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Witness Statement (Ref LEA 24865)

Statement of Laura Currie

Occupation: Bank Official Age: Over 21

This statement (consisting of this 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 to be true.

Dated the 26th August 2009

Signature:

GRO

Laura Currie

I am Laura Currie and I am employed by Alliance & Leicester Plc within the Group Money Laundering Department of the Alliance & Leicester plc at the Customer Services Centre, Carlton Park, Narborough Leicester, Leics, LE19 0AL. Alliance & Leicester Commercial Bank Corporate and Small Business Accounts remain the responsibility of the Alliance & Leicester plc. The records copied herewith and referred to in this my statement dated 26th August 2009 and exhibited as items LC 1 have been extracted from day to day business records of Alliance & Leicester Plc. They relate to accounts and/or transactions between the Company and Mrs M Holmes Trading As Cakes Classes & Cutters. All bank statements sent in respect of this account are taken from Alliance & Leicester plc computerised records.

Alliance & Leicester Commercial Bank utilise the Post Offices for its account holders to conduct their business. Where deposits of cash are to be made the account holder must complete a cash deposit document which contains details of their account and the actual amount to be deposited. The Postmaster must verify that the cash deposited corresponds with the deposit document. He will then stamp the deposit document and enter the account number and the amount of cash deposited onto his Daily Record of deposits (G9901MA). This procedure applies even when the Postmaster is carrying out his own transactions. The deposit slip and PDR's are placed into the Postmasters pouch which is sealed at the end of that working day. The pouch is collected by Royal Mail who delivers it to the Processing Centre at Bootle. Each pouch bears a bar code which identifies the originating Post Office. When the pouch arrives at the Processing Centre the pouch bar code is swiped and the computer automatically records the receipt of the pouch. The sealed pouch is transferred to Pouch Opening Section where the seal is broken and the contents outsorted.

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The PDR's deposit documents and cheques from the same Post Office are batched and processed together. All documents are placed in a box and are forwarded to Image Processing Department. During Image processing all documents are microfilmed in 'flight' and each document is given an Input Serial Number (ISN) which is recorded on the customer's account and it is by these means that we can identify any specific deposit to any account. It is also during this process that the cash or cheque details are keyed onto the bank's computer and the data captured for inclusion to the customer's account. The PDR's, customers' deposit documents and cheques are separated by the machine and outsorted. The cheques are forwarded through the Bank Clearing System for clearance. The customer's deposit documents are destroyed immediately after filming and processing. The PDR's are streamed and retained for three weeks. Alliance & Leicester Commercial Bank plc does not receive cash, the bank accept in good faith that the deposit documents and/or the Postmasters daily records are genuine transactions and will credit the customers account on receipt of the said documents.

LC1 - Copies of our internal Transaction History records in respect of account number GRO in the name of Mrs M Holmes Trading as Cakes Classes & Cutter, 23 Princes Road, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE3 5TT for the period covering 18th August 2007 to 18th October 2008. These statements have been taken from the Alliance & Leicester computerised records in respect of account GRO

This is my Statement and I believe the same to be true and accurate based upon my understanding of the circumstances and the records available to me.

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Signature.....

Witnessed by.....