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Claim No: HQ05X02706

QUEENS BENCH DIVISION

BETWEEN:-

POST OFFICE LIMITED

Claimant/Part 20 Defendant

-and-

LEE CASTLETON

Defendant/Part 20 Claimant

WITNESS STATEMENT OF DAVLYN CUMBERLAND

I, DAVLYN CUMBERLAND, of Post office Limited, 6-16 New York Street Leeds LS2 7DZ **WILL SAY AS FOLLOWS:**

1. I am currently an Area Intervention Manager Area for Post Office Limited (**the Post Office**) and have held this position since June 2005. From January 2004 I worked on the Network Reinvention programme carrying out general administration duties. From September 2001 to January 2004, I worked as an advisor in the Post Office Suspense Account team. I have worked for the Post Office since 1990. I make this Witness Statement from facts within my own knowledge unless otherwise stated.
2. The Suspense Account Team's role was to determine whether to permit postmasters to temporarily transfer a shortfall from their cash account to suspense account and to try to reduce across the business the amounts being transferred by post office branches into suspense account.
3. In or around May 2004, I was asked by my colleague Elizabeth Morgan to examine various Cash Accounts she had received from Catherine Oglesby (who at the time I am informed was Mr Castleton's Retain Line Manager **RLM**) for 14 South Marine Drive, Bridlington YO15 3DB (**the Marine Drive branch**). Given that 2 and a half years have passed since I examined them, I cannot now remember what exactly it was in the Cash Accounts or which weeks that I looked at. However, at the time I was used to carrying out this exercise for RLMs, so I believe that I would have reviewed the figures in the Stock, Receipts and Payments in the Cash Accounts and looked for anything unusual such as at whether particular figures varied significantly from week to week, or whether they were unusual for the type of transaction concerned. I do remember that we were unable to find anything unusual or anything to suggest that the losses were not real losses. Elizabeth Morgan would have reported this to Catherine Oglesby. I was not involved any further.

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

GRO

Signed

DAVLYN CUMBERLAND

Date

2/10/06