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Financial Investigation Events Log

Case Number: POLTD/0708/0249

Investigator- Adrian Morris/John Longman

Date	Events	Initials
15/01/08	Received details of investigation at West Byfleet Post Office, regarding a shortage of £77,643, following an audit undertaken at the office on 14/01/08. Received suspect offender report form (No. 1 in document file) from investigator, which indicated that Sub-Postmistress admitted to false accounting, but denied theft. She stated that £89,000 had been stolen in 2006 by previous employees, the majority of this alleged theft was not reported to Police.	PS
13/02/08	Spoke to A Morris. He is currently preparing reports and completion of financial investigation forms.	PS
22/02/08	Received FES form (No.2 in document file) from Investigator, which details property owned in Finsbury Park, N4.	PS
14/03/08	Received offender report (No. 3 in document file) and tape summary (No. 4 in document file) from investigator.	PS
08/04/08	Received details of charges raised by CLT. 1 charge of theft and 4 charges of False Accounting.	PS
11/04/08	Informed by Contract Manager that suspect has resigned from her position as Sub-Postmaster.	PS
11/04/08	Requested any further information available to the investigator.	PS
20/10/08	Investigator has now gone long term sick. To be decided where this case is going.	PS
10/01/09	Case now being dealt with by John Longman. Will liaise with him for current situation. Informed that prosecution is being preceded with. Received copy of summons from investigator. (No. 5 in document file) 1 charge of theft and 4 charges of false accounting. Theft of £74,609.84.	PS
23/02/09	Land registry checks made which show the suspect holds a lease on [REDACTED] GRO [REDACTED] and also the post office premises at 14 Station Approach, West Byfleet. (No.6 in document file).	PS
23/02/09	Results of PNC check and Equifax check received (No. 7 and 8 in document file). No result on the vehicle check made. Limited information available on the Equifax check. Consider further enquiries. Speak to line manager for advice.	PS
11/03/09	7 charges against the suspect raised by CLT, 1 theft and 6 false accounting.	PS
02/06/09	T/C from investigator to say trial may be commencing today. Need to action a section 18 statement.	PS

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02/06/09	T/C to investigator p.m. Case adjourned until 14 th July for a mention hearing. Possible trial in new year. Further enquiries to be conducted regarding the bank accounts of the suspect.	PS
24/07/09	Trial date set for 30/11/09 at Guildford Crown Court.	PS
26/11/09	New trial date set for 15/03/10 at Guildford Crown Court.	PS
11/03/10	Trial date has been cancelled. Await new date.	PS
12/04/10	Trial now set for 21/06/10.	PS
21/10/10	Trial took place last week and concluded today with the defendant being found guilty. Section 18 forwarded to CLT. Sentence hearing set for 11/11/10. (No. 9 in document file)	PS
16/11/10	Sentence hearing took place at Guildford Crown Court on 11/11/10 at which the defendant was sentenced to 15 months in prison with concurrent sentences of 6 months on 6 other charges. Section 18 served and confiscation timetable set. (No. 10 in document file) Defence to respond to section 18 by 23rd December 2010 Section 16 by 25th January 2011 Defence response by 24th February 2011 By 10th March defence and prosecution to confirm that parties are ready and estimate length of hearing.	PS
11/01/11	Section 17 response received. (No. 11 in document file) To prepare a section 16 statement and forward to CLT by 24th January .	PS
20/01/11	Section 16 statement prepared with associated documents (No. 12 in document file)	PS
21/01/11	Section 16 statement forwarded to Jarnail Singh at CLT by Special Delivery.	PS
09/03/11	Confiscation hearing set for 24/03/11 at Guildford Crown Court. To prepare forms 5050's.	PS
21/03/11	Form 5050's prepared.	PS
23/03/11	Confiscation hearing cancelled due to defendant being sick. New date expected in July.	PS
06/04/11	New confiscation hearing set for 8th July 2011 .	PS
08/07/11	Confiscation hearing at Guildford Crown Court. An order was made for £40,000 to be paid as compensation to Post Office Ltd. The defendant was given 6 months to pay with a default sentence of 15 months. Potential for a higher available amount if the value of the property is higher than suggested at court.	PS
28/07/11	Details of the confiscation order put onto JARD, case number 058703, order number 122873 . Alison Osbourne at Surrey confiscation unit informed of the update.	PS
31/01/12	T/C to South East confiscation unit (GRO). Stated that the defendant's solicitor has informed them that the property has been	PS

	reposessed and is currently being sold. Call back at the end of February for an update. (Alison Osbourne no longer works for the unit)	
09/02/12	Correspondence received from the defendant via the Crown Court, which details that the property has been re-possessed and the balance remaining after the mortgage has been paid off will be approx. 21k. She also states that she owes GRO and we would then be left with a balance of GRO . I have written to Phil Taylor advising that in my opinion POL should receive all of the available balance, as the property formed part of the confiscation order and was listed on the 5050A. May result in a further court hearing to resolve the situation.	PS
10/02/12	Advised by Phil Taylor that he has written to the court requesting a further hearing to resolve the matter regarding the balance left to Post Office Ltd. Await confirmation of any hearing date.	PS
27/02/12	New hearing date set for 26 th March at Guildford Crown Court	PS
27/03/12	Documents handed over by the defendant at the hearing show that the equity in the property has gone, after the property was re-possessed by the Woolwich bank. There now appears to be no assets available and no reason to continue with the court hearing on the 23 rd April.	PS
13/04/12	Discussions with Jarnail Singh who agreed that no reason to continue with this matter. We will meet next week to resolve the necessary paperwork for the defendant and the court. I will also need to update the confiscation unit.	PS
13/04/12	T/C to the defendant re the court hearing next week. She is seeking clarification on the payment made to Hackney Homes of £14,418.00 and will call me when the details are known.	PS
17/04/12	Meeting with Jarnail Singh, it would now seem evident that the property asset has been diminished through re-possession. Value sold did not cover all of the costs and mortgage. Hearing on Monday 23 rd April to reflect change in circumstances and request to be made for nominal order.	PS
10/05/12	At further hearing, the defendant was able to prove that the property was sold and the amount did not cover the full cost of the mortgage. As a result a nominal order for £1.00 was made and the case is now closed. No other assets available.	PS