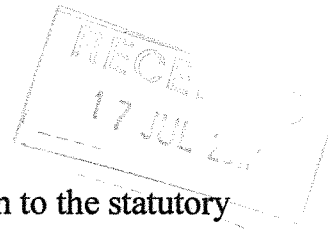


## Statement of Fred Bromley.



I am the above named person and live at an address known to the statutory authorities and make this statement on the 6<sup>th</sup> June 2017. I am over 21 years of age.

On the date of the Birmingham Pub Bombings, 21<sup>st</sup> November 1974 I was living at my parents' home address at DPA

DPA I was 20 years old at this time.

During this period of my life I was going out with Maureen Ann Roberts who was killed in the Birmingham Pub Bombings. Maureen and I were in a serious relationship and we were going out steady at this time for approximately one and a half years, I had planned to marry her. I had planned to ask her to marry me on a date shortly subsequent to the night of the bombings which was the date also of her parents Wedding anniversary.

On the night of the 21<sup>st</sup> November 1974 I was working a late shift at my usual place of work at the Dowding and Mills Electrical Company accompanied by my work colleague Mr Phillip Gillespie.

Maureen was friendly with Phillips wife Janet and on the 21<sup>st</sup> November 1974 both Maureen and Janet planned to go into Birmingham City Centre for a drink. Both went to the Tavern in the Town.

When I got home that night from my late shift, I heard on the news that bombs had exploded in Birmingham. On hearing this I immediately called by telephone Maureen's parents, Reginald and Ivy Roberts to enquire if they had heard the News flash and to let me know immediately if Maureen returned home.

Later that evening and 4-5 calls to Maureen parents later, Maureen has still not returned home. I went to bed and called Reginald and Ivy in the morning enquiring about Maureen but she had still not returned home.

I went into work for an early shift and learned that Phillip Gillespie's wife, Janet, was in hospital. When I heard this I was concerned and a work colleague put me into a car and drove me over to Reginald and Ivy who then lived at the time at DPA

I went to the Accident Hospital on Bath Row , Birmingham , with Reginald , and there we spoke to a Staff nurse who directed us to the Casualty Bureau which was set up at Lloyd House. At Lloyd house we spoke to a police officer and gave him a description of Maureen.