

Witness Statement

*(CJ Act 1967, s9; MC Act 1980, ss 5A(3)(a)
and 5B, MC Rules 1981, r 70)*



Statement of	GLEN MORRIS	
Age if under 18	Over 18	(If over 18 insert 'over 18')

This statement (consisting of 2 pages each 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 day of November 2004

Signature G.Morris

Since February 1995 I have worked for Post Office Ltd as an Inspector with the Audit and Inspection Team. This role involves me auditing the accounts of Subpostoffices and other Post Office accounts and reporting the results accordingly. During early May 2004 I was instructed to lead an audit of the Post Office Account at Riby Square Subpostoffice, Grimsby.

At approximately 08.20 a.m. before the Subpostoffice opened on 13th May 2004, along with my colleagues Lynne Eastwood and Christopher Taylor I attended Riby Square Subpostoffice to perform the said audit. At the commencement of the audit I instructed Mrs Gillian Blakey, whom I knew to be the Subpostmaster of the office, to present to me, all cash cheques and vouchers on hand that were proper to the Post Office in order that they be included in the audit.

Whilst waiting for the time over lock system to release, allowing access to the office safes, a man whom I now know to be David Blakey, arrived at the office and asked to speak to the members of the audit team. At this time Mr Blakey informed us that we would find a shortage in the cash of around £60,000, and this was due to, in his words, money going missing over a few months.

Signature G.Morris

Signature witnessed by P. Whitaker

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Continuation of statement of Glen Morris

At this point, as per Post Office Limited Audit and Inspection guidelines, I requested that Mr Blakey make a brief written statement outlining what he had just told us. Mr Blakey did this and I now produce this written statement as item GM 1 and sign the identification label, which accompanies it. Also at this time I relayed the mornings events by telephone to Craig Thompson, Senior Auditor, Jayne Kaye, Retail Line Manager and Paul Whitaker of the Post Office Limited Investigation Team.

I then continued with the audit until Ms Kaye, Mr Whitaker and his colleague Helen Dickinson arrived at the office. I apprised them fully of the events to that point and handed to Mr Whitaker the written statement given to me by Mr Blakey (GM 1). After a short time Mr Whitaker, Ms Dickinson and Mr Blakey left the area behind the counter, and I continued with the audit before completing it and showing that the office had a total shortage of £64,435.24.

I now produce an identical copy of the record of the findings of that audit known as a P32 Form as GM2 and sign the identification label, which accompanies it.

A short time later, Ms Kaye informed me that Mrs Blakey had been suspended from duty, and upon his arrival at the office, I assisted in the handover of the Post office account to an interim Subpostmaster.

Signature G.Morris

Signature witnessed by P.Whitaker