

## Witness Statement

(CJ Act 1967, s9; MC Act 1980, ss 5A(3)(a) and 5B, MC Rules 1981, r 70)



Statement of Michael Raj Dadra

Age if under 18 Over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18')

This statement (consisting of \_\_\_\_\_ 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.

Dated the 7<sup>th</sup> day of July 2003

Signature M Dadra

I am the Operations Manager for Post Office Ltd, Audit and Inspections team. I have held this position for four years and have been employed by Royal Mail Group for ten years.

As part of the post audit process, members of the audit and inspections team carry out a reconciliation of inward and outward remittances for an office cash account, following an audit. I am notified of any large discrepancies.

On 6 March 2003, I was notified of a large discrepancy, in excess of £300,000 (Three Hundred Thousand Pounds) in connection with the Walton on Thames post office. I satisfied myself that the necessary checks had been made and that this was not some "paper error". I then made arrangements for Mr Paul BOSON to attend Walton On Thames post office the next day, 7 March 2003, to carry out a further audit.

From office records I have obtained copies of the audit reports for Walton On Thames for 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2002 and 15<sup>th</sup> November 2002. I now produce these items as **MD/1** and **MD/2**. I have signed an exhibit label for each of these items.

Signature M Dadra Signature witnessed by P Dawkins