

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: 24/11/2017

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

Further to my first statement to police, I have been asked about a neighbour I referred to as a 'Somali guy' who took some time to leave the flat that night after I went round knocking on everyone's doors.

This neighbour lived next door to me but I am not actually sure of the door number. I have drawn a diagram which I produce as exhibit BEK/3 to illustrate he moved in about six months earlier with his young children, one or two. I think two. I have never spoken to him and I do not know his name but since the fire I have seen him giving interviews to news channels on TV and on YouTube. I think he may be about forty, with a beard, and he has clearly been in the UK a long time from how he speaks.

I saw this man say in one interview that I told him my fridge "exploded". I want to make clear I definitely never used the word "exploded", I cannot remember exactly what I did say apart from saying "fire , fire". Just to be clear, I did not even see flames in my kitchen before leaving. I have also been told by friends that this neighbour has been telling people that we saw each other outside the building that night and he hugged me. This is not true, I have never seen him again after knocking on his door. I have just looked up another interview he did on YouTube and this gives his name as "Mahad EGAL".

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