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**From:** Simon I Hutchinson  
**on behalf of** Simon I Hutchinson  
**Sent:** 04/10/2013 13:20:10  
**To:** Andy Hayward  
**Subject:** FW: Scottish protocol and emails from the Crown  
**Attachments:** Scottish prosecution process.doc; RE\_ Post Office Ltd.msg; RE\_ Urgent query from Law Officers re Post Office Ltd.msg

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Andy

One for upward escalation I suggest.

During our meeting with BTO Solicitors on Wed this week, Laura Irvine BTO Solicitor brought the following, and attached, to my attention.

This refers to an old prosecution, 2004. The case was against Elaine Doran who was either the Post Office manager or clerk at Carloke, South Lanarkshire, Scottish Midland Co-operative and was taken to court charged with fraud/embezzlement of £7,583. Dates of offence- 26 February 2004- 19 April 2004.

It appears that the accused denied any wrongdoing throughout and stated that the horizon system was to blame. Laura informs that Elaine Doran has sadly passed away and her husband is making waves re the Horizon issue at Ministerial level at the Scottish Parliament and we (POL) are being asked to conduct an independent review into the case with 2nd Sight in mind.

It appears that this was a police case as Maureen does not have any record of the case; also attached e mail states, *'The case was submitted by the Police in 2004 and related to an allegation of fraud/embezzlement against Mrs Doran committed at the Scottish Midland Co-operative, Fountain Bridge, Edinburgh between 26th February 2004 and 19th April 2004'*.

For information and direction please.

Regards

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**From:** Irvine, Laura [mailto:**GRO**]  
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**To:** Simon I Hutchinson  
**Subject:** Scottish protocol and emails from the Crown

Simon

Good to meet you today.

As discussed I attach a copy of the Scottish protocol.

I have also attached the two emails about Elaine Doran's case. Paul Miele and Paul Beaton are both fiscals working for COPFS in the policy unit. They deal with all sorts of issues including complaints and often deal directly with the Law Officers. You will see that the language they use is a bit inflammatory (i.e. the suggestion that the Solicitor General can issue instructions to the Post Office) so it might be an idea to paraphrase this.

I would be grateful for your assistance with this matter and as you can see there is a perceived urgency within COPFS about this matter.

Kind regards  
Laura

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