

Memo

8th November 2006

Investigation Team Post Office Limited

c.c. Lisa Allen
Press Office



The Real Network

Legal Services



POST OFFICE LIMITED v SUZANNE LESLEY PALMER
BASILDON CROWN COURT
PRE TRIAL REVIEW – 8TH DECEMBER 2006
TRIAL – W/L W/C 22ND JANUARY 2007
CASE NO: POLTD/0506/0619

The above named Defendant appeared at Basildon Crown Court on 23rd October 2006.

Items 1-8 on the draft Schedule of Admissions prepared by Prosecution Counsel was agreed, however, the remaining items remain to be decided upon prior to Trial.

The witnesses required to give evidence at Trial are Peter Riches, Alan Lusher, Anil Chowdhry and Nick Kerr.

Although we received a letter from the Defence purporting to enclose their Client's Defence Statement, in fact, they enclosed a copy of Defence Counsel's Advice. This was returned to the Defence with a request that the Defence Statement is forwarded to this Office at the earliest opportunity. To date we have not yet received a copy of the Defence Statement and are therefore not in a position to comply with secondary disclosure which the Court has directed should be served by 24th November 2006. I have today written to both the Defence and our Agents requesting that a copy of the Defence Statement is forwarded to this Office as a matter of urgency.

At the above hearing apparently the Defence mentioned the following items as matters which they require in relation to further disclosure.

- 1 All statements not yet served.
- 2 Any and all records, notes and correspondence from Royal Mail relating to Mrs Palmer throughout the period she was a Subpostmistress.

It also appears interview amendments were submitted but again these have not been received at this Office. A copy has been requested.

Memo

Cont...

In addition to the above the Court made the following Directions:-

- 1 Prosecution to submit an agreed bundle by Friday 8th December 2006 to include:
 - (a) A list of witnesses for Trial.
 - (b) Agreed Admissions.
 - (c) Agreed Amended Interviews.
- 2 Defence Case Statement to be served on the Court.
- 3 A further Pre Trial Review is listed on Friday 8th December 2006.
(Defendant to attend).

Miss J S Andrews
Criminal Law Division

GRO

Ref: CRM/252496/JSX/JA