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Cc: Chris Aujard <[REDACTED] GRO>, Jessica Madron <[REDACTED] GRO>
Subject: Re: M029 [BD-4A.FID25887033]
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All,

Having discussed this with Chris and Jessica, the protocol for the use of "Officer Reports" (or as otherwise described) by Project Sparrow investigators when responding to individual complaints is:

1. The report is NOT to be exhibited OR expressly referenced in Post Office's formal response to a complaint.
2. It can be used by the investigator to help them understand what happened in a particular case, and to identify other documents relevant to the case (e.g. transcripts of interviews, branch account records etc).
3. If the report is the ONLY source document still available, the investigator can repeat material from the report (provided it is not legally privileged), but CANNOT cite the report as a reference.
4. Any challenge received about the source of a Post Office statement made from the report must be referred to Chris.

I hope that is clear and reflects the decision made. Please let me know if not.

Kind regards, Rod

From: Jarnail Singh
Sent: Thursday, May 08, 2014 01:08 PM
To: Parsons, Andrew <[REDACTED] GRO>
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Andy

I anticipate Chris is the best person to make a decision on this point on behalf of POL.

Are allegations POL has NOT properly investigated being made generally or in specific cases?. One of the dangers of investigation officers report being disclosed is that it will always be easy for the applicant to think of something not specifically referred to in the report and allege that POL investigation has not been sufficiently thorough or adequate. Of course it is highly unlikely that the investigation will have been deficient, but in the absence of full set of papers it may become impossible for POL to rebut such new allegations.

Regards

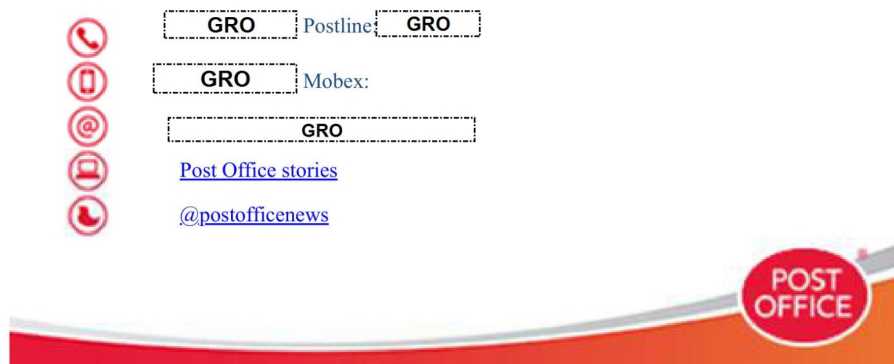
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From: Parsons, Andrew [GRO]
Sent: 08 May 2014 12:23
To: Jarnail Singh; Chris Aujard; Jessica Madron
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Thanks Jarnail - There are two cases that are currently affected by this issue. They both urgently need to be cleared and sent to Second Sight so how would you like to take this forward to a decision?

Kind regards
Andy

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Chris/ Jessica

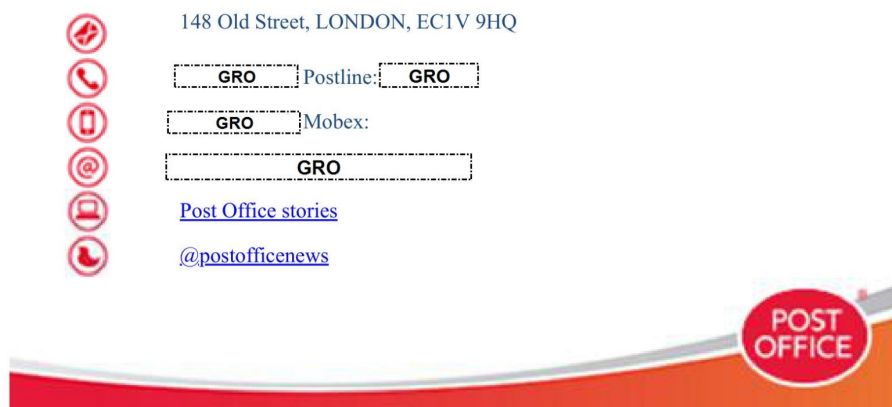
As I understand it, POL has been advised by senior counsel that investigation and offender report should not be disclosed. It is of course matter for POL to make a decision whether to accept this advice or not and of course it would be open for POL to decide to discourse such documents. I personally would be unhappy for such documents to be disclosure for reasons set out in counsel Harry Bowyers advice note.

Given the email correspondence between Bond Dickinson and cartwright King, I would be grateful if I could be informed whether POL has made a decision or Bond Dickinson are proceeding along the disclosure route without POL having made a decision.

P.S I will forward Andrew Parsons email to CK sent on 6/5/14 at 15.38.

Thanks
Jarnail

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From: Parsons, Andrew [GRO]
Sent: 07 May 2014 16:24
To: Martin Smith
Cc: Rodric Williams; Jarnail Singh
Subject: RE: M029 [BD-4A.FID25887033]

Martin

Thanks – if you could mark on the docs any bits that you would prefer to be redacted that would be great.

Kind regards
Andy

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From: Martin Smith [GRO]
Sent: 07 May 2014 16:17
To: Parsons, Andrew
Cc: Rodric Williams; Jarnail A Singh [GRO]
Subject: M029

Hi Andy,

Thank you for your e-mail; It would appear that Harry Bowyer looked at an earlier version of the proposed response sometime ago and before we were asked to suggest amendments on draft responses using Track Changes. In those circumstances I have added comment to the latest version of the proposed response which I have attached hereto.

Whilst we have advised that as a matter of principle investigation and offender type reports should not be disclosed, I understand that there will be cases in which it is felt that there is no

alternative other than to disclose these. In such circumstances they should be appropriately redacted. If you would like me to deal with that, please let me know.

The disclosure of redacted reports may lead to requests for the disclosure of such reports in other cases.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss.

Kind regards,

Martin.

Martin Smith

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