

IN THE NORWICH CROWN COURT

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-V-

ALLISON HENDERSON

DEFENCE STATEMENT

- 1.) The defendant is not disputing that £11,957-78 appears to be missing from the Worstead sub Post-Office, where she was the sub-Postmistress.
- 2.) The defendant offers no particular explanation and does not understand why there is a discrepancy, however does believe that any discrepancy(s) are the result of a malfunction of the Horizon computerised accounting system. The defendant also believes that any discrepancy could have been discovered by the Post Office auditor, particularly as he initially alleged £18,000 was missing, this was reduced to the alleged sum in a matter of minutes. Further investigation by the auditor would have discovered the whereabouts of the alleged missing sum.
- 3.) She categorically denies appropriating and money from Post Office Ltd.
- 4.) The defendant is not in any financial difficulty, is of previous good character and has not moved any monies or made any significant purchases during the period in question.
- 5.) The defendant accepts that she is contractually obliged to pay the amount of £11,957.78 to Post Office Ltd, and has instructed her solicitors to approach prosecution as to how best this can be arranged.

Signed,

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