# National Criminal Investigation Launched into Post Office Horizon Scandal Involving Perjury and Perverting Justice by Senior Leaders and Fujitsu



The police are deploying 80 detectives for a national criminal investigation into the Post Office Horizon scandal, involving potential offences of perjury and perverting the course of justice by senior leaders and Fujitsu. The operation, requiring at least £6.75 million in special government funding, will be organized in four regional hubs, similar to major murder or terrorism investigations. The full-scale investigation will begin after the public inquiry concludes in autumn 2025, with charging decisions anticipated in 2026.

The investigation will scrutinize the wrongful prosecution of over 900 sub-postmasters between 1999 and 2015, due to faulty Horizon software. Early inquiries have identified at least 20 potential suspects, with more likely to be added. A senior officer, most likely Met assistant commissioner Louisa Rolfe, will oversee the operation.

Since 2020, the Metropolitan Police have led the investigation. The new phase will be a coordinated national effort, approved by the National Police Chiefs’ Council. The special case work division of the CPS is advising the police on the complex case.

Former Post Office boss Paula Vennells recently testified emotionally at the ongoing public inquiry. The inquiry is set to examine the non-disclosure of Horizon’s reliability issues when prosecuting sub-postmasters. Parliament has passed a bill quashing the wrongful convictions and providing final compensation to the affected individuals, to be enacted across the UK.