# Form MG 11

**WITNESS STATEMENT**

CJ Act 1967, s.9; MC Act 1980, ss.5A(3) (a) and 5B; Criminal Procedure Rules 2020, Rule 16.2, 19.4

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| Statement of: | Firstname SURNAME B.Sc(Hons) | | | | |
| Age if under 18: | | Over 18 | (if over 18 insert ‘over 18’) | Occupation: | Digital Forensics Specialist |

This statement (consisting of XXX pages 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.

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| Signature: | **Type Yourname** |  | Date: | XXX |

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

# Qualifications and Experience

1. I am employed as a Digital Forensics Specialist at The University of Greenwich’s Digital Forensic Consultation Service (DFCS). I have worked in the field of Digital Forensics since 2021. I have Bachelor of Science degree in XXX from the University of Greenwich. I have undertaken specialist training in Digital Forensics as part of my degree from the University of Greenwich.
2. I have performed various examinations for both law enforcement and commercial organisations. I have previously given evidence in Court as an expert witness in relation to forensic computing cases.

# Background

1. This witness statement refers to actions I have undertaken during the examination of a forensic image supplied to me at the DFCS in the case referred to as Operation Canary Wharf.
2. I was not the person who imaged the original device, and for details relating to that please refer to the statement and notes of Mr. A. Aaron Adamson who is the imaging technician in this case. I however at the start of my examination performed a verification on the image that was supplied to me (called ‘Operation Canary Wharf’) and it was found to be correct/incorrect.
3. I have received instructions from the Crown Prosecution Service and have been asked to conducted an examination of the of the image file in order to consider the following questions:

**Question 1:** The defendant has stated that he uses the laptop to play games online and do some university work, mostly doing his social activities on his phone. Are there artefacts present on the exhibit that support or undermine this assertion.

**Question 2:** Is there any evidence to show that the indecent photographs have been saved or accessed?

**Question 3:** If the laptop has been bought second-hand, is it possible that any discovered artefacts can be attributed to previous owners?

**Opinion:** Can you support the defendant’s statements about seeking to make composite pornographic pictures? We are particularly interested if there is anything on the device which indicates that the defendant, or anyone else, has made conscious effort to search or access indecent material.

1. My examination was conducted using sound forensic methodology, tools and practices. I have followed the ‘Good Practice Guide for Digital Evidence’ produced by the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO).
2. During my examination I recorded my actions and observations in my original notes. These notes provide more detailed technical aspects of the forensic image of the exhibit and the processes and tools that I used. They can be produced if required.

# Summary of Findings

1. With respect to question 1, I found…
2. With respect to question 2, I found…
3. With respect to question 3, I found…
4. In addition to the above I also found…

# Detailed Findings for Exhibit ABC/1

1. The file ‘Operation Blue Canary Wharf’ is the forensic image of the exhibit, which is a laptop computer.
2. Or for an operating system… The currently installed operating system is XXX with a recorded installation/update date of XXX. The registered owner is recorded as XXX and there is a single (1) user account present named XXX which has no/XXX password set for it. My examination shows that the last recorded use of the computer was on XXX .

# Feel free to add or remove any headings if you think it is important, however you must clearly answer the 3 questions and give your opinion.

# Question 1: xxx

1. Your answer here

# Question 2: xxx

1. Your answer here

# Question 3: xxx

1. Your answer here

# Other Findings

1. Other notable information

# Opinion

1. Give your opinion as has been requested

# Disclosure

1. I confirm that I have complied with my duties to record, retain and reveal material in accordance with the Criminal Procedure and Investigations Act 1996, as amended.
2. In the event my opinion changes on any material issue, I will inform the investigating officer as soon as reasonably practicable and give reasons.

# Duty to the Court

1. I declare that I understand that my duty, including providing written reports and giving evidence, is to assist the court and that this duty overrides any obligation to the party who has engaged me. I can confirm that I believe that I have complied with my duty.
2. I confirm that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, I have acted in accordance with the Code of Conduct published by the Forensic Science Regulator (Issue 4) in all aspects that relate to my personal conduct. Type Yourname at the very end to simulate signing after the last word

a squiggly line to the end of the page so no-one can add words to your statement