Warwick Tatford To: Mandy Talbot cc: Phil Taylor/e/POSTOFFICE@POSTOFFICE 19/01/2010 16:14 Subject: Mrs Nixon I have made enquiries of our Chairman's Office team which deals with high profile correspondence and they know nothing of Mrs Nixon or Dixon of Highcliffe. The contract managers for the relevant branch can recall nothing according to Nigel the current manager. The only material which can be located and which is attached was generated by the person who was presumably her husband. Regards Mandy Talbot Dispute Resolution Company Secretary's Office Royal Mail Legal Services 100 Victoria Embankment EC4Y 0HQ GRO Postline: External Email: Jon Longman, Investigation Manager, spoke to me about the statement made by Mrs Nixon on 7 Jan as this was being used by someone who was being prosecuted in connection with an issue at West Byfleet branch. I had no recollection of any Horizon problems at Highcliffe and the only info I could find is what Craig has already sent from the EFC. Anyway I don't see that her statement proves there is anything wrong with Horizon as she has admitted that the wrong keys were pressed! Sorry I can't be of any further help.



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Lin

Regards

Nigel Allen

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cc: Mandy Talbot/e/POSTOFFICE@POSTOFFICE, Nigel Allen/e/POSTOFFICE@POSTOFFICE, Michele

Graves/e/POSTOFFICE@POSTOFFICE

Subject: Re: Fw: Eleanor Grace Muriel Nixon former postmistress of

Highcliffe in Dorset ☐

Thanks - yes, now I've checked back, the statement clearly states Nixon but I went by the e-mail title (which I have now corrected) which stated Dixon!

Does this change anything from your perspective - do you search cases by name?

Lin

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To: Lin Norbury/e/POSTOFFICE@POSTOFFICE

cc: Mandy Talbot/e/POSTOFFICE@POSTOFFICE, Nigel Allen/e/POSTOFFICE@POSTOFFICE

Subject: Re: Fw: Eleanor Grace Muriel Dixon former postmistress of Highcliffe in Dorset ☐

Hi Lin,

There appears to be an error with the spelling/pronounciation of the surname being referred to, and is in fact NIXON not DIXON.

Having done an online search at Iron Mountain, (for both Nixon and Dixon), I can confirm that we have no records being held at Iron Mountain for either Mr Maurice or Mrs Eleanor Nixon/Dixon.

There isn't agreat deal within the branch file here in Leeds for Mr Nixon, (which should have gone away to IM for archiving when he left), other than a few recruitment papers when he first started. I can find nothing in the name of Mrs Eleanor Nixon's name.

There are though, these papers regarding debt/loss and don't know if they help you or not?



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Subject: Fw: Eleanor Grace Muriel Dixon former postmistress of Highcliffe in

Dorset

Hi Craig Reference above / below.

Can you arrange to see what if anything we have in the basement in respect of Mrs Dixon and Highcliffe and if there is a file at Iron Mountain, arrange for it's retrieval.

Thanks Lin

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Mandy Talbot

To: Lin Norbury/e/POSTOFFICE@POSTOFFICE

18/01/2010 09:57

cc: Subject: Fw: Eleanor Grace Muriel Dixon former postmistress of Highcliffe in

Dorset

Lin

You are probably aware that there is a challenge to the Horizon system again from the prosecution side of the business. The defence in a case which our criminal team is prosecuting are facing a challenge that Horizon is not fit for purpose. They have come up with a list of the usual suspects in terms of ex postmasters who all have the opinion that Horizon is not fit for purpose etc. One has supplied a statement and she is a person I have not heard of before. I have checked with the Chairman's Office and they have not heard of her. Please can you ask the relevant contract managers to supply me with copies of any documents, correspondence which they have in which she disputes the validity of the system. According to the statement attached she ran at least two different branches Highcliffe in Dorset.

Mandy Talbot Dispute Resolution Company Secretary's Office Royal Mail Legal Services

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Michele Graves

08/01/2010 11:03

To: Mandy Talbot/e/POSTOFFICE@POSTOFFICE

CC:

Subject: Fw: Eleanor Grace Muriel Dixon former postmistress of Highcliffe in

Dorset

Hi Mandy

See below - I have nothing in my team on file re this case.

Rgds

Michele Graves

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Simon V Smith 08/01/2010 10:05

To: Tahira Rasool/e/POSTOFFICE@POSTOFFICE, Michele Graves/e/POSTOFFICE@POSTOFFICE

CC:

Subject: Re: Fw: Eleanor Grace Muriel Dixon former postmistress of Highcliffe in Dorset

Michele, Tahira

With the help of both Andy & Ivan we have gone through all the non recorded correspondence in both rooms & we didn't find any correspondence relating to either Eleanor Dixon former postmistress or Highcliffe Post Office in Dorset. I have also checked the EFC & the logs for this year & last year and again found no entries.

Rgds, Simon

Simon Smith

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Tahira Rasool



Tahira Rasool

07/01/2010 12:02

To: Simon V Smith/e/POSTOFFICE@POSTOFFICE

CC

Subject: Fw: Eleanor Grace Muriel Dixon former postmistress of Highcliffe in

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Simon

This is the email I was referring to this morning, and I think Michele has also spoken to you about it.

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Mandy Talbot

To: Michele Graves/e/POSTOFFICE@POSTOFFICE

06/01/2010 17:11 cc: Rebekah Mantle/e/POSTOFFICE@POSTOFFICE

Subject: Eleanor Grace Muriel Dixon former postmistress of Highcliffe in

Dorset

## Dear Michele

As you know the business is prosecuting a former postmistress who is adducing all sorts of statements and comments from former postmasters in support of the contention that Horizon is the cause of all evil and that they were perfect postmasters.

I attach a statement from Dixon along those lines. Please can you locate any material which POL may still have on this lady so we can assist the barrister who is prosecuting this case on our behalf.

On an allied matter I have been advised of an accountant who claims to have been engaged by a shop keepers alliance to act for beleaguered postmasters. As such this issue is going to raise its profile on the civil side of the law again. Can you recommend who should be advised of this matter within POL. I was minded to advise Lynn Hobbs, Mike Granville, Lin Norbury. Alwen Lyons- can you suggest who else should be advised.

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