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16th November 2010

Post Office Security

c.c. Jon Longman
Paul Southin
Graham Ward
Press Office



REGINA v SEEMA MISRA
CASE NO: POLTD/0708/0249

After a lengthy trial at Guildford Crown Court the above named Defendant was found Guilty by the Jury. She attended Guildford Crown Court on the 11th November 2010 for Sentence. The prosecution was conducted by Counsel Warwick Tatford of 9-12 Bell Yard, London, WC2A 2JR and the Defendant was represented by Counsel Keith Haddrill. The case was presided by His Honour Judge Stuart.

On hearing the lengthy mitigation and on reading the pre sentence report and various personal references provided on behalf of Mrs Misra and also reading the medical report prepared by her General Practitioner whereby they stated that she is 8 weeks pregnant.

The Judge sentenced her as follows:-

	CHARGE	SENTENCE
1	Between the 29 th day of June 2005 and the 14 th day of January 2008 stole £74,609.84 belonging to Post Office Limited (Contrary to Section 1(1) of the Theft Act 1968)	15 months imprisonment
2	Between the 14 th day of December 2006 dishonestly with a view to gain for herself falsified a document required for an accounting purpose namely the Branch Trading Statement for West Byfleet Post Office dated 14 th December 2006 by making an entry therein purporting to show that the cash on hand figure was £27,993.73 when it was not (Contrary to Section 17(1)(a) of the Theft Act 1968)	6 months imprisonment concurrent

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3	On or about the 14 th day of December 2006 dishonestly with a view to gain for herself falsified a document required for an accounting purpose namely the Branch Trading Statement for West Byfleet Post Office dated 14 th December 2006 by making an entry therein purporting to show that the figure for currency awaiting collection was £13,070 when it was not (Contrary to Section 17(1)(a) of the Theft Act 1968)	"
4	On or about the 16 th day of June 2007 dishonestly with a view to gain for herself falsified a document required for an accounting purpose namely the Branch Trading Statement for West Byfleet Post Office dated 16 th June 2007 by making an entry therein purporting to show that the figure for cash on hand was £35,751.65 when it was not (Contrary to Section 17(1)(a) of the Theft Act 1968)	"
5	On or about the 16 th day of June 2007 dishonestly with a view to gain for herself falsified a document required for an accounting purpose namely the Branch Trading Statement for West Byfleet Post Office dated 16 th June 2007 by making an entry therein purporting to show that the figure for currency awaiting collection was £40,447.40 when it was not (Contrary to Section 17(1)(a) of the Theft Act 1968)	"
6	On or about the 15 th day of December 2007 dishonestly with a view to gain for herself falsified a document required for an accounting purpose namely the Branch Trading Statement for West Byfleet Post Office dated 15 th December 2007 by making an entry therein purporting to show that the figure for cash on hand was £39,713.25 when it was not (Contrary to Section 17(1)(a) of the Theft Act 1968)	"
7	On or about the 15 th day of December 2007 dishonestly with a view to gain for herself falsified a document required for an accounting purpose namely the Branch Trading Statement for West Byfleet Post Office dated 15 th December 2007 by making an entry therein purporting to show that the figure for currency awaiting collection was £60,930.07 when it was not (Contrary to Section 17(1)(a) of the Theft Act 1968)	"

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The Judge also commented that she will serve half of her sentence before being released. In view of her sentence there was no order for costs.

The Judge also set down a Confiscation Proceeds of Crime Act timetable whereby the prosecution having served a Section 18 Questionnaire the Defence would need to respond to this by the 23rd December 2010. The prosecution will then respond to by the 25th January 2011 to which the Defence will respond by the 24th February 2011.

By the 10th March 2011 the Prosecution and the Defence would confirm in writing the parties are ready and also to give an updated estimate of the length of the hearing.

The case was to be listed for hearing on the 24th March 2011.

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