

Post Office Ltd

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Witness Statement

Criminal Justice Act 1967, Section 9; Magistrates Court Act 1980, sub section. 5A(3)(a) and 5B; Criminal Procedure Rules 2005, Rule 27.1

Statement of: ABDULWAH YUSUF PATEL
Age if under 18: OVER 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: Sub Postmaster

This statement (consisting of _____ 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 anything in it, which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Dated the 13 day of FEBRUARY 20 13

Signature **GRO**

I AM THE ABOVE NAMED PERSON AND LIVE AT THE ADDRESS OVERLEAF.

I AM THE CURRENT SUB POSTMASTER OF SAVILE TOWN POST OFFICE AND DEWSBURY POST OFFICE. I HAVE HELD THE POSITION AT SAVILE TOWN FOR 30 YEARS AND DEWSBURY FOR 16 YEARS.

ON 12 FEBRUARY 2011 I TOOK OVER AS INTERIM SUB POSTMASTER AT BIRKENSHAW POST OFFICE 712 BRADFORD ROAD BIRKENSHAW BRADFORD BD11 2AE. THE POST OFFICE WAS TRANSFERRED TO ME ON THIS DATE AND ALL THE CASH AND STOCK WAS PHYSICALLY CHECKED BY MYSELF, MY SON-IN-LAW AND MY SON. I ACCEPTED THE CASH AND STOCK AS BEING CORRECT AND NO DISCREPANCIES WERE FOUND IN THE CASH AND STOCK. I OPENED THE POST OFFICE TO CUSTOMERS ON MONDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2011.

I BALANCED THE CASH AND STOCK ON A WEEKLY BASIS AND PROVIDED A BRANCH TRADING STATEMENT AT THE END OF THE BALANCING PERIODS. THE WEEKLY BALANCE AND BRANCH TRADING STATEMENT WOULD BE DONE BY MAINLY BY MY SON-IN-LAW

Signature: **GRO** Signature Witnessed by: **GRO**

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Witness Contact Details

Home address: **GRO**

Postcode: **GRO**

Home telephone No: **GRO** Work telephone No: **GRO**

Mobile No: E-mail address:

Preferred means of contact:

☒ Male ☐ Female Delete as applicable Date and Place of Birth: **GRO**

Former name: Height: **GRO** Ethnicity Code:

Date of Witness non-availability:

- 1) I have been given the leaflet "Giving a Witness Statement - what happens next?" Yes ☒ No ☐
- 2) I consent to the statement being used for the purposes of Civil/Disciplinary proceedings. Yes ☒ No ☐
- 3) Have I specific care needs? Yes **GRO**
If yes what are they (Healthcare, childcare, transport, disability, language difficulties, visually impaired, restricted mobility or other concerns)

Signature of Witness: **GRO**

Signature of Appropriate Adult: (if applicable)

Statement taken by (print name) Stephen Broadshaw Office: Jafford

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but if he was unable to provide Rose, either myself or my son would go to Bickenshaw Post office to do the Balance.

During my time as the interim Sub Postmaster I did not have any balances that caused me any concern as when the Branch Trading Statement was produced, I could recall making good any shortages above £20.

During this time I employed two members of staff, Umar Lihwan and Saffiya Lohat to work behind the counter.

Whilst I was the interim Sub Postmaster the Horizon System remained the same. I have never requested any piece of the Horizon kit to be replaced.

On 6 September 2012 I ceased being the interim Sub Postmaster at Bickenshaw Post office. The reason was that my son was going to Saudi Arabia on a Hajj for four weeks and the clerk Umar Lihwan was going to see his family in Pakistan for 6 to 8 weeks. This left me with no staff and I could no longer provide the service to customers.

I was present when the Post office was transferred to Mary Stewart as the new interim Sub Postmaster. Ms Stewart checked the cash and stock and no discrepancies above (over a few Pounds) was found. Ms Stewart signed to accept the transfer and the cash and stock as being correct. I am willing to attend court if required.

Signature:

GRO

Signature Witnessed by:

GRO