

Witness Name: Jan Robert Holmes

Statement No.: WITN04600400

Dated: 7th JUNE 2024

POST OFFICE HORIZON IT INQUIRY

FOURTH WITNESS STATEMENT OF JAN ROBERT HOLMES

I, JAN ROBERT HOLMES, will say as follows:

1. I have reviewed two of my earlier Witness Statements presented to the Inquiry and realise that I have made a mistake that affects two separate situations described therein. The problem is that I confused a single appearance at a Court with two different POL investigations, Cleveleys and Camberwell Green.
2. At paragraph 19 of my first Witness Statement [WITN04600100] I stated, in the context of prosecuting SPMs, that :
“Because of my role as Audit Manager I was involved in a number of them and this involvement ranged from undertaking simple data extractions to producing Witness Statements and, on one occasion, being invited/required

to attend Court to give testimony in support of a Witness Statement. In the end this case was, I believe, settled out-of-court and I was not needed. This happened in 2004 although the allegations against the Post Master dated back to 2000 and was documented in the Audit Report on Cleveleys Post Office [WITN04600106].”

3. At paragraph 9 of my second Witness Statement [WITN04600200] I repeated this assertion :

“I attended court but was not required as POL had made an increased offer to the PM and she had dropped her case.”

4. These were both incorrect statements insofar that I did not attend Court for the Cleveleys case and evidence this through the absence of any travel or subsistence expenses (to and from Blackpool) for the period in question.
5. However, I do recall attending Court on another case but this was in Kingston-on-Thames. My travel and subsistence expenses show three separate visits to Kingston on 21st February 2002, 16th April 2002 and week ending 26th April 2002 which I now realise were to do with the Camberwell Green case.
6. Consequently the statement made at paragraph 11 of my second Witness Statement [WITN04600200] that :

“The resultant Witness Statement (Witness Statement of Jan Holmes re: Camberwell Green, WITN04600217) was produced but I do not know what happened to it post-production or if it ever found its way into Court.”

was an incorrect statement, since it did find its way into Court and I attended, potentially to speak to it as a Witness of Fact. As with Cleveleys this matter was settled out of Court and I was not required to appear in Court.

7. I would like to sincerely apologise to the Inquiry for the confusion caused and hope that this Witness Statement clarifies the situation.

Statement of Truth

I believe **GRO** ment to be true.

Signed : _____

JAN ROBERT HOLMES

Dated : 7th June 2024.

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