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Statement of Witness

Surname:	DAILY	Forenames:	Robert		
Maiden Name:		Known As or Alias:		Title:	Mr.
Address (Home):					
	Telephone:				
Address (Business/ care of):	Security Section, Glasgow Mail Centre, 20 Turner Road, Glasgow, G21 1AA				
	Telephone:				
	GRO				
Date and place of birth:	GRO				
Occupation:	Fraud Investigator				

Witness states:

I have been employed by Post Office Limited since December 1979 and am currently employed as a Fraud Investigator. My duties include the investigation of crimes committed against Post Office Limited by its staff, agents and its agent's employees. I have been a Fraud Investigator since 2004.

On Thursday 7th August 2008 I attended an interview between Raymond GRANT and William John QUARM, Subpostmaster Paible PO. The interview was conducted under caution and recorded on tape in the Paible Post Office, Bayhead Shop, Paible, Lochmaddy, HS6 5DS. There Mr QUARM was interviewed on tape and under caution. Also present was William MACDONALD, Brother in Law and Jonathan BISSET Post Office Ltd, Senior Security Analyst. The interview commenced at 10.50 hours and concluded at 13.14 hours. The tapes were sealed with master tape seals numbers 071081, 071078 and 071082.

Mr QUARM gave no objection to Jonathan BISSET's presence on a training capacity.

During the interview Mr QUARM explained office procedures and staff responsibilities. Mr QUARM said the producing of daily reports, cash declarations and Branch Trading statements was his responsibility.

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Mr QUARM acknowledged that he was its author of a letter dated 28th July 2008 sent to Brian Trotter Contracts Manager, and the content was discussed. Mr QUARM explained he had financial difficulties in autumn 2007 with his private retail business and initiated the sale of some property. The sale was held up due to planning delays and in January 2008, he agreed in principle with the bank to borrow money against the sales progressing. When further delays worsened his financial position, Mr QUARM said he used Post Office money to support his private retail business. The money was used to pay for the groceries from his main supplier, who was insisting on a weekly payment of around £4200.

During this discussion Mr QUARM appeared not to be understanding the questions put to him. He said because of the interview he had [] GRO Mr QUARM was allowed time to do this and confirmed that he was in a fit state and wished to continue. It was explained to him if he felt unwell, then he should say so and the interview would be suspended. He reiterated he was fit to continue.

Questions were put to Mr QUARM regarding the £40277.76 shortage. He said he credited his Alliance and Leicester account with around £4200 every week but didn't put the money in the till. He would then pay his suppliers from the account by method of cheque.

Mr QUARM was shown Branch Trading Statements and a schedule of the Branch Trading Statements. Mr QUARM confirmed he signed the statements. He explained they were not an accurate reflection of the cash and stock at the time they were produced. Mr QUARM said he had inflated the cash on hand figure, to match what the figure on the Horizon system. He said it was done to disguise the fact that he had taken the money. Mr QUARM said no one else knew of his actions.

Mr QUARM said he did not receive permission to use Post Office money for his personal use. He stated it was his intention to repay the money when he had sold his property. Mr QUARM said that he received the loan from the bank. However he was not in a position to repay the money, as he decided to use it to pay other creditors that had been pushing him for payments. Mr QUARM said one supplier in particular had demanded payment prior to delivery. This was to supply fuel for his forecourt business. Once he had paid the creditors there was insufficient funds to pay back the Post Office.

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Mr QUARM said he had [GRO] and wished for it to be taken into consideration. He said he intended to sell another piece of property in order to repay the money.

Mr QUARM admitted to using Post Office money for his own personal use.

I can identify the accused.

Statement noted by:	Job title:
Business/Department:	
On (day, date & time):	
At (Location):	
Also present:	
Statement read and signed by witness (Yes/No):	

Signature of witness: Signature witnessed by: