

From: Martin Smith
Sent: 24 September 2015 11:54
To: 'Irvine, Laura'
Cc: Durham, Rana; Rodric Williams
Subject: RE: Post Office Ltd - Apparent dispute between Post Office Ltd and Second Sight

Hi Laura,

A conference call at 10 a.m. on Monday 5th October fits well with me.

Simon Clarke of counsel will also be in attendance at the meeting on 6th October 2015. Although there is clearly some overlap in our knowledge, Simon and I have also dealt with different issues over the last year or so quite separately, all of which may well be relevant to the PF's line of investigation.

Kind regards,

Martin.

Martin Smith

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From: Irvine, Laura **GRO**
Sent: 22 September 2015 14:49
To: Rodric Williams
Cc: Martin Smith; Durham, Rana
Subject: RE: Post Office Ltd - Apparent dispute between Post Office Ltd and Second Sight

Rodric

My secretary will make the arrangements for you to be collected at the airport and brought here.

Is 10am on Monday 5 October good for everyone?

Kind regards
Laura

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From: Rodric Williams **GRO**
Sent: 21 September 2015 15:12
To: Irvine, Laura
Cc: 'martin.smith' **GRO**
Subject: RE: Post Office Ltd - Apparent dispute between Post Office Ltd and Second Sight

Hi Laura.

I have confirmed flights for the meeting with the PF on 6 October 2015.

I arrive in Edinburgh at 0820am, with my return flight departing 1640pm.

Given that time might be tight, is there any chance you could arrange for me to be picked up at the airport and brought to your office? It would also be helpful to have a conference call at some point on Monday 5 October 2015 to make sure I have what I need with me.

Kind regards, Rodric



Rodric Williams
Solicitor, Corporate Services

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From: Irvine, Laura [GRO]
Sent: 14 September 2015 09:32
To: Miele, Paul
Cc: 'martin.smith' [GRO]; Rodric Williams
Subject: RE: Post Office Ltd - Apparent dispute between Post Office Ltd and Second Sight

Paul

Many thanks. I have copied in the other two attendees so you have their email addresses. Martin is from Cartwright King who prosecute on behalf of the Post Office and Rodric is in house counsel with the Post Office.

Kind regards
Laura

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From: Miele, Paul [GRO]
Sent: 14 September 2015 09:26
To: Irvine, Laura
Subject: RE: Post Office Ltd - Apparent dispute between Post Office Ltd and Second Sight

Morning Laura,

6th October appears to be the only date that suits.

Can you confirm e-mails of those who will be attending and I'll get an invite issued for calendars?

I'll ensure the meeting is late morning or early afternoon to accommodate those travelling up.

Thanks,

Paul Miele

Procurator Fiscal Depute
Policy Division

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From: Irvine, Laura **GRO**
Sent: 11 September 2015 15:39
To: Miele, Paul
Subject: RE: Post Office Ltd - Apparent dispute between Post Office Ltd and Second Sight

Paul

Thanks you for your email.

How would Monday 5th October or Tuesday 6th October suit? People are travelling so late morning or early afternoon would probably best.

Kind regards
Laura

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From: Miele, Paul **GRO**
Sent: 10 September 2015 13:03
To: Irvine, Laura
Subject: RE: Post Office Ltd - Apparent dispute between Post Office Ltd and Second Sight

Laura,

Thanks for this. I spoke to DSC's office and happy with the proposal to meet at Crown Office.

Can I leave you to identify a range of possible dates in early October when Post Office Ltd/Cartwright King are available? I'll relay in turn to DSC and hopefully we can manage to find one that suits everyone.

Paul Miele
Procurator Fiscal Depute
Policy Division



From: Irvine, Laura GRO
Sent: 04 September 2015 17:15
To: Miele, Paul
Subject: RE: Post Office Ltd - Apparent dispute between Post Office Ltd and Second Sight

Paul

I do not expect anyone from Second Sight to be there. It would be a lawyer from the Post Office and a lawyer from the firm who prosecute on behalf of the Post Office.

I am waiting to hear from them but it seems that the week commencing 28 September will be the earliest I can get them all together.

Kind regards
Laura

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From: Miele, Paul [GRO]
Sent: 04 September 2015 17:11
To: Irvine, Laura
Subject: RE: Post Office Ltd - Apparent dispute between Post Office Ltd and Second Sight

Laura,

Thanks for getting back to me and for providing the link. I've updated DSC's office and will update as soon as he gets back to me.

Also, just to clarify something but when you say others should be there at any prospective meeting do you mean reps from Second Sight also?

Thanks,

Paul Miele
Procurator Fiscal Depute
Policy Division

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From: Irvine, Laura [GRO]
Sent: 03 September 2015 17:57
To: Miele, Paul
Subject: RE: Post Office Ltd - Apparent dispute between Post Office Ltd and Second Sight

Paul

I was informed today that the second Second Sight report is publicly available and can be found here:

https://www.scribd.com/fullscreen/262552400?access_key=key-f3IN5hrw9boGLrYdmLwx&allow_share=true&escape=false&view_mode=scroll

Or do a Google search if that link does not work.

The Post Office response is not in the public domain and I do not have a copy, although I am told I will sent a copy.

In any event, I think it is fair to say that things have moved on from the events earlier this year and indeed from the Panorama programme. The Post Office has asked me to try and set up a meeting with you, and the Director of Serious casework, if appropriate/possible to discuss where the Post Office are with Horizon in a legally privileged setting. It is proposed that two solicitors attend – one in house from the Post Office and another from Cartwright King – who prosecute on behalf of the Post Office.

What is your view on this proposal? I am happy to discuss things beforehand but my view is that you require the others' input to make a fully informed decision about the Post Office cases that are in the COPFS system.

For your information we can identify 7 cases with COPFS at the moment. 4 have been reported by the Post Office and 3 by the police as follows:

Post Office cases

- HM13003852 against Christine Gourlay who appeared on petition in January 2015 and is with Lauren MacRoberts
- Case against Mr Hussein from Pollockshields Post Office which is with Angus Crawford (may have marked no pro meantime)
- Case against Aktar Bashir from Toryglen Post Office which is with Angus Crawford
- Case against Anaum Khan from Winchburgh Post Office which was only reported in July 2015

Police cases

- ED14019049 which is a summary case against Saquib Hussan who has a trial fixed for next week
- IN15004777 against Holt – not marked yet we understand
- DB15002295 against the SPM from Hardgate Post Office who is alleged to have stolen £6,500 from a customer

I hope that this assists and I look forward to hearing your views on a meeting.

Kind regards
Laura

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From: Miele, Paul [GRO]
Sent: 03 September 2015 17:27
To: Irvine, Laura
Subject: RE: Post Office Ltd - Apparent dispute between Post Office Ltd and Second Sight

Thanks Laura.

I've been asked to update the DSC by the 11th September so grateful for any update by then.

From: Irvine, Laura [GRO]
Sent: 03 September 2015 10:19
To: Miele, Paul
Subject: RE: Post Office Ltd - Apparent dispute between Post Office Ltd and Second Sight

Paul

Apologies for the delay. I have a call with the Post Office today and will get back to you afterwards.

Kind regards
Laura


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From: Miele, Paul [GRO]
Sent: 26 August 2015 11:15
To: Irvine, Laura
Subject: RE: Post Office Ltd - Apparent dispute between Post Office Ltd and Second Sight

Thanks Laura.

From: Irvine, Laura [GRO]
Sent: 26 August 2015 11:12
To: Miele, Paul
Subject: RE: Post Office Ltd - Apparent dispute between Post Office Ltd and Second Sight

Paul

Thank you for your email. I will obviously have to consult with my client and get back to you as soon as I can.

Kind regards
Laura

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-----Original Message-----

From: Miele, Paul

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Sent: 26 August 2015 10:47

To: Irvine, Laura

Subject: Post Office Ltd - Apparent dispute between Post Office Ltd and Second Sight

Good Morning Laura,

I hope you're well and no doubt unsurprised that I'm getting in touch re Post Office Ltd.

The issue that's arisen is due to operational deputies getting in touch with me to highlight a publicised dispute between Post Office Ltd and Second Sight following publication of the final Second Sight report:

<http://postandparcel.info/64576/news/the-uks-post-office-responds-to-horizon-report/>

In turn I raised this with the Director of Serious Casework for his thoughts.

Unfortunately, we don't know, in the absence of the report and reply, if we require to do make any changes to our policy/operational approach to prosecutions as a result.

I've been asked therefore to obtain copies of the final report and Post Office Ltd's reply in order that we can consider what impact, if any, they have on our prosecution of Post Office Ltd cases.

Can these be provided in confidence to me and only for the purpose of inclusion in a minute to the DSC?

Thank you,

Paul Miele
Procurator Fiscal Depute
Policy Division

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