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NORWICH CROWN COURT

INDICTMENT TO BE LODGED BY 3 NOVEMBER 2010

PLEA AND CASE MANAGEMENT HEARING – 3 NOVEMBER 2010

THE QUEEN

v

ALISON HENDERSON

INSTRUCTIONS TO COUNSEL TO SETTLE INDICTMENT AND ADVISE ON EVIDENCE AND BRIEF FOR THE PROSECUTION

COUNSEL will receive herewith:-

1 Draft Indictment.

2 Copy List of Witnesses and Copy Witness Statements.

3 Copy List of Exhibits and Copy Exhibits.

4 Copy Form 14A.

5 Copy Summary of Facts.

6 Copy Report of Investigation Officer.

7 Copy Schedule of Charges.

8 Copy Antecedents.

9 Copy Letter to Defence Solicitors dated 29 September 2010 (concerning disclosure).

10 Copy of Schedule of Non-Sensitive Unused Disclosure provided to Defence.

OBSERVATIONS

The Defendant is 51 years of age [DOB: GRO and had been the sub postmistress at the Worstead Sub Post Office for 13 years.

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A description of the case against the Defendant is set out in the Summary of Facts to which Counsel is referred. Further details of the enquiry are contained in the Investigation Officer's report.

The Defendant was summoned for the offence set out on the Schedule of Charges and appeared at Norwich Magistrates Court on 12 August 2010. On that date the case was adjourned, the Defendant having indicated a not guilty plea and the Magistrates agreeing that a prosecution was not suitable for summary trial to 7 October 2010 so that committal could take place.

On 7 October 2010, the Defendant was committed pursuant to Section 6 (2) of the Magistrates Courts Act 1980, to a Plea and Case Management Hearing on 3 November 2010.

The Defendant was granted bail unconditionally.

A not guilty plea is anticipated.

Your Instructing Solicitor has drafted an Indictment based on the charge upon which the Defendant was committed for trial.

Counsel is requested to settle the Indictment which is due to be lodged by 3 November 2010.

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Counsel is also requested to advise on evidence, and, in particular, whether she considers any additional evidence is required.

Will Counsel please appear on behalf of the Prosecution at the Plea and Case Management Hearing of this matter on 3 November 2010 and at all future hearings. Counsel will be instructed at the hearings by a representative of my Agents, Hugh A Cauthery Esq, LLB, Solicitor-Advocate (H.C.C), 6 Queens Road, WISBECH, PE13 2PB (Tel.No: GRO) (Fax No: GRO .

It is not clear whether confiscation will be pursued in this case.

An application for compensation should be sought in the appropriate circumstances in relation to the loss. This will be advised to Counsel in due course.

Antecedents are associated herewith.

The Prosecution prefers to be represented at all Crown Court hearings so Counsel is requested not to agree to the excusal of prosecution attendance if this arises, unless criticism or embarrassment might arise from such a course.

If Counsel requires any further information or would wish to have a conference in this case could he please contact his Instructing Solicitor.

Rob G Wilson [Head of Criminal Law]

Miss J S Andrews

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DATED this 12th day of October 2010

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Coram - HHJ Bennink

Centra - Michael CLARE

- Plea or to set trial.
- Gradgen - non-custodial.
- 4 plea. ct 2 ; no evidence ct 1.
- Community Order - 200 hrs unpaid work.
- Costs £1,500 within 4 months.

TRAIN FARE : £89.70

15. xii. 2010

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Indictment &

Advice & Evidence

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14/10/10

(1 ikhs)

3/11/10

Norw. HHJ Dutch

Pleas - NG x2

Case placed in w/c 29/11,

T.E. 1 day.

DCS within 7 days.

No witness required

(I told IO that investigator should attend).

N.B. case was vacated by motor advocate & I was delayed by traffic problems from getting to Court in time.

Travel by car - 220 miles.

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Norw. HHJ Binning

Listed for plea/Sentence. Judge says money should be paid back first. Adj to 15/12 to allow applicant for money to be paid back

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