

2**Royal Mail Group****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 Stephen BRADSHAW

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 21st day of March 2012

Signature

I have been employed by, Royal Mail Group (formally known as the Post Office and Consignia) since 1978. Post Office Ltd employs me as a Security Manager and my duties include the investigation of crimes committed against Post Office Ltd by its staff and its agent's employees. I have held this position for 12 years.

On 5th January I received a phone call from Anne NIELD a sub office assistant at Fazakerley Post Office branch 404 Longmoor Road Liverpool L9 9DB. As a result of this phone and the previous concerns an audit was arranged for Fazakerley Post Office branch for the following day 6th January 2012.

I attended at the branch with my colleague Kevin RYAN on Friday 6th January 2012 whilst the audit was taking place.

Anne NIELD hand me a letter (SB/45) that she said had been prepared by both her and Mrs

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(CJ Act 1967, s9; MC Act 1980, ss 5A(3)(a) and 5B, MC Rules 1981, r 70)

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Angela SEFTON. In the letter they stated they had suppressed Giro deposits from customers and the amount outstanding was approximately £34,250.

Ms NIELD said the outstanding giro deposit slips were in the counter secure area and 40 giro deposit slips and a number of cheque envelopes were recovered from a cupboard in this area.

Both Ms Anne NIELD and Mrs Angela SEFTON agreed to attend a voluntary interview at a later date as they wished to contact their solicitor for advice. They both also agreed to a voluntary search of their home address.

I was present with Kevin RYAN at [GRO] when the premises of Angela SEFTON were searched. The search commenced at 11:55 and concluded at 12:30. Nothing was seized.

I was again present with Kevin RYAN at [GRO] when the premises of Anne NIELD were searched. The search commenced at 12:42 and concluded at 13:15. Nothing was seized.

On Friday 20th January 2012 Mrs Angela Mary SEFTON a sub office assistant at Fazakerley Post Office branch was interviewed at Bootle Crown Office The New Strand Washington Parade Bootle L20 4ED.

Mrs SEFTON requested Legal Representation and Sarah GIBSON (Solicitor) attended on her

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behalf and signed form GS001 (Identifying Mark **SB/1**). Mrs SEFTON declined to have a Post Office friend present during the interview and signed form GS003 (Royal Mail Employees Rights to a Friend at an Interview or Search).

Also present throughout the interview was Kevin RYAN Security Manager for Post Office Ltd.

The interview was tape-recorded and commenced at 11.18 hours and concluded at 12.22 hours. The interview, which covered two tapes were given the unique reference numbers 073505 and 073506 (Identifying mark **SB/45** and **SB/47**), the master tape seals were signed by Mrs SEFTON and the tapes were sealed in the presence of Mrs SEFTON. A

transcript of the tapes has been prepared (Identifying marks **SB/48** and **SB/49**)

During the interview Mrs Angela Mary SEFTON was shown a number of documents and I now formally produce all exhibits with the indentifying marks **SB/1, SB/3 to SB/45**.

A description of the individual documents are as follows:

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| SB/1 | GS001 form explaining Legal Rights |
| SB/3 | Notebook entry of the events of 6 January 2012. |
| SB/4 to SB/43 | 40 Giro deposit slips with varying amounts with copies of cheque deposits for the period of August 2011 to November 2011. |
| SB/44 | A summary of the 40 giro deposit slips totalling £34,115.50 in cash deposits and £103.50 in cheque deposits. |
| SB/45 | A note signed by both Anne NIELD and Angela Mary SEFTON admitting to suppressing Giro deposits. |

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During the interview Mrs Angela Mary SEFTON made admissions that with Anne NIELD they delayed Giro deposit slips belonging to customers amounting to the value of £34,115.50.

No monies have been repaid and Mrs SEFTON said that at present they are unable to make any repayments due to their current debt.

On Friday 20th January 2012 Ms Anne NIELD a sub office assistant at Fazakerley Post Office branch was interviewed at Bootle Crown Office The New Strand Washington Parade Bootle L20 4ED.

Kevin RYAN Security Manager for Post Office Ltd was again present throughout the interview.

Ms NIELD requested Legal Representation and Sarah GIBSON (Solicitor) attended on her behalf and signed form GS001 (Identifying Mark **SB/53**). Ms NIELD declined to have a Post Office friend present during the interview and signed form GS003 (Royal Mail Employees Rights to a Friend at an Interview or Search).

The interview was tape-recorded and commenced at 13.01 hours and concluded at 13.44 hours. The interview, which covered one tape were given the unique reference number 073507 (Identifying mark **SB/55**), the master tape seal were signed by Ms NIELD and the

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tape were sealed in the presence of Ms NIELD. A transcript of the tapes has been prepared

(Identifying mark **SB/56**)

During the interview Ms Anne NIELD was shown the documents with the indentifying marks **SB/3** to **SB/45**.

During the interview Ms Anne NIELD made admissions that with Angela Mary SEFTON they delayed Giro deposit slips belonging to customers amounting to the value of £34,115.50.

No monies have been repaid and Mrs NIELD said that at present they are unable to make any repayments due to their current debt.

I also produce **SB/53**.

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