

**WITNESS STATEMENT**

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

Statement of: REEVE, IAN

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

Occupation: POLICE OFFICER

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This statement (consisting of 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: 17/06/2017

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

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On Tuesday the 13th of June, 2017, I was on duty in full uniform as part of a PSU Serial 998B. Our tour of duty started at 1800hrs and was projected to finish at 0200hrs on the 14th of June. At approximately 0130hrs, we were re-directed by GT to the Kensington area in response to an incident unfolding in that area, on BS BOCU.

On arriving, we were deployed to create a Cordon on Lancaster Road at the junctions of Kingsdown Close and up to St. Mark's Road. Our deployment was to facilitate the management of crowds that were blocking the ingress of emergency vehicles to an RVP in Silchester Road that was being accessed from Ladbrooke Grove. This involved moving abandoned vehicles, setting out cordon tape and speaking with members of the public. We were within 200m of the fire at Grenfell House and in full view of the entire south and east side of the block.

It became apparent that a number of the persons present were on the phone to relatives in Grenfell House. Our advice to them was for people to stay in the flat and await rescue, as this had been the advice broadcast on GT at that time.

I noticed that there was a large community centre at this location and transmitted this to GT for consideration to have this centre opened as a refuge for casualties. This was later effected by other officers. I also spoke with a lady from the Notting Hill Methodist Church in Kingsdown Close. She had arrived to open the premises for whatever use was appropriate. I again transmitted this advice to GT. During this time I spoke with a relative of a male believed to be in Grenfell House, an Ali JAFARI dob

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We were relieved at this location by another serial and re-deployed on standby at the holding area by the Kensington Academy. We were then tasked with evacuating an adjacent block of flats. I was made aware by residents that Flat 10 contained a bed-bound elderly lady. We forced entry to this flat and I went to liaise with the LAS Casualty Clearing Officer to get an LAS crew to evacuate the lady safely. Whilst this was undertaken, I continued to assist my serial in forcing entry to premises from which we had not previously spoken to residents. We did so under S17 of PACE to prevent serious injury to residents should Grenfell House Collapse.

Once this task was complete, we re-deployed to the Harrow Club in Freston Road as this had been opened as a contact centre for relatives. Our role was to keep the media from encroaching on this sensitive area and to assist persons arriving there for assistance. We maintained this position until released to return to Kensington Police Station for a de-brief.

I took the following pictures of the building during the incident and exhibit them accordingly.

IR/1 Taken at 0206hrs 14/6/2017 from Bomore Road, W10

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IR/2 Taken at 0327hrs 14/6/2017 from Lancaster Road j/w Kingsdown Close, W10

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IR/3 Taken at 0618 hrs 14/06/2017 of the S/E aspect from outside Kensington Academy.

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Statement completed 17/06/2017 at Croydon Police Station.

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