

WITNESS STATEMENT

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

Statement of: ROWLANDS, STEPHEN JOHN

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

This statement (consisting of 4 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: S J Rowlands Date: 04/07/1991

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

I am the son of John ROWLANDS who was born in Birmingham on the 1st of September 1927. (01091927)

My father married my mother Iris Mary ROWLANDS on March 25 1952 (250352) and later lived at **DPA**

DPA

My parents had two children myself and my brother Paul Mark ROWLANDS **DPA**

My father worked at the Rover in Tysley for about 25 years as a foreman Electrician and always led an active life.

DPA Dad

on his way home from work some evenings would stop off in town at one of the pubs and have a drink, he used to use the Grapevine, and the

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Mulberry Bush.

He used to go into these Public Houses I know that a Thursday night was one of his nights that he used to go for a drink.

I had been at the time in the **DPA**

DPA so I was not aware really of his day to day movements I was

leading my own married life in **DPA**

I remember the night of the 21 November 1974 (211174) very well. I had just come in from the fish & chip shop and saw the newsflash on the television. I immediately realised that this was one of the public houses that dad used to stop off for a drink in, I immediately made telephone enquiries with public houses in Birmingham to see if he was in there.

I had no success so I went to my local police station and asked if they could find out for me. I was told that they would make the enquiries but it would be some time as Birmingham was in a mess and the police would be stretched.

At 4am (0400) on Friday the 22 November 1974 (221174) I was lying awake when the police called and told me that Dad had been in the Mulberry Bush when the explosion had taken place, they did not know whether Dad had been killed or just injured. They suspected he was

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