

# Memo

11<sup>th</sup> February 2011

Post Office Security

c.c. Gary Thomas  
Paul Southin  
Press Office

**REGINA v ROBERT JAMES HUMPHREY AND**  
**JACQUELINE ANN HUMPHREY**  
**CASE NO: POLTD/0809/0002**

The above named Defendants appeared at Norwich Crown Court on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2011, Mrs Humphrey attending under threat of being forcibly brought to Court under a warrant, having initially failed to appear.

Both Defendants pleaded guilty on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2009, however the calculation of the total loss was disputed and the case proceeded to a Trial of Issue (Newton Hearing), which finally came before the Court for hearing on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> November 2010, where only Mr Humphrey was in attendance. As a result of cross examination and documentation put to Mr Humphrey, the Defence concluded the loss as calculated and charged on the Indictment was in fact correct and that this was the amount stolen by the Defendants.

Both Mr and Mrs Humphrey were sentenced as follows:-

	CHARGE	SENTENCE
1	Between the 1 <sup>st</sup> day of September 2006 and the 1 <sup>st</sup> day of April 2008 stole £76,061.16 belonging to Post Office Limited (Contrary to Section 1(1) of the Theft Act 1968)	Mr Humphrey was sentenced to 27 months imprisonment. Mrs Humphrey was sentenced to 18 months imprisonment.

No order was made in respect of costs or compensation.

Although a timetable had initially been set for confiscation proceedings this was not pursued as the Defendants' have no realisable assets available to meet the loss.

This is another case where Horizon was challenged which resulted in a considerable amount of additional work by Gary Thomas. His efforts, together with those of Gareth Jenkins (Fujitsu), are evidenced by the successful outcome in this case.

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