

Witness Name: Michael Burton

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POST OFFICE HORIZON IT INQUIRY

FIRST/SECOND ETC STATEMENT OF [Michael James Burton]

I, [Michael James Burton], will say as follows...

INTRODUCTION

I worked for Fujitsu for a brief period between March and September 2000. This was nearly 23 years ago. I have had no reason to reminisce on my time there and my memories are very vague. There is very little that I consider reliable enough to recount under oath.

BACKGROUND

1. I believe I started working for Fujitsu in March 2000. I was sent on an induction course in Birmingham. This was nothing to do with Pathway. I was originally employed as a software developer floating between various projects. I was told later I would be assigned to Pathway permanently.
2. Although I was employed from March 2000, I remember a long period of time before I had access to a PC connected to the Post Office network and I didn't have any work to do until – I think – late May 2000. This has stuck in my mind because I was very bored.
3. In all, I worked on what was called "Horizon" for about three months. I remember it being a large store and forward system. PO counter staff had a Windows NT4 PC with a point of sale app that captured transactions and forwarded them to some central point over ISDN connections.
4. I was expected to deal with fault calls logged by postmasters, most of which seemed to involve me trawling through the raw data captured from the counter computers. I did this for a short time and cannot remember any more details or even why I had to do it.
5. I left for a couple of reasons. Firstly, I didn't enjoy the work. Secondly, it wasn't giving me any marketable skills towards future employment.

Statement of Truth

I believe the content of this statement to be true.

Signed:

GRO

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