IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

Claim No: HC-2016-003126

BUSINESS AND PROPERTY COURTS OF ENGLAND AND WALES

BUSINESS LIST (ChD)

The Honourable Mr. Justice Zacaroli

8 February 2018

BETWEEN:

(1) TERRY JOHN NEIL

(2) ANTHONY WRIGHT HALL

Claimants

-and-

SORAYA JASMINE HENDERSON

<u>Defendant</u>

1. On 8 February 2018, this Court committed the following named person to prison:

SORAYA JASMINE HENDERSON, the Defendant in these proceedings.

- 2. The committal application arose out of Chancery Division proceedings in 2016 (under Claim No. HC-2016-003126).
- 3. The Defendant executed, served and filed a witness statement dated 4 November 2016 in those proceedings which exhibited certain documents, purporting to be signed by a Ms Eva Borkova as the owner of shares in a company, Manage Security Services Limited, and purporting to appoint the Defendant (and another individual) as a directors of the company, and to remove the Defendant's former husband, Mr Terry Neil, as director.
- 4. The Defendant also served and filed a witness statement dated 4 November 2016 purporting to be that of Ms Eva Borkova in those same proceedings.
- 5. Those witness statements were filed in the proceedings in response to an application for an injunction brought by Manage Security Services Limited (and subsequently, by amendment, Mr

Neil and another) to remove the Defendant and others from the company's premises and to restrain them from acting as directors. An interim injunction was granted by Mr Justice Hildyard on 1 November 2016. At a further hearing on 8 November 2016 the Defendant offered undertakings in the same terms as the injunction sought. The proceedings were terminated in early 2017 upon the company going into administration.

- 6. The Claimants in these proceedings contended that the documents attached to the Defendant's own witness statement of 4 November 2016 and the witness statement purportedly signed by Ms Eva Borkova on 4 November 2016 were forgeries created by or on the instruction of the Defendant for the purpose of advancing her case in the High Court proceedings.
- 7. This Court, in a judgment dated 23 January 2018 following a trial on 20 to 29 November 2017, found the Defendant guilty of contempt of court in the following respects:
 - Count 1: Service of her witness statement dated 4 November 2016 on the Claimants on 4 November 2016, exhibiting forged documents.
 - Count 2: Deployment of those forged documents at a hearing on 8 November 2016.
 - Count 3: Service of a forged witness statement purporting to be that of Ms Eva Borkova on the Claimants on 4 November 2016;
 - Count 4: Deployment of the forged witness statement purporting to be that of Ms Eva Borkova at the hearing on 8 November 2016.
- 8. Subsequent to the handing down of the Court's judgment on 23 January 2018 the Defendant admitted that she knowingly and wrongly used in the High Court proceedings in November 2016 the forged documents exhibited to her witness statement dated 4 November 2016 and the forged witness statement dated 4 November 2016 purporting to be that of Ms Eva Borkova.
- 9. This Court imposed the following sentences for the contempts of court committed by the Defendant, the sentence for each count to run concurrently with the sentences for the other counts:
 - Count 1: four months imprisonment

Count 2: four months imprisonment

Count 3: eight months imprisonment

Count 4: eight months imprisonment

10. Accordingly, it was ordered that the Defendant be committed to Her Majesty's prison for a total period of 8 months or until lawfully discharged sooner, and that a warrant of committal be issued forthwith.

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8 February 2018

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