

# Memo

4<sup>th</sup> March 2011

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**REGINA v KATHERINE JANE McQUE**  
**CARLISLE CROWN COURT**  
**TRIAL - 3<sup>RD</sup> MAY 2011 AT 10AM**  
**CASE NO: POLTD/0910/0041**

The above case was heard at Carlisle Crown Court on the 28<sup>th</sup> February 2011 when the matter was listed for Trial.

Prior to the case being called on there was some discussions between all parties with a view to establishing whether or not the pleas offered by the Defence would be acceptable.

An indication was given that a plea to Count 2 fraud might be acceptable so long as the Defendant stipulated in her Basis of Plea that there was nothing wrong with Horizon and that she was responsible for the loss and recognised the confiscation would be sought should the loss not be repaid.

In the afternoon the matter was called on and the Indictment was put again to the Defendant. She pleaded Guilty to the charge of fraud accepting that there was nothing wrong with Horizon and that she was responsible for the loss.

In the interim the Defendant signed a Consent Order to vary the restraint to allow the lease on the Rinkfield Post Office to be transferred. This provided that a £25,000 up front payment be paid to Royal Mail account to be identified within 21 days.

It is anticipated that the monies will be forthcoming before the next hearing.

The Defendant has been remanded on unconditional bail for sentence to take place at 10am on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2011.

Mr Rutter of Counsel will prosecute at the next hearing.

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