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CROWN COURT ATTENDANCE NOTE.

Date: 3rd November 2010.

Client: Post Office -v- Alison Henderson

File Ref.: 55

In the Norwich Crown Court T20100647
Listed at: 0930a.m.
Before: HHJ Darroch
For (s.51; PCMH; trial; sentence; mention) PCMH
Pros: Assigned counsel – Warwick Tatford 9-12 Bell Yard, but
Chris Youell from Norwich CPS covered this hearing.
Def: Anthony Clare

No Post Office investigator was in attendance (nor was he needed).

Summary of times:

Preparation: 12 mins

Travel: 5 hours 18 mins
0600-0836; 1000-1242

Waiting: 54mins
0900-0954

Hearing: 06 mins
0954-1000

rail fare £26.00

Telephone calls:- 3 outbound

Summary of outcome:

Arraigned on count 1 – Theft – not guilty
Between 1st January 1997 and 11th February

Count 2 – False accounting - not guilty
Between 1st January 1997 and 11th February 2010.

Defence indicate no witnesses required to attend. (But pros. Counsel thinks that the investigating officer should attend)

Interview summary is acceptable.

Time estimate 1 day.

Defence case statement to be served by 10.11.10

No bad character application

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Defence accept there is a discrepancy which she cannot explain.

Case adjourned until warned list week commencing 29th November 2010..

Bail as before.

NOTES:-

12 mins

Preparation

Reading file in readiness for hearing.

0600-0836

Travel.

Walk to station, purchase ticket, board 0627 arriving Norwich 0820 walk to court.

0836-0900

not claimed.

0900-0954

Waiting.

0920 – 1 x call out to counsel's chambers. Miss Chan part-heard elsewhere, Mr. Warwick Tatford is attending. I saying he not at court, had they had any message from him, they saying they had not, but giving me his mobile number.

0925 – 1 x call out to GRO Warwick Tatford – straight to voicemail, no message left.

Spoke to defence counsel – explaining counsel not here yet. He saying case is straightforward – will be not guilty pleas, no need for any witnesses to attend, interview summary ok, 1 day time estimate for trial. He also indicating he cannot wait around, he has other things to do.

0935 – 1 x call to W.T. – leaving a message on his voicemail, reminding him we in 0930 list and asking him to call me with his ETA.

0945 – call in from W.T., he saying he has asked his clerks to call the court to explain he will not be at court until 10.30 as he is having a nightmare journey. Saying if I need to instruct anyone at court to cover the brief, please do so, he doesn't want to inconvenience anyone.

0954-1000

Hearing.

As above.

1 x tel. call to W.T. going to voicemail – saying case now dealt with and no need for him to go to court.

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1 x tel. call in from W.T. - he asking me details of who Judge was, who def. csl was, and who covered for him.

He suggesting that even though defence do not require any witnesses, he thinks that at least the investigating officer should attend.

1000-1242

Travel.

Walk to station, board 1057 arriving Peterborough 1225, walk home.