

**WITNESS STATEMENT**

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

Statement of: ROBERTS, IVY DORIS

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

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This statement (consisting of 15 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: Ivy Roberts Date: 16/05/1991

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

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I am Mrs Ivy ROBERTS and I live at the address stated overleaf. I'm

now 65 years of age **Reason 3**

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My immediate family my husband Douglas Reginald ROBERTS **Reason 2**

and my daughter Maureen Ann ROBERTS (Brn 26.3.54) (26031954) are

deceased. Reg that's what I always called my husband died in 1983 and

Maureen our lovely daughter was killed on the 21st November 1974

(211174) in the Birmingham bombings.

I do have one brother who's still alive and that's Walter SCANDRETT he

lives in the **Reason 2** area with his wife my sister in law Doreen

SCANDRETT.

**Reason 3 & 5**

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I cant remember the names of Maureens friends that she used to go out with but she did have a black girl as a friend that she would meet and on the night she was killed she went into the City Centre to meet another friend who I think was called Janet GILLESPIE.

I remember that terrible night as if it was yesterday.

Maureen left the house at 7.30pm (1930) that evening (21.11.74) (211174) she was going to meet Janet and I remember her saying that she didn't really feel like going out that night but she didn't want to let her friends down, thats the sort of girl she was, she always put other people first.

Whenever Maureen went out in the evenings we'd always say to her that if she was going to be later home, to ring our neighbour nextdoor Lil, we didn't have a phone in them days but Lil did and we'd always say "Watch what your doing" and "Who you were talking with". Reg used to say about being careful about going into pubs and things like that and I remember myself because of the McDade funeral that weck that I was nervous about Maureen going into the city and I said the same to her that fatal night and I remember her laughing & saying "Oh god mom, there you go again" she was a lovely lovely girl.

She left that night 7.30pm (1930) she walked out of our house & out of

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our lives forever.

As far as I am aware she travelled into the city that night on the bus alone. That would have been then the No 53 which you'd catch down the bottom of the road at the meadway. I didn't know neither did Reg that Maureen was going to that particular pub, all we knew was she was meeting Janet in town.

That evening when Maureen left us she was wearing her new dress which was a black 3/4 length dress which was below the knee and a brown coat which was full length, she was also wearing black court shoes. She had with her, a brown handbag which had a top that folded over onto the side and was secured at the front of the bag by some sort of clasp. I can't recall anything else about the handbag or her clothing except that the bag had a shoulder strap.

As far as jewellery Maureen had on her gold signet ring on her little finger on her left hand that's something Reg & I bought her, and also her watch which she always wore that had a black leather type strap and the watch face itself was rectangular shaped.

As far as the contents of the bag goes, Reg had to look at some property at Digbeth after Maureen's death and I know he identified various items as belonging to Maureen, such as her make up bag and also

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