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Subject: REGINA v SEEMA MISRA
GUILDFORD CROWN COURT
TRIAL - 15TH MARCH 2010

I now enclose a copy of the 4th and 5th Defence Expert Reports. I also enclose Gareth Jenkins latest E-Mail dated 1st March 2010 for your information. The content does not appear to be very helpful.



4th interim technical expert's report to the Court 2010-02-12 v0 1.doc



5th interim technical expert's report to the Court 2010-02-25 v0 1 (2).doc

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Subject: RE: REGINA v SEEMA MISRA GUILDFORD CROWN COURT TRIAL - 15TH MARC

Thanks for the information, which I've now read through.

I think I can summarise the situation as follows:

1. Ms Misera says initially identified that the sub post office was short of cash by about £80 - £90K
2. She tried to cover this up while she repaid the losses which she thought was due to staff theft
3. By the time of the audit in Jan 2008 she was £73K short suggesting she had made good about £10K of the losses
4. When she went to court, she saw an article in Computer Weekly indicating that Horizon was unreliable and decided to jump on the bandwagon.
5. Note that there is no evidence to support any of the cases referenced in the Computer Weekly articles and there is case law showing the reliability of Horizon. (The case of Marine Drive which I think was referred to in the Computer Weekly article.)

However I don't see how anything here changes the fact that she falsified the accounts or that money was missing.

What I still don't understand is exactly what it is that the defence is claiming in terms of where exactly Horizon might have "lost" this money rather than her or her staff stealing it. Therefore unless we can get a clear statement as to exactly what is being looked for and when the system allegedly made mistakes, I don't think there is anything I can do. (I do appreciate that it is up to the Prosecution to prove Horizon is reliable rather than the defence to prove it isn't, but it is always difficult to prove that there are no errors - particularly over such a long period of time.)

Surely it is down to the Post Office investigators to get to the bottom of exactly where there is anything in dispute. At that point I might be able to assist with some technical knowledge to help interpret the various logs to support such areas of dispute.

I'll leave Penny to continue the discussions she is currently having with the Post Office investigators until there is something concrete for me to investigate.

Regards

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Thank you for your E-Mail of today. As per discussions I now enclose:-

- 1 Copy Case Summary.
- 2 Copy Indictment
- 3 Copy Defence Statement
- 4 Copy of the interview
- 5 Copy Defence Expert's name is Charles Alistair McLachlan, Staple Hall, 87-90 Houndsditch, London, EC3A 7AD. Telephone number and mobile to follow.

It is important that we are pro active on this and that you contact him as soon as possible with a view to concluding this.

I appreciate all the help and assistance in this case.

I hope the above assists but if you require anything further or wish to discuss in more detail please telephone me.

(See attached file: 258932AI.doc) (See attached file: 258932 IND.doc) (See attached file: Defence Statement Scanned.pdf) (See attached file: Interview - Scanned document.pdf)

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