

IN THE EXETER CROWN COURT

DEFENCE CASE STATEMENT  
&  
WITNESS REQUIREMENTS

Name of Accused: JAMIE DIXON

Charges:- FRAUD (SECTION 1 FRAUD ACT 2006)

Date of next hearing: 3 August 2012

Name and address of Solicitors for the accused:

BREWER HARDING & ROWE  
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The general nature of the defence is:

1. Defendant was not dishonest.
2. Defendant had no intention to make gain or cause loss/expose to risk of loss.
3. Defendant denies knowledge that entries in the accounts were misleading/untrue.
4. Defendant denies loss of £14,222.02.

Matters in Issue:

1. The Defendant on occasions entered on the computer accounting system cash received as cheques or a lesser amount of cash than was in hand. The reason for this was not dishonesty but to ensure that the Post Office sent him sufficient cash to be able to carry out his functions and deal with customers.

2. The Defendant who GRO became confused and entered them onto Horizon as cash rather than cheques, but later submitted them for banking but they were

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apparently lost in transit. The Defendant was disorganised but not dishonest. Although he thought he knew how to operate the computer accounting system he now realises he did not understand it fully and puts this down to lack of training and lack of experience in serving customers.

3. The Defendant always intended to make good discrepancies and was not seeking to take money for himself or cause loss to the Post Office. He was suspended and removed from duty before he could sort out the discrepancies.

4. The Defendant understands that in addition cash in excess of £5,000 is also said to be missing. He does not have confidence in the Horizon accounting system, or that transactions were accurately recorded. He puts the prosecution to prove that the money is missing. The Defendant denies that he has taken this money.

5. The Defendant has repaid approximately £7,000 to the Post Office.

DEFENCE WITNESSES:

- 1) Defendant's wife Nicola Dixon.
- 2) Accountancy expert to be appointed.

PROSECUTION WITNESS REQUIREMENTS:

Required to attend

Geoffrey Peter Edwards  
Joseph Arthur Hoyle  
Graham Brander

Not required to attend

Gary Thomas

Signed ..

**GRO**

JAMIE DIXON

Dated ..

24/07/12

To the Prosecutor: CARTWRIGHT KING, MAJORITY HOUSE, 51 LODGE LANE, DERBY  
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