

## Stephen Dilley

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**From:** cath.oglesby [GRO]  
**Sent:** 01 October 2006 17:05  
**To:** Stephen Dilley  
**Subject:** Re: FW: Re-revised Second statement of Cath Oglesby: P.O -v- Castleton

Stephen,

- 1) I didnt authorise Castleton to place the amount in the suspense account, this had to be done via the helpline and the number he has written would suggest that he took this route.
- 2) The only snapshots that I was aware of will be ones mentioned in my notes, so if I havent mentioned that one before, then I probably havent seen it before.
- 3) I remember talking to John on the phone, but honestly cannot recall the detail of what we discussed.I have not saved the e-mail he refers to, sorry.

Rough Drawing completed today and will post tomorrow.

Regards,

Cath.

"Stephen Dilley"  
[GRO] To: <cath.oglesby [GRO]>  
cc:  
Subject: FW: Re-revised Second statement of Cath Oglesby: P.O -v- Castleton  
27/09/2006 13:02

Dear Cath,

I refer to my voicemail of today. Sorry to nag, but I wondered if you'd had the chance to look at this email and its attachments yet? (I know we've discussed point 1 in the email below).

Kind regards.

Stephen Dilley

From: Stephen Dilley  
Sent: 13 September 2006 19:27  
To: 'cath.oglesby' [GRO]  
Cc: 'rmorgan' [GRO]; Tom Beezer; mandy.talbot [GRO]  
Subject: Re-revised Second statement of Cath Oglesby: P.O -v- Castleton

Dear Cath,

I refer to my email of 12 September. I attach a very slightly amended further draft. I've just inserted the times of the balance snapshots at para 45 (a) to (d).

A few further questions not included in the statement:

1. Who authorised Castleton to transfer the monies at various stages into suspense account? Liz Morgan tells me that a subpostmaster could transfer a loss into a suspense account if either:

(a) they provided a sufficiently detailed and acceptable explanation for the discrepancy;

(b) they submitted a hardship form which showed that they could not afford to make good the shortfall in the cash account; or

(c) exceptionally, the RLM authorised it.

Liz cannot recall this matter very well and does not recall authorising the transfers into suspense and wonders if you did. That said, I note the cash account for week 46 (week ending 11 Feb 04) has "Suspense ref H.13041710 Liz" hand written on it. To me that suggests for that week at least, Liz authorised the transfer.

2. In para 45(b) of your statement, you refer to the balance snapshot of 14 Feb timed at 11.59am which showed that Marine Drive needed £95,896.59 in its till to achieve a perfect balance. I just wondered if you knew at the time that there was another snapshot of the same day timed at 8.55am which showed that at 8.55am, Marine Drive needed £92,100.36 to achieve a perfect balance in its till? (Copy attached). Does that make the end of day cash declaration of £102,706.10 even more significant? If you didn't know about that at the time, I don't propose we should mention it in your statement.

3. John Jones thinks he emailed you before doing the appeal to ask why the advice you had given to Mr Castleton had not been followed by him and any reason as to why such losses were consistently dismissed as being a fault with the Horizon system and that he followed up his email with a telecon.  
John deletes all his old emails. Do you have a copy of this email or remember this?

I am out of the office between 15 and 22 September inclusive and look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible.

Kind regards.

Stephen Dilley

From: Stephen Dilley  
Sent: 12 September 2006 17:33  
To: 'cath.oglesby' [GRO]  
Cc: 'rmorgan' [GRO] Tom Beezer  
Subject: Revised Second statement of Cath Oglesby: P.O -v- Castleton  
Importance: High

Dear Cath,

I refer to the conference with Counsel on 11 September and attach a revised copy of your second witness statement for approval together with a marked up version showing the changes I have made. I have not yet corrected the page numbering of the exhibits and will endeavour to do so as soon as possible. In the meantime, please could you have a very careful read of the latest version and as Counsel stated, make any changes that you feel are appropriate, because this is your statement and you have to be 100% happy with it. Please could you also let me have a rough plan of the ground floor of the Marine Drive branch so that we can exhibit it? (It doesn't need to be a Picasso).

I look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible.

Kind regards,

Stephen Dilley  
Solicitor  
for and on behalf of Bond Pearce LLP

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