

Witness Statement

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



Statement of Elaine Wright

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

This statement (consisting of two 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 true.

Dated the 29th day of July 2003

Signature

I am employed by Post Office Ltd as a Retail Line Manager and have been so for the past 5 years. My role involves the supervision of a number of post office outlets within a defined geographical area, ensuring that business objectives are met in the area of sales, accuracy, mystery shopper etc.

One office I am responsible for is Walton on Thames Post Office, 73 Hersham Road, Walton on Thames, Surrey, KT12 1LN. On Friday 7th February 2003, I suspended and subsequently terminated the contract for services of the Subpostmaster, Mr David Yates.

On Monday 10th February 2003 I attended Walton on Thames Post Office in order to tidy up the office and clear out rubbish in preparation for the appointment of a temporary Subpostmaster. Whilst at the office, I found three Horizon printouts relating to cash remitted out. I contacted Dave Posnett, Investigation Manager, who requested that I send the printouts to him.

The first printout details an outward cash remittance of £330,000.00, dated 15/11/02, at 09:01 hours. This printout is produced from the Horizon computer system when details of an outward remittance are entered on the system. I now produce this printout as item **EW/1**.

The second printout details the reversal of an outward remittance of £205,000.00, dated 20/11/02, at 07:23 hours. The facility exists on the Horizon computer system to reverse certain transactions that have previously been entered. This facility can be used, for example, if a customer returns and wishes to cancel a transaction previously conducted, or if a Subpostmaster books in stock incorrectly which is later noticed and the correct amount can be booked in. I now produce this printout as item **EW/2**.

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Continuation of statement of Elaine Wright

The third printout details a further reversal of an outward remittance of £125,000.00, dated 20/11/02, at 07:24 hours. I now produce this printout as item **EW/3**.

All three printouts relate to the same Cash Account Period, 34 (Thursday 14/11/02 to Wednesday 20/11/02).

Signature

Signature witnessed by