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**Subject:** Case File Governance Northern Ireland AA  
**Attachment:** Derrylin Statements.zip  
**Attachment:** Ballynafeigh Statements.zip  
**Attachment:** Event Log Ballynafeigh Case March 15.xls  
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**Attachment:** Mossley Case Log March 15.xls

Martin

Please see below my case load for Northern Ireland. I'm not sure if this is what you have requested so please do not hesitate to come back to me for further comment.

- **Derrylin POLTD/1314/0110** (Police Liaison) – This office closed on 25/07/2013 and moved to new office at a different location with a different branch code. It later came to notice that a remittance for £21,837.20 of cheques remmed out of the system 23/07/2013 were never received. The debt later increased by £21,837 (doubled) due to a TC for which was found to be the SPMR's HM Customs payment. Enniskillen PSNI Detectives are at present constructing their investigative case with a mind to prosecute. Awaiting further from said Detectives. Historically, Suzanne Winter attended the Police PACE interview with the suspect offender, SPMR Rita O'REILLY, and her solicitor on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2014; no admissions made.
- **Drumantee POLTD/1415/0102** (Police Liaison) - Newry PSNI CID are progressing this case and require more information from POL to understand the systems and how they could have been abused to facilitate theft. The SPMR, Damian McGenity, has attended Newry Police Station several times and has handed over numerous exhibits, however what he can't produce are the figures before they were supposedly amended by PO clerk Pat Fagan (suspect). Mr McGenity thinks these details are possibly stored somewhere within the Horizon system and if so this would clearly identify the false accounting. I am now looking to see if there are any record of these amendments on the 'horizon' system. Possible Horizon issues here!
- **Mossley POLTD/1314/0146** (Police Liaison) - This case relates to allegations of theft amounting to £10,000 due to a customer, Lisa COLEMAN, fraudulently obtaining withdrawals from a Cash Plus MasterCard. Police have recently informed that a suspect (Lisa COLEMAN) has been charged with 17 counts of fraud totaling £10,880.00. Lisa Coleman was in court in January and intended to plead guilty however a new defence solicitor has requested further information from MasterCard which has thrown a spanner in the works. Since this request MasterCard have not been very forthcoming with the information however I am hoping this will soon be resolved. The case is listed

for mention in court on 9<sup>th</sup> April 15.

- **Bessbrook POLTD/1314/0122**– (Being closed) - This case was heard at Newry Magistrates Court (first appearance) on the 26th January 2015 when Norma Jean Walsh pleaded guilty to 8 counts of theft and was sentenced to 4 months imprisonment, suspended for one and a half years, for each count. There was no compensation order sought as offenders financial circumstances would not have warranted same.
- **Londonderry POLTD/1415/0030** – (Royal Mail Liaison) – Londonderry Crown Branch Manager was working out of stock 4D on 19/05/2014 and declared £7.00 loss in the cash. He only secured the top drawer in the insert safe and left the bottom drawer at the counter position. The following day it was found that the bottom drawer was still at the counter. A full check identified £1,000 short in the £20's. CCTV footage shows Caroline McIvor, Romec cleaner spending longer time than usual at the counter position where the loss occurred. 6th June 2014 RM Security conducted a PACE interview with Ms McIvor who admitted stealing cash from the drawer of SU 4D on the evening of 19th May 2014. CCTV footage of cleaner standing for a period of time at the relevant counter position. She stated she didn't know how much she had taken as she had not counted the money. She was able to confirm that she had spent between £300 & £400 on her recent holiday and the remainder of the money was still at home. Ms McIvor denied theft of any other monies reported missing in the office over the last four years. During a search of her purse £220 (11 x £20's) was found. She admitted that the money had been part of the cash she had stolen. Ms McIvor claimed that she had intended to leave it in an envelope in the office for the BM to find. During a search she produced the remainder of the stolen cash £260 (13 x £20's). Ms McIvor signed bank Disclosures. She was suspended from duty on the authority of Mr KEENAN [ROMECC]. RM Security is preparing a report for the Public Prosecution Service to consider charges. On 26th June 2014, Ms McIvor repaid the outstanding amount by cheque for £537.10. Awaiting PPS decision to prosecute at this time.
- **Ballynafeigh POLTD/1213/0193** - An audit was conducted at the office on 11th January 2013. The audit revealed a shortage of £45,555.22. A POL PACE interview was carried out with no admissions made, however SPMR intimated that it may have been something to do with Horizon. Committal file to MTB (Ernie Waterworth) Solicitor 20/02/2014. Re submitted to CLT 20/08/2014. Awaiting Horizon SME.
- **Garvaghey POLTD/1415/0137** – (Police Liaison) - Audit Discrepancy. 12<sup>th</sup> March 2015 auditors discovered that a stock unit (OOH) showed a cash declaration of £10748.54, however the monies were not present at the Post Office. The person in charge of the office is the niece of the SPMR, who has another Post Office, and has not made any admissions. The SPMR was suspended and has made good the loss. The PSNI are now investigating this loss. *I have since discovered that the suspect clerk may have learning difficulties and may have taken the money whilst under the influence of her fiancé; this information has been passed to the Police investigating officer.*

Attached:

- Statements concerning Derrylin and Ballynafeigh, I do not possess any other statements.
- Event Logs for – Ballynafeigh, Bessbrook, Derrylin, Londonderry, Drumantee, Mossley,

Regards

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