

Witness Statement

Post Office Ltd

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 4th day of April 2012

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The Royal Mail Group (formally known as the Post Office and Consignia) has employed me since January 1978. Post Office Ltd employ me as a Fraud Investigator and my duties include the investigation of crimes committed against Post Office Ltd by its staff and its agents employees and I have held this position for 12 years.

On 22nd February 2011 I received an enquiry concerning a discrepancy in the accounts at Birkenshaw Post Office branch 712 Bradford Road Birkenshaw Bradford BD11 2AE.

An audit undertaken on Tuesday 8th February 2011 identified a shortage of £21648.12 in the accounts of Birkenshaw Post office. An audit report (DW/1) has been compiled and I can confirm that a number of Horizon print outs were passed to me by Dennis Watson Field Support Advisor who conducted the audit.

On Thursday 7th April 2011 Mr Khayyam Ishaq was interviewed at Bradford South Delivery Office Ripley Street Bradford BD5 7RS.

The interview was tape-recorded and conducted in accordance with PACE and a note book entry of the interview was made (Identifying Mark **SB/11**). The interview commenced at 11.11 and was concluded at 12.55. Mr Ishaq requested Legal Representation and signed form GS001 (Identifying Mark **SB/1**). Mr Musa Patel solicitor attended and was present throughout the interview. Mr Ishaq declined the offer of having a Post Office friend be present at the interview and form GS003 was signed. Also present throughout the interview was Mr Andrew Wise, Fraud Investigator.

The interview covered two tapes that had the unique reference numbers 070842 (Identifying Mark **SB/12**) and 070843 (Identifying Mark **SB/13**) were signed and sealed in the presence of

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

Continuation of statement of Stephen BRADSHAW

Mr Ishaq and Mr Patel. A transcript of the tapes has been prepared (Identifying Marks **SB/14** and **SB/15**).

I now formally produce all exhibits with the identifying marks **SB1**, **SB/3** to **SB/15**.

A description of the individual documents are as follows:

SB/1	Form GS001 – Legal Rights
SB/3	Horizon Balance snap shot print out – Dated 8 February 2011 at 08:50 showing the amount of cash and stock with a discrepancy of £2569.19.
SB/4	Horizon print out showing adjustments made to the stock on hand.
SB/5	Horizon final balance print out dated 11 February 2011 at 11:38 showing a discrepancy of £21213.79.
SB/6	Stock on hand sheet used by the auditor to record the amount of stock on hand.
SB/7	Branch Trading statement for TP06 – 15/09/10 to 13/10/10.
SB/8	Branch Trading statement for TP07 – 13/10/10 to 17/11/10.
SB/9	Branch Trading statement for TP08 – 17/11/10 to 15/12/10.
SB/10	Branch Trading statement for TP09 – 15/12/10 to 12/01/11.
SB/11	Notebook entry of Interview
SB/12	Master tape seal 070842
SB/13	Master tape seal 070843
SB/14	Tape Transcript of Master Tape 070842
SB/15	Tape Transcript of Master Tape 070843

I was present with Kevin RYAN on Tuesday 27th September 2011 when Khayyam ISHAQ the sub postmaster of Birkenshaw Post Office branch was again interviewed at Bradford South Delivery Office Ripley Street Bradford BD5 7RS.

Mr ISHAQ requested Legal Representation and Mr Musa PATEL (Solicitor) attended on his behalf. Mr ISHAQ signed form GS001 (Identifying Mark SB/16). Mr ISHAQ 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).

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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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The interview was tape-recorded and commenced at 11:10 hours and concluded at 11.33 hours. The interview which covered one tape was given the unique reference number 071404, the master tape seal was signed by Mr ISHAQ and the tape sealed in the presence of Mr ISHAQ.

I formally produce the following documents

SB/18	Master tape seal 071404
SB/19	Tape Transcript of Master Tape 071404
SB/20	Notebook entry of Interview

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