

Record of Tape Recorded Interview



Person Interviewed Josephine Hamilton (JH)

Place of Interview Tanner & Taylor Solicitors Office, Aldershot

Date of Interview 05 May 2006

Time commenced 13.09

Time concluded 13.32

Duration of interview 23 minutes

Tape reference no 042770

Interviewing Officer(s) Graham Brander (GB)

Colin Price (CP)

Other persons present Kate Taylor (KT) - Solicitor

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GRO
Signature of interviewing officer producing exhibit

Tape counter times	Person speaking	Text
0.09	GB	Introductions and voice verification.
1.15	GB	Goes through CS001 Legal Rights form, including administering caution.
5.36	GB	Asks if there is anything you wish to tell me following your consultation with Kate Taylor.
6.56	KT	States that Jo is happy to give consent to disclose details of her bank accounts.
	GB	States that the prepared statement refers to a loss of £750. States that he had identified a number of discrepancies around that amount between week 48 (w/e 23/02/05) and week 01. States that in week 04 (w/e 20/04/05) it drops down to £7.25. Asks if this is the period of time that she is referring to in her prepared statement?
	JH	No comment.
	GB	The losses that I have just mentioned. Were they genuine losses that occurred in each of those weeks?
	JH	No comment.
	GB	Were they losses that you hadn't made good and you'd rolled over a number of weeks.
	JH	No comment.
	GB	Are you aware of your contractual requirement to make good losses at the time?
	JH	No comment.
	GB	Have you ever rolled losses, not having made them good at the time?
	JH	No comment.

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11.47	GB	Refers to the prepared statement dealing with the move to Branch Trading. States that it says she was sent a DVD but did not have a DVD player. States that it is not acceptable if that is supposed to be an excuse for not complying with the training.
	JH	Did you ask for it to be sent to you in video format or written format?
	GB	No comment.
	GB	Did you ask anyone how you would go about completing a Branch Trading Statement?
	JH	No comment.
	GB	States that the last Trading Statement, period 11, was printed by the auditors but there were four others produced prior to the auditors arriving. So were you producing those Branch Trading Statements not knowing what you were doing?
14.00	JH	No comment.
	GB	Asks her to explain the process for producing the Branch Trading Statements for periods 7 –10.
	JH	No comment.
	GB	States he is giving her one final opportunity to give an explanation as to why there was such a large discrepancy identified in the accounts.
	JH	No comment.
	GB	Why is it that you went GRO following requests to return money to the Post Office?
	JH	No comment.
	GB	Is it true that you contacted somebody from the federation and advised them that you'd been asked to return money but the money wasn't there? Is that correct?
	JH	No comment.
	GB	Asks if there's any possibility of adding to the prepared statement, details of the staff that work in the Post Office? States that he may have to obtain denial statements from everyone working in the shop and if Jo can eliminate any that don't work in the Post office then it would save them being asked whether they have stolen Post office money.
	KT	Can we take a break so that I can take instructions?
	GB	States that we can finish up and if willing, Jo can supply that information via yourself, either after the interview or at a later stage.
	KT	States that the amount of paperwork disclosed to her has been very limited.

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20.29	GB	States that he disclosed prior to interview what he anticipated showing her client. Stated that during the interview he had shown a number of cash Accounts and Branch trading Statements. Agreed to allow Kate to take photocopies of the accounts shown at interview.
	GB	Shows a schedule of Horizon extracts headed All sales Transactions referring to Alliance & Leicester cash deposits for the period 01/02/06 – 06/03/06. States that they are all whole amounts, rounded up to nearest ten pounds. Are you able to give me an explanation as to what these cash amounts relate to?
	JH	No comment.
22.01	GB	Would these be any of your accounts?
	JH	No comment.
	GB	Administers second caution.
22.32		Asks, do you wish to clarify anything you have said or add anything else before the end of the interview.
	JH	No.
		Master tape Seal ref 042770 is signed.
23.09		Tape machine switched off at 13.32 hrs.