
Sent: Mon 01/07/2019 8:51:28 PM (UTC)
To: 'Andrew Parsons' [GRO]
Subject: FW: Criminal Investigation Opened

Pls see below for info.

On review of my emails, it looks like we addressed Dalmellington in late 2015 before the issue came up again in July/Aug 2016 when Tim McCormack raised it in emails, suggesting there was another instance of it at a branch we were (according to TM) investigating for false accounting. TM would only provide information to us to consider further if we "call[ed] Seema Misra and put her out of her misery".

So, I think the position is:

- We looked into Dalmellington and had FJ resolve it in late 2015.
- TM then raised it again in 2016, but Rob put a hold on investigating it further until IT joined up with Legal.
- (I think Rob was pretty new to POL at this time. it is a pity he didn't cc anyone from Legal on his email)
- We then corresponded with TM to find out what he was on about, but couldn't take it forward without info from him, which he refused to supply.
- There is an unfortunate temporal connection with the letter of response, but I can only assume we didn't add Dalmellington to the letter because it wasn't in our frame of reference (the concern with it seemed to be the resource consumed on dealing with a difficult correspondent and the overlap with the Misra prosecution). It was not to the best of my knowledge, recollection or belief a result of any direction from within Post Office.

From: Tim McCormack [mailto:[GRO]]

Sent: 16 August 2016 18:54

To: Rodric Williams <[GRO]>

Subject: RE: Criminal Investigation Opened

You do realise that your shower of idiots are actually in the process of investigating the person involved for false accounting?

You might also want to have a read of this.

<https://problemwithpol.wordpress.com/>

An interesting conversation indeed.

Regards

Tim McCormack

@jusmasel2015

From: rodric.williams [GRO]
To: t.j.mccormack@ [GRO]
Subject: FW: Criminal Investigation Opened
Date: Tue, 16 Aug 2016 17:30:29 +0000

Mr McCormack,

Post Office Limited has asked me to respond to your email below. Post Office would be happy to consider any information you may care to disclose to it. However, and in line with my previous reply to you dated 4 July 2016, Post Office will not comment on the other matter you have raised.

Yours sincerely,

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Rodric Williams
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From: Tim McCormack [mailto:[\[REDACTED\]](#) **GRO**]

Sent: 09 August 2016 14:47

To: Paula Vennells <[\[REDACTED\]](#) **GRO**>

Subject: RE: Criminal Investigation Opened

What I have heard today is frankly totally unbelievable.

By now you should have acquainted yourself with the 'Dalmellington Error' and its consequences.

You should know that Fujitsu said they were going to fix this earlier this year.

YOU should know that I stated that it would be highly unlikely that they managed to do this as they didn't know what caused the error in the first place.

You now know because I am about to tell you - that the very same error has just re-occurred in another branch in far more serious circumstances.

If you want details on this I will be glad to help as soon as you call Seema Misra and put her out of her misery

You are a complete bunch of idiots playing havoc with the lives of people you have little interest in.

Tim McCormack

@jusmasel2015

From: t.j.mccormack [mailto:[\[REDACTED\]](#) **GRO**]

To: paula.vennells [mailto:[\[REDACTED\]](#) **GRO**]

Subject: FW: Criminal Investigation Opened

Date: Mon, 4 Jul 2016 20:44:54 +0100

A typical head in the sand reply from the team you have placed too much trust in. Let me be very clear here.

Once the police investigation is completed it is HIGHLY likely, indeed probable, that members of your staff will be sent to prison. A custodial sentence is mandatory for this offence.

Your role in this will not escape attention.

This is Seema Misra's phone number - [\[REDACTED\]](#) **GRO**

Call her and apologise and ensure her suffering is ended as soon as possible.

I do wonder what kind of God you worship.

Tim McCormack

@jusmasel2015

From: rodric.williams [mailto:[\[REDACTED\]](#) **GRO**]

To: t.j.mccormack [mailto:[\[REDACTED\]](#) **GRO**]

Subject: RE: Criminal Investigation Opened

Date: Mon, 4 Jul 2016 17:43:14 +0000

Dear Mr McCormack,

Thank you for your email to Piero d'Agostino (Post Office Limited Head of Legal, Commercial) dated 1 July 2016, to which I have been asked to reply on behalf of Post Office Limited.

The content of your email has been noted. Post Office Limited will cooperate fully with any formal investigation into its activities, but will not otherwise comment on the matters you have raised.

Yours sincerely,



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From: Tim McCormack [mailto:**GRO**]

Sent: 01 July 2016 08:55

To: Piero D'Agostino

Cc: Paula Vennells; Tim Parker

Subject: Criminal Investigation Opened

Dear Sir

As you will be aware by now, the police have opened a criminal investigation into matters surrounding the prosecution of Seema Misra by POL in October 2010. I am assisting them with their enquiries and have been interviewed by them as well as supplying them with relevant documentary evidence. If they have not already I am sure they will be in touch soon.

In order to assist them I am reviewing my correspondence with POL and have come across emails sent by your team to me in relation to emails sent by me to Ms Vennells in connection with an error in Horizon dated November 2015, to which I do not appear to have responded.

On the 19th November I received an email containing an image of a letter from your Mr Rodric Williams. In it he asks for 'something more substantive'. I draw your attention to communications you subsequently received from the CWU regarding the same error as well as my blog post published on 10th November 2015 which goes into great detail of the very same error.

<https://problemswithpol.wordpress.com/2015/11/10/the-error-in-horizon/>

I also draw your attention to further emails I sent to Tim Parker and Paula Vennells under the Freedom of Information act asking them to reveal details of the Known Error Logs in January that should have contained details of the fix to be applied in connection with this error. These requests were acknowledged but I was refused access to that information.

Let me be clear why I requested that information. Unless the email from ATOS to Ms Baker was completely disingenuous, and if so that would be extremely damning in its own right, the contents show that Fujitsu/ATOS completely misunderstood the error that was reported to them, made no attempt at all to establish the real cause of it and provided a fix for something that had not caused the error in the first place. If Fujitsu and ATOS (whose PO team I believe consist mainly of ex POL employees) are behaving like this now in 2015/16 it is entirely likely that they were behaving like this in 2010 when Ms Misra was placed on trial. It is, and would be, substantial new evidence which you yourselves declare in your letter to me that you have a duty to disclose to the defence even subsequently to a prosecution being brought.

With the police now involved and my evidence to them having being considered by two leading barristers to be reliable, one of which, Mr Stephen Mason, was responsible for the publication of the transcript of the trial of Ms Seema Misra, I would urge you to now consider the contents of the blog I wrote yesterday.

<https://problemswithpol.wordpress.com/2016/06/30/what-are-you-waiting-for-paula/>

I find it utterly appalling that Post Office Ltd seek to prolong the suffering of a woman

who very clearly did not commit the crime she was accused and convicted of. You have the opportunity to contact the CCRC straight away on this matter and ensure Ms Misra suffers no longer than she has to. I urge you to do so today. At the moment I am prepared to consider incompetence as the rational behind these contemptible failings of POL to understand that Horizon is capable of producing intermittent errors that result in huge paper losses at subpostmaster branches. Any subsequent delay will make me consider the far more serious matter of conspiracy. The ongoing police investigation will take time. The CCRC has already sat on this case for a year now. Seema Misra deserves justice today. I look forward to hearing from you without delay.
Kind regards
Tim McCormack

@jusmasel2015

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