

WITNESS STATEMENT

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

Statement of: BLAKE, DEREK

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

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: D G BLAKE Date: 01/12/1974

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

I lived at the above address, but now when leave hospital I shall be living at **DPA**
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I am employed a Braimes, Warfdale Road, Tyseley as a machinist.

On Thursday 21st November 1974, I left my house to meet my girlfriend Pamela PALMER (deceased). I was due to meet her outside the Swan L.H., Coventry Road, at eight o'clock.

I met her and then we caught the No.58 bus into town. We got off the bus by the Mulberry Bush L.H. We have been to the Mulberry Bush quite a few times and that night we decided to go in there for a drink. The time then would be about quarter past (Page 1.....) or it could have been twenty past eight.

I went in with Pamela and found her a seat. I took her coat and she put it on the seat beside her.

I then went up to the bar to get a drink for Pamela and myself.

I had just got the drinks, and I had a couple of sips of my drink, and was turning to face Pamela.

It was then that I saw this "Blue Flash" I don't know where it came from. It was all around me and in front of my face. A matter of seconds later there was a terrific bang.

Signature: D G BLAKE Signature witnessed by: J DAVIS R 6913
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