

In The Crown Court at Exeter

Case Number T2020

REGINA

V

MAURICE JOHN KIRK

**DEFENCE STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 5 & 6
CRIMINAL PROCEDURE AND INVESTIGATIONS ACT 1996**

TO THE PROSECUTOR:

Crown Prosecution Service

TO THE COURT:

EXETER Crown Court

CHARGES:

Possession of Bladed

Instrument, contrary to section 139

Criminal Justice Act 2003

If called upon to establish a defence at trial the following statement is served in accordance with the provisions of The Criminal Procedure and Investigations Act 1996.

THE NATURE OF THE ACCUSED'S DEFENCE

The Accused admits possession of a kitchen knife in his car on the 2nd July 2021.

The Accused had the knife with him because he had just delivered 25' of the wings of a crashed aircraft to Cornwall and was returning to Somerset with an empty trailer in tow and a tool kit.

The purpose of the tool kit was to dismantle the wings without the drawings of the internal components.

The knife was part of the tool kit.

The knife would have been used to facilitate the Accused reaching into the inside of the wing from the root of the wing to cut with the minimum of damage the aircraft fabric on the wing from inside the wing.

This was in order to expose the nuts required to dismantle the damaged undercarriage.

The tool kit also contained a shorter bladed knife for the same purpose

THE ACCUSED TAKES ISSUE WITH THE PROSECUTION IN RELATION TO THE FOLLOWING MATTERS OF FACT:

The Accused denies at any time possession of a knife other than for a reasonable or lawful purpose.

The Defence reserve the right to amend the above statement on receipt of further evidence.

The Defence will rely on the following witnesses:

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