

## Royal Mail Group

### CONFIDENTIAL Witness Statement

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: Mr Christopher Granville Knight

Age if under 18: Over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18')

This statement (consisting of one page 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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2011

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I have worked for Post Office Ltd, a part of Royal Mail Group Plc, for twenty eight (28) years the latter fourteen (14) years as an Investigator in the Security Department. As part of my role I investigate possible criminal offences committed against the business.

As part of my role I was asked to investigate an audit shortage that had occurred at Hightown Post Office® Branch. On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2010 I wrote to Miss Hall inviting her to attend a tape recorded interview. The next day she telephoned me and said she would speak a Solicitor and arrange a time and location to conduct the interview.

On Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2010 in the company of Mr Paul Whitaker, Post Office Ltd Investigator, I attended the offices of Mr Paul Normandale, Inesons Solicitors, Cleckheaton.

At 11:37hrs a tape recorded interview commenced. Mr Normandale was present during the interview which spanned two tapes. Legal Right form GS001 was completed. The interview concluded 12:37hrs. The tapes were sealed with Tape seals 065759 and 065760

A tape summary has been prepared.

I now produce the following exhibits;

- 1) Legal Rights form GS001 as exhibit CK/01
- 2) Master Tape 065759 as exhibit CK/02
- 3) Tape summary for tape 065759 as exhibit CK/03
- 4) Master Tape 065760 as exhibit CK/04
- 5) Tape summary for tape 065760 as exhibit CK/05

During the interview Miss Hall showed a document she had produced relating to Lottery Scratchcards. This

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was referred to as exhibit AH/01.

I checked with the Post Office® Helpline (NBSC) for any calls made to them between 1<sup>st</sup> January 2010 and 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2010 from Hightown Post Office® Branch but there were none.

I also checked with the Horizon Service Desk and they informed me that they had received ten (10) calls from Hightown Post Office® Branch between 07/01/2010 and 23/09/2010. None of them referred to National Lottery items.

A Summary of the log is produced as exhibit CK/06

During the interview Miss Hall blamed the shortage on the Lottery transactions. But nothing has been found to substantiate this.

A notebook entry was made detailing the interview. This is now produced as exhibit CK/07

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