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Witness Statement

Criminal Justice Act 1967, Section 9; Magistrates Court Act 1980, sub section. 5A(3)(a) and 5B; Criminal Procedure Rules 2005, Rule 27.1

Statement of: Mr Christopher Granville Knight

Age if under 18: Over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18')

This statement (consisting of pages each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe true.

Dated the 16th day of September 2010

Signature C G Knight

I have worked for Post Office Ltd, a part of Royal Mail Group Plc, for twenty five (26) years the latter twelve (13) years as an Investigator in the Security Department. As part of my role I investigate possible criminal offences committed against the business.

On Tuesday 10th February 2010 an Audit took place at Worstead Post Office® Branch. I was informed that there was a shortage in the account and that I should commence and investigation.

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Post Office® Branches use a computer system called Horizon. As an Investigator I have access to historical data from this system via the business Intranet system. This gives me transactional data and also office management data. I now produce a schedule as exhibit CK/01. This data shows that when the Branch Trading statement for the period end 14/12/2009 was being produced multiply Cash Declarations were made. This occurred again when the Branch Trading statement for the period end 06/01/2010 was being produced. This suggests that the final figure declared was manipulated to achieve a balance on the Trading Statement. The figure initially shown as a discrepancy on 06/01/2010 was £11,970.69 This was £12.91 different from the final account loss discovered on the audit approximately five weeks later.

On 11th March 2010 in the company of Mr Paul Whitaker, Fraud Investigator, Post Office Ltd, I attended the Royal Mail Centre in Norwich. Mr Keith Nicholls from the National Federation of Sub Postmasters (NFSP) was also present.

A tape-recorded interview commenced at 11:08hrs. The usual formalities were observed with Legal Rights form GS001 being completed. Mrs Henderson declined the presence of a Legal representative. Form GS003 Friends at Interview was completed accordingly as Mr Nicholls was present. Forms GS001 and GS003 are produced as Exhibits CK/02 and CK/03 respectively

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The interview concluded at 11:51hrs. The tape was sealed with tape seal number 071654. The Master tape is now produced as Exhibit CK/04. A Summary has been produced and is now Exhibit CK/05.

I now produce the following Branch Trading Statements for Worstead Post Office© Branch;

11/03/2009 to 08/04/2009 Trading Period 12 Exhibit CK/06	X 22
19/05/2009 to 03/06/2009 Trading Period 02 Exhibit CK/07	X 23
03/06/2009 to 08/07/2009 Trading Period 03 Exhibit CK/08	X 24
13/08/2009 to 10/09/2009 Trading Period 05 Exhibit CK/09	X 25
10/09/2009 to 08/10/2009 Trading Period 06 Exhibit CK/10	X 26
08/10/2009 to 12/11/2009 Trading Period 07 Exhibit CK/11	X 27
12/11/2009 to 14/12/2009 Trading Period 08 Exhibit CK/12	X 28
14/12/2009 to 06/01/2010 Trading Period 09 Exhibit CK/13	X 29
06/01/2010 to 10/02/2010 Trading Period 10 Exhibit CK/14	X 30

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