

WITNESS STATEMENT

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

Statement of: PHILLIPS, RAYMOND EDWARD

Age if under 18: OVER 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: WOOD MACHINIST

This statement (consisting of 3 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: R E PHILLIPS Date: 22/11/1974

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

At about 7.10pm Thursday, 21st November, 1974 I came into town and went to the Mulberry Bush licensed house. I went there specifically to see Dave JONES, the licensee and some other mates that I have a drink with. When I got there Dave wasn't in but Moira, his wife, was there. Some of my mates were grouped around Moira talking. As far as I can remember there was Nick BEASLEY, he lives at [DPA] Stan BODMAN, he lives somewhere off the [DPA] [DPA] near the [DPA] Bob, I don't know his surname, but he comes from Walsall, John, I don't know his surname but he works at the Rover Company, Percy READ, he's a Maintenance Electrician and there were two other chaps I don't know their names. The group were standing in the usual place by the trap door on the bar, this is close to the stairs leading to the forecourt to the Odeon Cinema.

I joined the Group and just started talking. I went to hang my coat up which is near to where we were standing and as I did I noticed hanging on one of the pegs a white plastic carrier bag with a fruit insignia on it. I can't be certain but I don't think there was any writing on the bag. The bag seemed fairly bulky. It struck me as being unusual to see a bag on the pegs. I didn't look inside the bag or touch it. I hung my coat up about five minutes after I came in. I didn't mention the bag to anyone at all.

I left the Mulberry Bush at about 8.05pm or 8.10pm and caught a bus in New Street to Sutton Coldfield. I didn't hear any explosion at all.

Signature: R E PHILLIPS
2010/11

Signature witnessed by: T C HUNT DC 'A' 2085