

WITNESS STATEMENT

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

Statement of: KEBEDE, BEHAILU

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

Occupation: TAXI DRIVER

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: B KEBEDE

Date: 16/04/2018

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

I have been asked by police to give another statement to address some specific points, as follows:

I have been asked what the round electrical cooling device found by the side of the fridge freezer is, and shown a picture of it. I do not recognise this and cannot think of any type of pan of mine which fits this description. It's possible that it belongs to Elsa but I don't know.

There was normally a mop in a plastic bucket stored between the fridge freezer and the window. Sometimes I also put the laundry washing powder there as well but I don't think there was any there on the night of the fire. After the council installed new windows I did not put up any curtains or blinds in the kitchen or living room. The small fridge belonging to Elsa was stacked on top of the standalone freezer which wasn't working. Neither of these were plugged in. They were positioned opposite the main fridge freezer, as I have already indicated in previous statements.

I sometimes kept boxes of cornflakes on top of the fridge-freezer but that night I'm sure there weren't any. The sliding doors were closed that night. My mattress was next to the living room door leading to the hall so when I went to look in the kitchen that night, I looked through the kitchen door which also opens on to the hall.

None of us smoked in the flat and as far as I am aware, no-one cooked that night, although I did not get home until late so I was not there in the evening.

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