

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 1st day of May 2012

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I have been employed by, Post Office Ltd (formally known as the Post Office, Consignia and Royal Mail Group) 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 7 February 2012 I received an enquiry concerning a discrepancy in the accounts at Winsford Post Office branch 19a Dingle Walk Winsford CW7 1BA.

An audit undertaken on 2 February 2012 identified a shortage of £17,811.49 in the accounts at Winsford Post Office. An audit report (RC/2) has been complied and I can confirm that a number of Branch Trading Statements and Horizon Print outs were passed to me by Richard CROSS Field Support Advisor who conducted the audit.

Mr ALLEN declined to sign a copy of the auditors Record of Conversation (RC/1) admitting that he inflated the cash on hand sheets and the accounts would be short by over £10,000.

On Thursday 19th April 2012 Mr Grant Ian ALLEN was interviewed at Royal Mail House

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The interview was tape-recorded and conducted in accordance with PACE and a notebook entry of the interview was made (Identifying Mark SB/16). The interview commenced at 011:10 and concluded at 13:05.

Mr Grant Ian ALLEN declined Legal Representation and signed form POL 001 (Identifying Mark SB/1). Mr Grant Ian ALLEN also declined to have a Post Office friend be present at the interview and form POL 003 (Royal Mail Employees Rights to a Friend at an Interview or Search) was signed by MR Grant Ian ALLEN.

The interview covered two tapes that had the unique reference numbers 073554 (Identifying Mark SB/12) and 073555 (Identifying Mark SB/13) were signed and sealed in the presence of Mr Grant Ian ALLEN. A transcript of the tapes has been prepared (Identifying Marks SB/14 and SB/15).

During the interview Mr Grant Ian ALLEN was show a number of Exhibits. A description of the exhibits are as follows:

SB/1	POL 001 form explaining Legal Rights
SB/3	Cash declaration dated 02 February 2012 for KK Stock Unit showing £7,000 of unusable notes.
SB/4	Horizon Balance snapshot for KK Stock Unit showing the amount of cash that should be in the stock unit is £17,885.85.
SB/5	Extract from the auditors P32 electronic report showing the amount of cash on hand in each stock unit.
SB/6 to	Branch Trading statements for TP04 to TP09. The Branch Trading

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SB/11	statement is a record of the accounts for Winsford Post Office declared by Mr Grant Ian ALLEN for the given period of the Trading Period (TP) showing the amount of cash carried forward to the next Trading Period.
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I now formally produce all exhibits with the identifying marks, SB/1, SB/3 to SB/11.

Mr ALLEN was also shown the Record of Conversation (RC/1) and the audit report (RC/2).

During the interview Mr Grant Ian ALLEN said any shortages in the branch accounts would be "rolled" into either the Post Office Managers or the Deputy Post Office Managers stock unit. He then made admissions that he removed cash from his own stock unit KK to make good the cash in the stock unit of either the Post Office Manager or the Deputy Post Office Managers.

Mr ALLEN admitted that he recorded the shortages by inflating the unusable notes (SB/3) when declaring the cash on hand. He also made admissions that the cash carried forward on each of the Branch Trading Statements (SB/6 to SB/11) from his own stock unit KK was not a true amount and the inflation of the cash commenced in April 2010.

When Mr ALLEN was reminded of his legal rights he indicated that he was not sure if he wanted a solicitor to be present at the interview. The tapes were switched off at 12:07 and I left the room to obtain permission to carry on with the interview without a solicitor being present. Permission was granted by David PARDOE Senior Security Manager and form POL 002 (SB/17) was completed and signed by Mr ALLEN. The interview resumed at 12:31 and

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Mr WISE and Mr ALLEN remained in the room during this break.

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