

IN THE CROWN COURT AT MOLD/CAERNARFON

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DAMIEN PETER OWEN

DEFENCE STATEMENT

1. Mr Owen accepts that at all material times he was an employee of The Post Office, and that he worked at the Glanadda sub-post office where the Sub-Postmaster was Mr Nicholas Pritchard.
2. On or about 23rd July 2010 a member of the Post Office 'migration team' examined the "balances" at the branch. It is said that accounting details were obtained on that day which when compared to those obtained at an audit conducted at the sub-post office on 9th August 2010 reveal a cash shortfall of £ 24,867.99.
3. The defendant does not know whether the accounting procedures adopted to produce this information are accurate, nor whether there is a shortfall as alleged. Further, it is Mr Owen's understanding that the accounting systems operated by the Post Office are notorious for producing imbalance anomalies.
4. In any event he denies that he has falsified accounting records or stolen any money, whether as alleged or at all.

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5. The following witnesses will be required to give evidence at trial:

Susan Muddeman

Timothy Gordon Pounder

Richard Cross

Stephen Bradshaw

Paul Whittaker

6. Disclosure is sought of the 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th items from the un-numbered schedule of non- sensitive unused material.

Damien Peter Owen

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Dated:

29/03/11