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From: John Bartlett [GRO]
Sent: 19/04/2024 08:53:00
To: Walton, Daniel [GRO]; Simon Oldnall [GRO]
CC: Christian Spelzini [GRO]
Subject: RE: Support to City of London Police Investigation

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Good morning Dan

One of my team has gone back to City of London Police (CoLP) to see how the contact you referenced below was progressing as we have an open and objective engagement with CoLP on this matter.

CoLP has informed us that they have not had any additional information nor contact with Fujitsu after the single, exploratory and inconclusive conversation. They left that conversation with the feeling that they were indirectly being told that the Horizon system was unreliable and so the case could not progress. We really need to explore this as this is not the nuanced impression Simon Oldnall has given me.

As the potential victim in this case, POL would be grateful if you can provide me with contact details for either the equivalent person in Fujitsu (in the UK) to my role (ie in overall charge of investigations, or perhaps the head of security if you do not have a dedicated investigation team) or an appropriate person in your UK legal team. I will then pass those details on to CoLP who are looking to have a trilateral conversation with Fujitsu, POL and CoLP.

It is impossible to overstate how important this is: I need to advise both the police and POL as to the evidentially-established reliability (or not) of data that is being used every day in establishing outcomes with Postmasters and, potentially, to be presented to the criminal justice system by the police and the three public prosecuting agencies. The non-provision of relevant witness statements from POL and Fujitsu will rightly be interpreted by the police and prosecutors as POL and Fujitsu not having faith in the reliability of the data with the obvious outcome resulting.

Look forward to hearing from you and thank you in advance.

JB

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Hi Simon

Thank you for your message below.

As this is a legal matter, FSL Legal are communicating with the City of London Police.

I am not involved in those communications, and in any event, FSL considers it to be inappropriate for Post Office and FSL to be discussing a police investigation.

Thanks,
Dan

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From: Simon Oldnall [GRO]
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To: Walton, Daniel [GRO]
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Dan

I understand from John that there have been some challenges with supporting an ongoing Police investigation that involves a large sum of money.

I obviously understand broader context, but wanted reassure that POL is supporting the Police investigation and offering any and all assistance we can. Can I ask that you help with any conversations that City of London Police need to have with Fujitsu Services Ltd.

Please do give me a call if you need to discuss

Best

Simon

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