

ICL INQUIRY STATEMENT

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1. About 2 years prior to the tragedy I started my employment as a waitress in the Diner at 275 Maryhill Road, Glasgow.

Date of the tragedy

2. At that time I was working in the diner with my pal Jacque Brown (witness)
3. I was sitting at the window which faces Taggarts Garage. You can only see a small part of the plastics factory and that is only from looking through the Taggarts windows.
4. At that time I heard a very loud but muffled bang. It was like a large firework or a detonator going off. I immediately looked over to Taggarts building and I saw white/grey smoke and dust above Taggarts and for some reason I knew that this had come from the plastics factory.
5. I screamed "Jacque, Danny's work!" Danny Fraser is Jacque's husband and he works at the plastics factory. Jacque and I ran towards the plastics factory.
6. On arriving at the plastics factory everything was flat. It was just a pile of rubble and debris. The smoke and dust had all cleared. I did not see any bricks coming off (i.e. being projected) from the building.
7. After the explosion I went over to the scene and I saw a big green and gold coloured gas tank. It had been the noise coming from the tank that had alerted me to it. The tank was making a hissing noise. The hissing noise was similar to the noise when you let air out of a bicycle tyre. It wasn't a loud hiss, but was loud enough to hear. It was

definitely coming from the tank. It was either coming from the bottom of the tank or underneath the tank. I got a bit frightened because I thought it might explode again. I thought I'd better get Jacque and I out of there as it was going to explode.

8. I managed to get Jacque off the rubble and tried to explain to her that the tank could explode again.
9. When I was on top of the rubble and heard the hissing from the tank, I could smell and taste a damp, foostie smell. I cannot remember smelling gas.
10. I am shown Photograph No 0405-076-18 [ICL/013178] I am unsure if this is the gas tank that I saw. The only part of the gas tank that I saw was the nose of the tank because the rest of it was covered in brick and debris.

11. I confirm that the contents of this statement are true.

Witness signature _____

Date _____