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Hi all

For info – press release from CWU on the Panorama programme.

Kind regards

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On Monday evening, the BBC's Panorama programme will be broadcasting reporter John Sweeney's investigation into the Post Office's prosecutions of dozens of postmasters who were blamed for errors created by the unfit-for-purpose 'Horizon' computer accounting system.

Postmasters have faced victimisation, persecution and many have had their reputations and livelihoods damaged or even destroyed, sparking strong criticism of the company by the CWU's national officer Andy Furey and the union's Postmaster branch secretary Mark Baker.

Our union's calls for a full judicial/public inquiry have been taken up and supported by Members of Parliament from all of the political parties, a House of Commons debate on the subject earlier this year heard condemnation of the Post Office's senior management from furious MPs, and questions have also been asked in the House during Prime Minister's Question Time.

In Monday's programme - Trouble at the Post Office - Sweeney will be probing claims that the Post Office charged some postmasters with theft even when the evidence didn't stack up and he will be speaking to a 'whistle-blower' who will outline the problems inherent in the 'Horizon' system.

Andy Furey is urging all CWU members to watch the programme and also to "tell friends and neighbours about it too.

"It's vitally important that the extraordinary behaviour of senior Post Office management is exposed for its vindictive, unfair and unjust nature," he continued, adding that "the Post Office is clearly in denial about the misery they have caused for so many hard-working Postmasters and we are entitled to ask: 'Why is the Post Office in denial?'"

"We will continue to demand justice for postmasters and we will not stop until this has been achieved - this outrage must not be covered up."

Mark Baker agreed, saying: "Our postmaster members have been treated appallingly over this issue and I strongly urge all our fellow CWU members to watch Monday's programme to inform themselves about this scandal."

* Trouble at the Post Office will be broadcast on BBC1 at 7.30pm on Monday 17th August in England, Scotland and Wales. In Northern Ireland, the programme will be shown at 10.35pm on BBC1.

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