

Royal Mail Group

Witness Statement

Criminal Justice Act 1967, Section 9; Magistrates Court Act 1980, sub section. 5A(3)(a) and 5B; Criminal Procedure Rules 2005, Rule 27.1

Statement of Doreen Josephine CORCORAN

Age if under 18 Over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18')

This statement (consisting of 4 pages each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated the 11th day of May 2009

Signature Doreen Josephine
CORCORAN

I am the above named person and I give this statement of my own free will. I am

employed as a counter clerk at Gosforth Post Office and have been since 1st

December 2008. Previous to this I was employed as a counter clerk, full time at

Jesmond Post Office from 5th November 1997 to 26th November 2008. The Sub

Postmaster at Jesmond was Sunil Khanna. Sunil played no part in the running of the

Post Office and never came in to carry out checks of the cash or stock. Peter

Holmes was employed as the Manager and he dealt with the day to day running of it.

I was employed Monday to Friday from 8:45am to 5:30 pm. I only worked Saturdays

to cover when anybody was off. My duties were serving customers, dealing with the

daily reports when it was my turn and the same with declaring the foreign currency

on Horizon I also assisted with declaring the coin and the notes in the office. I would

count the coin on the floor and enter it into Horizon. I would also count the notes in

the drawer and write it onto the cash sheet as shown to me by Suzanne Winter, of

Post Office Ltd Fraud Team. Peter would then tell me what was in the safe and I

would write that onto the cash sheet before entering it into the Horizon system.

When Peter was there I never checked the notes in the safe. I took his word how

much was in as I had no reason to doubt him. The last time I would have checked how much was in the safe would have been when Peter was on his holiday and I declared it correctly. When we went onto the monthly balance, Peter would take his holidays so he was always there for the balance. As Peter remmed money out each week there would be no reason to question if there was a large difference in the money I declared and he did when he came back from holiday. When it came to the monthly balance I would do the daily and weekly reports, declare the foreign currency and the office weekly. I never declared the stock and only declared the cash on the odd, taking the figure that Peter gave me as in the safe. Whenever I declared the cash it was declared under ID06. The foreign currency was under ID07 and the travellers cheques under ID08. At the monthly balance I would always leave before Peter, he would tell me to go as he said he was waiting for the final figure. Whenever I asked on the Thursday if it balanced, he would say it was ok. I was not aware if it was up or down. Peter opened and closed the office and carried the Post Office door keys with him. The safe keys were left in the medicentre overnight. I only opened and closed the office when Peter was on holiday. In the morning Peter would have the cash to be used that day in the drawers before we came in. Very rarely, if we needed more cash during the day anybody would get it from the safe. We operated a shared stock unit, AA in the office. My Horizon User Id was DCO001. and my password was only known to me. I didn't know anyone else's password. Apart from the speed, I wasn't aware of any problems with the Horizon system. On 19th September 2008 I was on my holiday in Cyprus when I received a text from Thelma Crerand asking when I was back from holiday. I thought it was strange and phoned her. She told me Peter was suspended and the auditors had been in. She didn't say why. When I returned to work on Monday 22nd September 2008, I was told the auditors had found a £46,000 shortage. Sunil told me that Peter had been declaring cash under ID09. I was not aware ID09 existed. I was not aware that there

had been a shortage in the office. I didn't steal the money.

Signature Doreen Josephine
CORCORAN

**Signature witnessed
by** Robert Daily

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Address GRO

Home telephone No: GRO Business telephone No: _____

Occupation: Post Office Clerk Date and place of birth: GRO

Maiden name: Harris Identity code: 1

Dates to be avoided. Delete dates of non availability of witness

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