



**Summary of Tape  
Recorded Interview**

Person Interviewed Janet Louise SKINNER (JS)

Place of Interview Bransholme Police Station  
Hull

Date of Interview 1<sup>st</sup> June 2006

Time commenced 14.59 hours Time concluded 15.32

Duration of Interview 33 minutes Tape reference no 043368

Interviewing Officer(s) Diane MATTHEWS (DM)  
Stephen BRADSHAW (SB)

Other persons present

Exhibit No:  
Number of pages: 10  
Signature of  
interviewing officer  
producing exhibit

Tape counter times	Person speaking	Text
0.00	SB	Legal Rights reiterated Reminded still under caution Friend offered SB recaps the discrepancies in the office and the remittance received in the office.
4.11	SB	Is your office a paying out office rather than taking money in

## Summary of Tape Recorded Interview (continued)

	JS	Yes
	SB	Why did you get £32,500 in last week
	JS	Because it was a bank holiday and everyone was getting paid early. Green Giros should have been paid and coming in early and benefits that was due to be paid Friday which was Mondays benefit. So them due Monday Tuesday were paid last week.
4.40		SB has discussion with JS over when benefit payments due.
	SB	Did you ask for any extra cash
	JS	I just rang up and ordered it and changed the change order
	SB	So you rang up and changed that cash
	JS	Yes
	SB	Why was that
	JS	For change
	SB	Why would you change it from your normal operating level of 13 or 6 or 4 to 32
	JS	Because of the bank holiday weekend
	SB	But you have suddenly increased it £28,000
	JS	It was just for the Bank Holiday weekend money that's all. I wasn't in on the Friday anyway
	SB	Are you sure it wasn't because there was no money in the safe
	JS	No
	SB	If you had no money in the safe because you were down
	JS	But a lot of it was change

## Summary of Tape Recorded Interview (continued)

	SB	No
	JS	We got a lot of change in Friday as well
	DM	On Tuesday when Diane went you only had £10,000 in the safe
	JS	Yes
	DM	Or in total including all your coin so if you hadn't of increased it so much, you wouldn't be able to open cos you would have had nothing. Were you aware of that when you upped your order that you would have had to of upped it sufficiently because otherwise you would have had nothing. The way the money was going out of your office you would have had nothing. So were you compensating a bit in that order because you knew you hadn't got what the system thought you had
7.01	JS	Yes but no excessively
	DM	When did you order that
	JS	It was Wednesday
	DM	And at that point it was £40,000 short
	JS	Yeah but it was for change more than anything
	DM	Coin
	JS	Yeah
	DM	You do a lot of coin
	JS	Yeah because the pubs order and take out a lot of change
	SB	But if they come in and take a lot of change, they give you a lot of cash you are swapping coin for cash
	JS	Yes

## Summary of Tape Recorded Interview (continued)

	SB	Which still doesn't go with the figures of what you have got there to pay out. That's what we are getting at
	JS	Yeah I know
	SB	You only had £25,000 close of play on the Wednesday
	JS	Yes
	SB	You decided that either that's not enough to cover if that's what you say about people getting paid the benefits early. Whats your normal giro weekly total
	JS	I don't know. It depends. We have a lot of pubs paying in.
	SB	But that's paying in and you said earlier you are more of a paying out office
	JS	Yeah we are.
	DM	DM shows snapshot for TP3 shows from Thursday 26/5 to Tuesday 30/5 have paid out £4470 in greens and £61,891.99 withdrawals with Pin including £38,885 in post office card account.
10.45	DM	I do not know how you managed to do it without running out of money. You pay out such a lot every week and this is only 2 and a half days, 3 days at the most. What a balancing act you have had to do. You have got that much going out
11.35	DM	Have you ever said to whoever is your biggest payer in that comes in with a couple of grand whatever. You will know your biggest customer . Have you ever had to say we are running out of money here can you bank early today
	JS	Yes I have done that throughout the years of working in a

## Summary of Tape Recorded Interview (continued)

		Post Office
	DM	When was the last time you have done it here
	JS	Last week
	DM	Who did you phone
	JS	Wine ferry pub
	DM	And asked to pay in early because you were running out of money
	JS	Yes
	DM	What day last week
	JS	Thursday morning
	DM	You had £65,000 on Thursday morning and I take it you were hammered
	JS	By 11 o'clock yes
12.28	DM	And you hardly had any money. What time did your rem come in
	JS	12, half 12
	DM	So because you were getting hammered with people coming wanting their money as is on your statement, you had to phone someone up and say we need some money
12.56	JS	Well no I just said can you drop your banking in early cos they usually come early anyway
	DM	But did you do it because you were running out of funds
	JS	Well yeah it was running low but by the time they had got there the rem had been
	DM	But it was still enough to cause you a bit of concern that you may run out of money here
	JS	No it wasn't it was Tuesday it wasn't Thursday. Thursday

## Summary of Tape Recorded Interview (continued)

		was working out of 1 stock unit.
	DM	Right so Tuesday you got a rem in of £13,500
	JS	Yeah at 10 past 5
	JS	It was running low there was times I'd go to the bank machine outside and drawn my own money out
	DM	Since this moneys gone missing
	JS	Yeah
	DM	How many times have you had to do that
	JS	A few times
	DM	Is that because you didn't have money in your till
	JS	Yeah
	DM	Have you ever run out of money, actually run out
14.41	JS	No
		JS explains individual stock units in office with AA being a shared stock all others individual.
	DM	What Steve is getting at is if you had a problem with an individual at your office it would have been a simple job to transfer an amount of cash and stock out of shared stock AA
	JS	I wasn't able to do that later on
15.25	SB	But what he is trying to say here is if you have got a member of staff that you suspect is stealing from you right
	JS	Yeah
	DM	At a massive rate of knots and they have done it before
	JS	Yeah
	DM	You have got a shared stock unit that everybody uses
	JS	Yeah

## Summary of Tape Recorded Interview (continued)

	DM	You have also got created on your system BB stock which you don't use, its inactive
	JS	Yeah
	DM	It is a 2 minute job to transfer a bit of cash and stock from your shared into BB and say to the person you think is dishonest, this is your stock unit, an individual one, you use it
18.55	JS	The problem by them
	DM	Even so it was there, in one week £20,000 has gone so that's £20,000 you may of stopped who knows. Why didn't you do that. When she came back it would have been nothing to use that inactive stock unit why didn't you do it
	JS	I don't know
	DM	Is it easier to have an AA stock
	JS	Yes
	DM	So its for ease rather than to put some controls in place
	JS	Yes
		DM talks about setting up stock units
	JS	One of the people I know said to me the problem I have is I think everyone is my friend and everybody's not and the problem is im too trusting and im so laid back im falling over myself
21.54	DM	From what you have said to me today you correct me if I am way of the mark here but what ive seen and what you have told me today you really haven't taken control of the situation or the office
	JS	No I haven't

## Summary of Tape Recorded Interview (continued)

	DM	That how it seems to me that unwittingly you couldn't have helped them more if you tried apart from putting it in the bag for them
	JS	I can sit here with a clear conscience cos I have not stolen anything DM speaks with JS over terms of contract and any evidence pointing to somebody else.
24.45	JS	I rang one of them and told them on the phone not to come into work because the auditors was coming and she cried on the phone and apologised.
	DM	Why did she apologise
	JS	I don't know.
	DM	Did she know what was going on. Is it an open
	JS	It was Katherine, she cried on the phone when I told her yesterday on her way to work just to let you know don't be bothering to go to work cos you cant go in cos im going in to meet the auditors and she just started to cry on the phone and said im so sorry. And that was it. JS advised to discuss next steps with a solicitor who she is meeting tomorrow. DM explains what happens next in terms of this interview and investigation.
	DM	You did say earlier that you were willing to give us access to your bank account and search of your premises
	JS	That's fine
	DM	You don't have a problem with that
28.02	JS	If you are searching my property as long as im aware and

## Summary of Tape Recorded Interview (continued)

	the kids arnt around when it's being done when my children are present.
SB	Would your children be present now
JS	Yes
SB	So at this moment in time you wouldn't consent to a search
JS	Not while my children are present no
SB	Can you just fill a form in
JS	It's not because of anything to hand I just don't want my kids involved
SB	That's ok it's a voluntary search and we just have to ask the questions for it you see.
DM	Your bank details and two other forms will be done off tape and its normal procedure we do them DM explains what the forms are
DM	We have got an audit shortage of £59,175.39. A statement that you gave to Diane Hoyles saying that you knew you were £40,000 short but you had no idea where it was, that document is signed by yourself
JS	Yes
DM	Having discussed this situation with you on tape, we find out there is a £1,400 loss which was in Katherine Ayres stock in November 04, she was making that amount good in small amounts putting a bag in the safe
JS	Some weeks none some weeks she took some back. That loss was being covered up either by Katherine with your permission or by yourself your cash was inflated

## Summary of Tape Recorded Interview (continued)

		between your £10 and £20
	JS	Yes
	DM	And that's since November 04
	JS	Yes
	DM	That situation has carried on until the present day however since January this year your losses have been getting greater and greater starting of in January with £7,500. February you said it went to £9,500 until we know trading period 02 25/5/06 was £40,253.85 which was being placed in CC stock.
30.35	JS	Yes
	DM	Since that day to the 31 <sup>st</sup> till the audit team went in there is another £19,000 missing from the safe. These amounts have been added to your cash everytime you have done a cash account or a branch trading statement again between £10 and £20 in order to hide the loss. Is that correct
	JS	Yes
	DM	And not to show it through your accounts
	JS	Yes
	DM	You knew it was wrong to do that
	JS	Yes
	DM	And in doing so you have falsified an accounting document required to balance the Post Office
	JS	Yes
	SB	Just to ask you again have you stolen that £59,000
31.25	JS	No

## Summary of Tape Recorded Interview (continued)

	SB	Do you suspect anybody of stealing that £59,000
	JS	Not at this time I suspect everybody
	SB	Do you have any proof or any reason why you suspect everybody
	JS	No, no reason no proof, no different to what they would say about me
	SB	Between November 04 and May you made full admissions that you falsified the accounts each and every week when they were due
	JS	Yes
32.01	SB	Between that period, is that correct
	JS	Yes
		Second caution given
		CS019 handed to JS
		Master tape seal 043368 signed
		Tape ended 15.32