At one point I saw a male around the deceased male, he looked like he was going through the deceased's pockets. I rushed to this, at the same time a firefighter ran towards the male and hit him with his helmet to stop him. The male then ran away so quickly when stopped by the Firefighter. I could not see more that this male was just a figure. I told a Police Officer about this so we started to move three (3) bodies quickly from the CCS into the leisure centre.

I saw on the South Side of the tower there was a walkway that seemed to stop the flames going any higher. I saw people come out of windows and hear them hit the floor. I ran towards where I saw someone fall but the floor but as the ground was a sea of fire I could not get near to these people falling from the tower. This was on the East Side. I reported this to the Command Team, I told them about the jumpers but they said not to go near the tower.

It was still dark, with just street lighting. There were some lamps being used from the ambulances. TSG had set up a cordon by now. On the way out from the leisure centre, I saw people I knew from Soho fire brigade. I took liquid from any vending machine I could find. I went round the incident and handed people liquid who had been there since the beginning. I gave the Firefighters drinks too.

There were a steady flow of people coming out walking from the tower, I pointed them in the direction of the CCP. There were more ambulance and police on scene by now. I continued to

run people back and forth. One time I took two (2) children at the same time to the CCP. One boy and one girl. A male ran towards me, he was grabbing me shouting "why are you not saving my kids who are higher in the tower", he was hitting the back of me pulling at me. I told him I was a paramedic. This male had an accent, he was distraught shouting at me. He let go of me and ran towards the tower when I told him I was a paramedic. We had to stop people trying to get into the tower, either people that had been in and were trying to get back into the tower, or from out trying to get it. Some were covered in soot so it was clear they were from the tower. There were several physical altercations by all the emergency services to stop people and move them back from the tower.

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The fire was massive by this point, and it was about thirty (30) minutes since we had arrived. There was more debris falling, some big chunks on fire that seemed to go to dust when it landed. We were putting out some debris on fire with our feet. I could still see people at the windows in the tower. It was strange that there was still lights on in the flats. I saw one (1) male who had tied sheets together, he was climbing down. He lost his footing and fell from the tower. This was around twenty (20) foot away from where I was. This was on the south side, he came from around halfway 11th floor. He was about half way down the tied blankets. I could not see what he looked like. There was fire around on the outside but not exactly where he was. I believe I saw three or four people drop from the tower.

I continued to move patients to CCP. I do not know how many runs I made. Simon WOODMORE came up to us at the triage area. He is a HART Manager. He asked us to go round to a different area. There had been traffic on the radio saying that the Fire Brigade had gone to take people to the right when they left the tower, away from our triage area. Simon asked Dom and I to go round there and set up a new triage and CCP; that it needed to be set up properly. We ran around the long way due to the tower burning and debris falling near the front of the tower. We went down GRENFELL ROAD, down the walkways and went down HIRSTWAY. There was around twenty-five (25) people near a tree. I saw a Faye, a consultant from CHARING CROSS HOSPITAL, I asked her if I could help. She said she had a child needing to go to hospital but was told that an appliance was coming.

Maria CONYERS, IRO, approached us. We told her we were starting a triage area. She gave me a triage pack to give to Tom GLEESON. Again we set up a triage point, we decided to set the CCP by Faye at the tree. We did this through Tom and not over the radio ('I' on map). A male was brought out who was deceased. This male had already been tagged. He was an Asian male with a beard. I remember his feet were severely burnt. He was initially wrapped in a blanket which barely covered him. We thought by now more deceased and more patients would be brought out. We put a mat out. There were six (6) British Transport Police officers in the area. I could see some Firefighters were exhausted and ready to go back in the tower. I could tell they had already been in due to the state of their kit. We put a tarpaulin down, BTP brought body bags down. The male was moved to an area we deemed as secure for a temporary morgue ('M' on map). Dom and I were still working together, with John DELL and a triage team from HART EAST. The BTP officers agreed that they would carry the patient to the CCP. I could still see people waving from the flats, one old male kept appearing at a WEST side window for a long time. This side was

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not as burnt as the east side. Another body was found in the playground area after a person jumped, I saw this person hit the floor when he hit the floor.

From the outside there was firefighting from an ALP on the East side, the water reached up to about a third of the height of the tower. There seemed to be water coming from everywhere there was a pump pumping by the walkway area. TSG were trying to protect firefighters going in and out of the tower with riot shields. A LAS safety officer told us that we had to move our triage area as it was completely unsafe. I said no as if we moved we could not see the tower and I felt that we need to be in sight of the Firefighters so that they knew where we were. To see the tower and also so we were not too far from the Firefighters. We agreed to move around 6ft back. We told Tom GLEESON too. We knew the firefighters were exhausted by the time they were getting to us, moving back would have made it worse. We treated an older Firefighter who refused to move and be treated at triage. We gave him an oxygen mask. He took it off and I kept telling him to put it back on. I turned around and he was gone. A Firefighter that was hit by a jumper was meant to come to us but he went elsewhere.

There were a few times that Firefighters came out of the tower and kept filling in the space we needed for triage. We only contacted Firefighters to say where to bring the patients. The patient flow was slower than we had anticipated in this area. We told Tom about a body that was on the walkway to deal, a person who had jumped. There were people taking photos from above, I told them to stop and move away. It was still dark but starting to get light.

We were informed that a pub had been opened for us to use the facilities. I made use of these at points through the night. Two firefighters informed us of a bariatric patient on the stairs. They asked us about her and what they should do. They thought she was dead and she was in the way. I told the firefighters that they should move her away from the stairs. The firefighters said that they were having to step on her and they were obviously distressed about this. She was either too big or had too many broken bones to move. We advised them to try and move her out of the way but report where they had moved them to. This was an ongoing discussion between the firefighters for some time. I do not know if it was a male or female, I do not think they knew. They were talking about what they had seen in the tower. This was near to the Firefighter staging area so I could hear what they were saying.

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The tower would go through stages of flame, steam then flame. The old man was still at the window. When the wind changed, I could feel the heat from the tower. The smoke would change from a bloom to different directions. We kept an eye on the tower to see if anything changed. People were shouting if debris was falling down and if large debris started to fall near to us. We were keeping a look out. I did not see anyone else at the windows at this point. I did see a woman and a man come out around 0400hrs, she was on the phone to someone in the tower. She did not want to lay on the floor and be treated. She was shouting and stayed on the phone. Someone told her that her kids were out of the tower. She ran off away to where the kids were. She did not calm down until she knew her children were out. I tried to treat her but she did not come off the phone. She tried to pass me the phone but I did not take it from her. The male she was with had burns on his legs.

Simon WOODMORE us asked if we would go inside the tower in EDBA to ROLE the bariatric person. This was on the 10th floor. The tower was still burning. I have not been in a burning building in my professional career. We use the EDBA for environments lacking in Oxygen. We do not usually go into a building on fire. Dom and I agreed to go in. We ran to the van and got our EDBA sets and put them on. Members of the public were giving out water as we went around. They were saying thank you, we tried to stay focused on the task and kept going. There were people taking photos, they did not look like they were not from the tower. I recall a guy from a wheelchair giving out homemade sandwiches. He refused to move until we took water from him.

We got our BA sets on and ran back. We tested our sets. This was around 0600hrs or 0700hrs, it was now daylight. The daylight just happened, I cannot remember when exactly it became daylight. The old male that we had seen at the window had been brought out to us, I think this was around 0700-0800hrs. He was categorised as P2, and was the last person to come out of the tower. We carried him to CCS, I think he was okay walking but we carried him as the Firefighters gave us to him carrying him. Another male had come out just before that wearing swimming goggles. We also saw another male that did not look like he had been in the fire, he was calm and came to us wanting treatment, and was coughing. We triaged him but I was not sure if he came from the tower as he was just behaving differently to the others. He had no injuries. He then went to CCS.

I saw gas workers digging up the road ('O' on map), I do not know when they arrived but they were still there when we left in the morning, and were still digging up the road.

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We were repeatedly asked by Simon WOODMORE, ops officer, if we were happy to go in the tower. We kept saying yes. Dom and I waited by the triage area, waiting to go in but we did not go in. I believe that it was not safe enough to go in and it was not required to ROLE the patient. I saw two males taking photos in this area. There was a cordon but there seemed to be members of public in this area still.

We received a message that the day shift were arriving to relieve us. The flow of casualties had almost stopped. I went into the pub, there was a Police Inspector in there. There was refreshment and kit in there. There were members of the public in the pub, possibly the walking wounded. The Inspector and the owner of the pub had an argument about the fact that entry had been gained to the pub. We checked on anyone we came across. Within the paramedics and HEMS and other services, we checked on each other. I did not complete any ROLE documentation throughout this time at the incident. I only completed Triage tags, I did not complete a log on scene.

The relief team finally got to us in Sector 1. We completed a verbal handover to explain what we had done and at the time they were to continue doing what we had been doing. It was myself, Tom and Dom by this point in Sector 1. It was now about 0830hrs. The last person we had treated was the old male who had appeared at the window several times throughout the night. They kept the BA sets in case there was a change of mind about going back inside the tower. The tower was a column of steam by now. I thought by now they would be no one else alive in the tower. There were odd bits of flame inside and out. We had seen the fire get into the flats but now it looked grey.

We made our way back to our vehicle, there were press near the pub which was close to the cordon (N). The press tried to talk to us but I kept on going to the vehicle. I was tired but it felt strange leaving before it had been completed. We continued to walk back to the vehicle but the van had been moved. The personal kit and the water kit were the only items still in the van. The day shift had brought a mini bus, I took my personal kit to where the minibus had been parked. There were people here trying to give us things and say thank you. We were polite but did not talk about specific details. There was still an ALP firefighting on the tower and a hose had been attached to a slide in a playground which was aimed at the tower. I drove the mini bus back to ISLEWORTH. It took a long time to get back, arriving finally at 1030hrs. We were asked to come back in an hour earlier later that day to relief the day shift who were

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now at Grenfell Tower. We did not have a debrief and I was not asked to complete any notes for a statement. I did make my own notes at home around a week later in case a statement was later required.

I arrived home but only had a few hours there. I managed to have some sleep before returning to work at around 1700-1800hrs. We took a couple of vehicles back to GRENFELL TOWER.

Dom and I were together. Andy WILLICOMBE, Simon WOODMORE and a couple of others also went in different vehicles. There were six (6) of us. We did not have a briefing before we left but we did discuss getting vehicles and how to get back up that. We went back on normal road conditions as we did not go on blue lights, I lead the way as I know the area. As we got closer to the incident, there were people milling around like a sea of people. I had to put the lights on the marked vehicle, no siren was used, to get through the mass of people on the streets. One of the six was in front trying to clear the way for the vehicles. We did not have a call sign at this stage. We parked where the vans were on BOMORE ROAD near to where the Salvation Army were now parked up. The vehicles we had taken the night before were still there. It was now 1930hrs. The firefighters were letting the gas burn off. We had been told this when we arrived. The tower was still steaming in parts but charred. I could see the pockets of fire from the gas. It was eerily silent, very different to the night before.

When we arrived, the team we were taking over from did a brief handover. We checked the kit and sat in front of the Leisure Centre. We had been told that no one else was being retrieved from the building and we were there for the safety of people on site. There was hardly anyone around. The fire engines were still parked up, we went from Sector 1 to 2 to go to the pub to collect cylinders. We collected equipment such as sheets and triage packs from around the area. The bodies from the night before had all been removed. I recall there were pop up tents around. We spoke about the difference between the building when we had arrived the previous night and now. The items we collected we took back to our vans. There was a concern that people would try to get into the tower, this was following a member of the public getting in further than the cordon had allowed. I believe the jets of water had been turned out on the outside.

Dom and I sat and waited on the back of the van once we collected equipment. We left the incident around midnight and told to go back to ISLEWORTH to restock the vans. Two of HART operatives stayed behind with some kit in case they were needed. After we restocked the van we were sent back on

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the road. We attended an incident at TOOTING STATION where a person committed suicide, a person under a train. HART are sent to these incidents as we are trained in confined spaces. I was off late again that shift.

I went back to GRENFELL TOWER again on SATURDAY 17th JUNE 2017, CAD2593 refers. I had been asked to come back in to specifically to go back to GRENFELL TOWER. Again we travelled from ISLEWORTH in a minibus, four (4) of us in total. We were asked to be there for 0800hrs having started our shift at 0700hrs. At GRENFELL, the lobby and the stairwell had been declared safe however there was not safety clearance for the flats on

11th /12th floor, until the suring up was done, so we were not allowed in. We were not sure if we would be going in. There were three (3) DVI Police, 2 USAR LFB and one (1) of the LAS per group. We were initially told to collect bodies with any flesh on them. Marc RAINEY gave us a briefing, he told us that bodies from stairs had been removed up to a certain point. He confirmed the PPE we needed to wear as well as the risks involved surrounding the safety of the building. We were told we would be wearing goggles, protective respiratory facemask and ground kit. I was assigned to a DVI team and a specific flat to attend. Al HUTCHINS gave us a briefing around the DVI at 1330hrs.

Initially we were to retrieve bodies with flesh from flats. There was no fire in the tower at this point. I cannot recall any smoke but there was still a smell from the tower. There was heat coming from the building and the concrete. We moved the CCS from the Leisure Centre back to where porta-cabins had been placed in front of the tower. Following the two briefings, we were tasked with going in however we were stopped when a movement sensor had triggered an alarm. This took around an hour to confirm that it was okay to go in. A team went in at 1416hrs to support USAR. After waiting, I entered the tower at 1444hrs. The briefing was to go to the 11th floor to an unknown flat number. The flat numbers had been labelled 1 to 6 for each floor. My role was support the team and to recognise that life was extinct.

On entering the tower, I went through into the lobby. There was a hole in the glass walls to gain entry. There were hoses all over and stringy glass where it had melted and harden. On the left hand side was a wall with Firefighting notes. There was water to ankle height and water was coming from above and down the stairs. As we went through another door, we entered the stairwell where it was dark. We had our head torches on. The stairs were covered in a grey silt, the walls were covered with condensation and had

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various marks. I could have touched both sides of the stairwell. On the 4th or 5th floor, there was a pushchair on its side in the lobby. The door was open so I was able to see this. As we went up, the walls got darker and more covered with silt and ash.

We arrived at on the 11th floor at 1452hrs. We went out into the landing through a door then left and left again to a flat that seemed to be behind the stairwell. A DVI officer pointed where the body was and took a photo before I entered. We entered at 1454hrs. There was a bath on the left hand side with water still in it. The floor was grey with silt everywhere. There was no walls anywhere. Beside the bath was a mound of intestines. I could tell that it was a body by the shape. I could not tell if it was a male or female. The body was laying on their back, next to the bath with one arm on the back of the bathroom door and one by the bath panel in a crucifix position.

I brushed my hand across to clear the body's face. I called up for a ROLE time, which was 1455hrs. The DVI officer took pictures as I was clearing as much as possible off of the body. I dug as much of the silt away so that we could get a better identification. I found parts of fingers near the body. I had only one body bag with me so I bagged the fingers separately, and in case it was from a separate person. It took a few hours on this floor to do pictures and paperwork. We brought the body out via the steps in a body bag. It was 1647hrs when I left the tower. A path was cleared to the temporary morgue. I then sat and completed the Patient Report Form (PRF) number 236508282 and verification of the fact of death LA3 paperwork as it was too filthy inside the tower to complete any paperwork. After this entry, I left GRENFELL and went back to ISLEWORTH base.

I have been back on four (4) or five (5) occasions to GRENFELL on dates that I do not recall. This was to assist with the safety of the DVI teams who were working inside the tower recovering remains. There were times we had to help with heat exposure on officers. I have also been back as medical support with families and their Family Liaison Officer. I have further visits with family members scheduled.

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I have provided officers with photographs I have on my mobile phone and these have been exhibited on RSL/02, this contains the following photographs:

- Photograph taken on 14/06/17 at 0153 hours
- Photograph taken on 14/06/17 at 0420 hours
- Photograph taken on 14/06/17 at 0455 hours
- Photograph taken on 14/06/17 at 0552 hours
- Photograph taken on 14/06/17 at 0630 hours
- Photograph taken on 14/06/17 at 0745 hours
- Photograph taken on 14/06/17 at 0746 hours
- Photograph taken on 14/06/17 at 0746 hours
- Photograph taken on 14/06/17 at 0747 hours
- Photograph taken on 14/06/17 at 0750 hours
- Photograph taken on 14/06/17 at 0835 hours
- Photograph taken on 14/06/17 at 0845 hours
- Photograph taken on 14/06/17 at 0845 hours
- Photograph taken on 14/06/17 at 2048 hours
- Photograph taken on 14/06/17 at 2103 hours
- Photograph taken on 14/06/17 at 2155 hours
- Photograph taken on 14/06/17 at 2158 hours
- Photograph taken on 14/06/17 at 2229 hours
- Photograph taken on 17/06/17 at 0707 hours
- Photograph taken on 22/06/17 at 0842 hours
- IMG 1512, assembled paramedics. Time and date unknown
- IMG 1513, assembled firefighters near LATIMER OFFICE. Time and date unknown
- Photograph taken in SECTOR 3, time and date unknown
- Photograph taken in SECTOR 2, time and date unknown
- Photograph taken in SECTOR 2, time and date unknown
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