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Sent: 03/10/2012 13:15:02
To: Helen Rose [GRO]
CC: Helen Dickinson [GRO]; Andy Hayward [GRO]
Subject: FW: HORIZON FUJITSU REPORT VERY URGENT
Attachments: ARCGENREPxxxx HorizonIntegrity (HB).doc

Hi all

FYI only. Please do not forward this on any further as it is merely a draft at present and we want to ensure consistency with all Horizon Integrity cases.

Regards

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Sent: 03 October 2012 13:19
To: Sharron L Jennings
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From: Harry Bowyer
Sent: 02 October 2012 13:41
To: martin smith
Cc: Andy Cash
Subject: RE: HORIZON FUJITSU REPORT VERY URGENT

Martin,

At first sight this/these look like a good base upon which our reports can be based (As most are fishing expeditions they will do in their current form.)

I have edited the last report (last paragraph) because as it currently stands it is an invitation for requests for further disclosure. (See attachment) Can you put this past Mr Jenkins.

Can you draft generic s9 statements for the witness to produce the report(s). This must set out his expertise to comment on the system both the old and the new - we have to establish his right to speak as an expert.

I am in favour of the descriptive words being added to the diagram (but in simple language please) as these may have to be explained to a jury (and prosecution counsel).

Beyond that keep it simple - the secret here will be to respond to the defence expert report rather than try to anticipate every rock to be thrown at us - unless they be obvious from the defence statement/interviews.

If there is a specific challenge in a case then the statement and the report can be tweaked to cover the eventuality.

My view is that most challenges to the horizon system should now vanish away before the trial.

Any problems let me know.

Harry

From: martin smith
Sent: 02 October 2012 10:34
To: 'William Martin'
Cc: Harry Bowyer; Andy Cash; Rachael Panter
Subject: FW: HORIZON FUJITSU REPORT VERY URGENT

Dear all,

Please see below an e-mail which I have just received from Gareth Jenkins, the Fujitsu expert.

Martin.

From: Jenkins Gareth GI GRO
Sent: 02 October 2012 09:59
To: Jarnail A Singh
Cc: Thomas Penny; Hugh Flemington; martin smith; Davidson James; Phillips Edward
Subject: RE: HORIZON FUJITSU REPORT VERY URGENT

Jarnail,

I've put together the attached report as requested.

Hopefully it covers what you need. If you think there are areas that need expanding / changing then please let me know. In parallel I will register the document in our Document Management system so it has a formal reference.

A couple of specific questions:

1. I've marked the document as "Legally privileged". Is that OK? I'm told that there is no point if it is to be disclosed.
2. Are you part of Post Office Ltd or Royal Mail Group?
3. Are the diagrams in section 2.3 sufficient or do I need to add some descriptive words? There is a more detailed description in the referenced documents.

I also attach a copy of my Witness Statement for the West Byfleet case as this is referenced in the document and has much of the detailed refutations. I decided it was clearer to leave this as a referenced document rather than cutting and pasting the relevant sections into the new report.

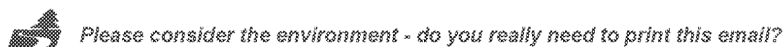
You should already have copies of the other referenced documents.

Regards

Gareth

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Dear Jarnail,

Attached are the two existing reports I mentions regarding Horizon and Horizon Online Integrity.

I'll try and produce a further short report addressing your specific points below in the next few days.

Hopefully that will cover off your requirements.

Regards

Gareth

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From: Jarnail A Singh **GRO**
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Subject: HORIZON FUJITSU REPORT VERY URGENT

Dear Mr Jenkins

Welcome from your annual leave and your assistance advice in the past prosecution cases and I understand you are assisting my colleagues at present. I need your urgent assist judge has this morning ordered the prosecution to have the following report ready to be served within Seven days.

On advise Post Office Limited have appointed one of their investigators, Helen Rose as disclosure officer dealing with Horizon challenges. She has prepared a document/ spread sheet detailing all such cases, past and present, approximately 20 in total, although none thus far successfully argued in court. Post Office limited have been advised to obtain, an experts report from Fujitsu UK, the Horizon system developers, confirming the system is robust. Post Office Limited maintain the system is robust, but in light of adverse publicity, from legal viewpoint is that defence should be given opportunity to test the system, should they still wish to do so, on consideration of our report.

You will need to consider the Disclosure officers document/spread sheet(see attachments) and need to address in your report the following issues:

- 1) A description of the horizon system (In laymen's' terms so that a jury can understand what it is and what it does)
- 2) A declaration that it has yet to be attacked successfully.
- 3) A summary of the basic attacks made on the system concentrating on any expert reports served in past cases. If there are none then state that no expert has yet been found by any defence team civil or criminal to attack the system. (at the moment there seems to be little more than griping by defendants that the system must be at fault without saying how)
- 4) Plainly, like all accounting systems, there is room for human error (Keying in wrong amounts etc) are you able to state that innocent human error is unlikely to produce the types of discrepancies of many thousands of pounds over many months.

If you require any further information or wish to discuss please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards

Jarnail Singh
prosecution Lawyer

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