

WITNESS STATEMENT

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

Statement of: SOCHON, PAUL

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

Occupation: POLICE OFFICER

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:

Date: 14/06/2017

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

I commence this 2 page statement at 1630 hrs on Wednesday 14th June 2017 at Redhill Aerodrome. This statement is in relation to video footage obtained using the police helicopter's video camera system. I am a serving Police Sergeant employed by Kent Police currently seconded to the National Police Air Service (NPAS) as a Tactical Flight Officer and Base Manager at the Redhill Aerodrome base in Surrey.

At 0830 hrs on Wednesday 14th June 2017 I was on duty on board a police helicopter when I attended the area of Grenfell Tower, W11, London following reports of a large scale fire within a residential high rise tower block. The incident had been declared a major incident and numerous emergency services were in attendance. I was crewed with TFO PC Gavin HOLMES and the pilot was Capt SAMUELS.

At this time I caused a video to be recorded using the on-board camera system. During the time in attendance I used the on board camera to obtain footage of the scene. At 0945 hrs I stopped the recording and left the scene, handing over subsequent recording to a further police helicopter NPAS 13 which had arrived to relieve us.

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Upon return to the base at Redhill aerodrome I have uploaded the footage to our imaging computer, and on the same day created a master copy of the images as my exhibit PGS/1, NPAS reference number Redhill/2017/28/M, further sealing the master copy with seal reference 0028 1NPAS15/M. I have created two working copies of PGS/1 - "Redhill/20 17/28/W1, which will be provided to the OIC in due course when required. The further copy PGS/1 "Redhill/2017/28/W2 has been retained along with the master copy in the secure store at the NPAS Redhill base.

Later the same morning I returned to Grenfell Tower W11 London with the same crew for the same purpose at 1110 hrs and remained there until 1225 hrs.

Whilst on scene this second time I commenced recording of the incident and scene using the on board camera recording systems.

Upon return to the base at Redhill aerodrome, I have uploaded the footage to our imaging computer, and on the same day created a master copy of the images as my exhibit PGS/2, NPAS reference number Redhill/2017/29/M, further sealing the master copy with seal reference 00282NPAS15/M. I have created two working copies of PGS/2 - Redhill/2017/29/W1, which will be provided to the OIC in due course when required. The further copy PGS/2 "Redhill/2017/29/W2 has been retained along with the master copy in the secure store at the NPAS Redhill base.

I have had no further dealings in relation to this investigation

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