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Subject: Re: Fw: West Byfleet Trial - 15th march 2010 - Guildford Crown
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Hi Mandy,

I am happy to say that we succeeded in the legal argument in the above case and the Judgment was given late on Friday afternoon.

Regards.

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Jarnail

What is your opinion as to the likely outcome of the trial if the decision is taken by the judge to withdraw the theft charge? I would imagine that those seeking to challenge Horizon will consider it to be a victory.

Are we putting forward a detailed statement for the judges consideration explaining the costs of what they (the defence) were seeking and their failure to narrow down their requirements or engage with us?in support of our contention that the theft charge should be preserved?

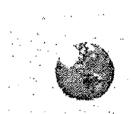
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Mandy

Jarnail Singh was present at the hearing so he will no doubt inform Rob of events.

In relation to the disclosure issue, the defence are suggesting that we have not reacted quickly enough to providing them Fujitsu transaction log data and that it was not until February 2010 that an expert from Fujitsu agreed to talk to the Defence expert. One of the sticking points in all of this was that the defence indicated they needed five years of transaction log data , but this would cost the Post Officer over £15,000. We asked them to be more precise with what transactions specifically they were looking for on Horizon and to consider a smaller period of say a couple of months. Communications from this point on seems to have been misinterpreted by both sides.

As for the inference that may be drawn if the theft charge is "stayed" I would suggest that you speak directly with Jarnail for his opinion. However, I am sure that the defence solicitor will obviously notify the various publications of this and it may well encourage further challenges as to the integrity of Horizon, something that my colleagues and I are experiencing in a number of other cases.

Regards,

Jon Longman

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John

Thank you for the update. I presume that Rob G Wilson and Jarnail Singh have also been notified. Do you or they have an opinion on the inference which will be drawn if the charge of theft is in effect is withdrawn because of the alleged failure in disclosure? The only information which the prosecution barrister showed me was a copy of a magazine page which named a number of the usual suspects in terms of postmasters with a grievance. I contacted the chairman's office, the business and iron mountain to retrieve everything we had on these cases. As such I cannot understand how a claim of failure to disclose can be sustained.

Regards

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Mandy

Carole Cross has asked me to keep you informed in this case. Therefore please see e-mail below.

Regards,

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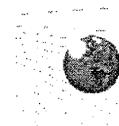
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Dear All

Following a lengthy hearing yesterday where the defence are claiming abuse of process (because they say that not all disclosure has been provided to them) the judge has ruled that the trial will not go ahead next week. He is going to review the arguments made by the defence and will make a ruling on Friday afternoon as to whether a new trial date will be set. I will keep you all informed of developments and if a new trial date is set I will request a definite list from the defence as to which witnesses they require. If the defence are successful in their argument then no "theft" trial will be set and the subpostmistress will be sentenced on false accounting charges to which she has already pleaded guilty.

Regards,

Jon Longman

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